**2024 Minor B Softball Supplemental Rules**

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# League Composition

* This division is composed of league age 6 to 9-year-olds who are experienced softball players.
	+ 6-year-olds that play in the Minor B Division should have at least 1 year of T-Ball experience.
	+ 9-year-olds that play in the Minor B Division will be new to Softball and have no experience playing the game, or need further experience before they are ready for the Minor A Division.
* It is recommended that a maximum of 10 players be assigned to a Minor B team.
* A total of 12 games will be scheduled.
* Games will be scheduled on Mon, Wed. and Saturday (with some exceptions) and will start on the 2nd Monday of May.
* The Minor B division is an instructional and educational division. No official game scores will be kept other than for the maximum 5 runs per inning. No season team standings will be kept.

# Administration

* Illinois District 13 Staff will be the overall administrators of the district.
* Each League will be responsible for their own teams, managers, coaches, fields, etc. as they are all chartering at the league level.
* Illinois District 13 will serve as the protest committee for District 13 Softball. The district will act on all protests within 72 hours of notification that are presented in accordance with article 4.19 of the Little League International Official Playing Rules.
	+ All decisions made by District 13 regarding protests will be considered final and binding.

# Umpires

* Umpires are NOT required for this division's games.
* Although not required in the Minor B Division, many leagues use volunteer umpires or adolescents that are learning how to be umpires for training purposes.
	+ *If the umpire is under the age of 18, there must be an adult in charge that is there to support the youth umpire. This adult does not have to be on the field but must be present at the game so that they may act in the young umpire’s defense if needed.*

# Rainouts and Rescheduling

* In the event of inclement weather, the opposing team must provide at least 1 hour 30-minute notification of the game’s cancellation.
	+ This timeframe minimizes the negative impact of having to travel without playing a game.
* No game will be rescheduled for any reason except rainouts or school events. ***All Games will be rescheduled within 48 hours of the original game date to be played in the future.*** This does not mean that the game must be played within 72 hours. If a date cannot be agreed upon, District 13 will determine the outcome or reschedule date.
* Once a makeup game is rescheduled the ***VP or Rep*** of the ***HOME***team will contact District so the appropriate changes to the date and time on the league admin pro website.

**Good Sportsmanship**

* Teams may cheer or chant for their ***OWN*** team only, cheers may not reference the opponent’s players.
* ***NO inappropriate*** comments will be made towards the opposing team.

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# Rules

The Little League Softball Rulebook will be used in all areas except when explicitly stated within this document.

## General Regulations

* A Double Safety-First Base will be used at all divisions.
* The Mandatory Play Rule will be ***strictly*** adhered to in accordance with Regulation IV (I) of the Little League Softball Rulebook. Minimum play will be met when a player plays 6 defensive outs ***and*** 1 at bat. Defensive outs DO NOT need to be consecutive.
* There is no minimum number of players required to start the game.
* This is an instructional level, if a team wishes to “donate” a player to the opposing team it will be allowed.
* There is no Run Rule for this division.
* This division uses neon yellow 11-inch softballs, plush softballs are not allowed.
* No games scores will be kept as this is an instructional division.

## Time Limits

* The time limit for this division will be ***1 hour 45 minutes hard stop***. When the game hits the time limit, the game will end regardless of where the game is at i.e. in the middle of an inning, the current batter would finish their at-bat and then the game would end, the inning wouldn’t be completed. The time limit determines the end of the game.
* The time limit will begin with the coaches meeting at home plate with the specific time will be agreed upon during that meeting.

## Batting Order

* A team’s official batting order, including names and numbers, must be provided to the opposing team at the manager's’ meeting at home plate.
* This division will be using a continuous batting order.

## Playing Rules

* Up to 2 coaches are allowed in the field, i.e up to 2 coaches in the field in addition to 1 coach pitcher, when their team is playing defense. Coaches in the field are encouraged to give further instruction to the players. Coaches may not field the ball or participate during a play in the field but should help their players by providing instruction.
* There may be up to 10 players on the field, the 10th player must be in the outfield behind the basepaths. No short center fielder is allowed.
* An offensive inning will consist of batting **7 batters or 3 Outs**, whichever occurs first.
* Only 1 extra base in total may be taken on an overthrow during a live play from a batted ball.
* Bunting and stealing are NOT allowed.
* **A player may not play the same position in 2 consecutive innings. All players must play the infield a minimum of one inning per game.**

### Pitching Rules

This division is a Coach Pitch Division and Hitting Tee blended Division.

* The coach will get 4 total pitches to the batter, if after those 4 pitches the batter does not put the ball in play, the batter will get to use a tee at home plate and will be allowed 3 swings. If the batter doesn’t put the ball in play after those 3 swings the batter is out.
* Coach pitches fouled off by the batter DO count in the 4 pitches total to the batter.
* No walks are allowed in this division.
* Coaches must pitch underhand to batters.
* The coach must pitch from the pitching mound distance of 35 feet. Soft-Toss or pitching from a closer distance is NOT allowed at any time.
* While the coach is pitching the player/pitcher must remain within the 8 foot circle and be even with, or behind, the coach that is pitching.

#### Player Pitching

We agreed to allow pitching in Minor B - 3 pitches and then coach pitch. This could be modified to 1 pitch. This is something that **must be agreed upon by both managers** at the beginning of the game.

* If one manager does not want to allow pitching at this level, the game will be played entirely by coach pitch.
* It is recommended to allow this for in-house play.
* No pitch count on player pitch so if the batter swings, it does not count against them
* If player pitch was agreed upon but the game is running long, the game can revert to coach pitch only.

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# League Resources

**IL District 13 :** http://www.illinoisdistrict13.com

**League Admin Pro :** http://www.leagueadminpro.com/d13softball/

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