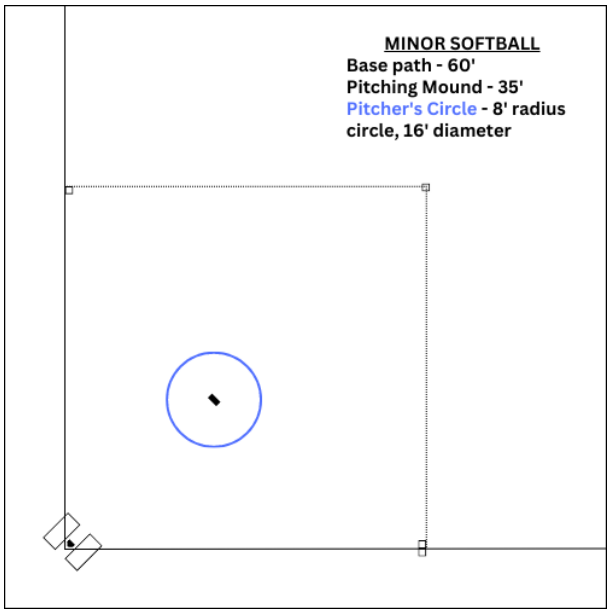
SOFTBALL
Minor League
(9-10 year-olds)

1. All players must play 2 innings in the field of a full game.
2. Continuous batting order will be used with all players in the lineup.
3. Free substitution is allowed.
4. **No running on a dropped third strike.**
5. Stealing bases is permitted; runners may leave their base after the ball has crossed the plate
6. Players may steal only one base per pitch. An additional base is allowed on an overthrow.
7. After hitting the ball into the field of play a player may take as many bases as possible until the ball is possessed by the pitcher inside the pitcher's circle. If the runner is in between bases they must immediately advance or retreat to the nearest base.
8. A 10-man team must have 4 outfielders.
9. Any team may start and play with 8 players, anything less than 8 players is considered a forfeit.
10. During season play, teams may borrow from other teams if necessary. The player must play the outfield and bat at the end of the batting order. Borrowed players MUST be Minor League age or below; a player from a division above may not play down. **Borrowed players <u>MUST</u> be registered with the Pike County Little League.**
11. No team shall score more than 5 runs in one inning. No game shall have more than 6 innings. The 6th inning, or last inning as determined by the umpire, will be played until 3 outs are recorded *or* the losing team concedes victory to the opponent.
12. Mercy rule is 10 runs after 5 innings.
13. Time limit is 1 hour and 30 minutes. The inning will be finished unless the home team is up to bat with the lead.
14. If at the end of the time limit the score is tied, it shall be a tie game in regular season play.
15. Base paths are 60 feet. The softball is an 11" ball.
16. A total of 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout at a time per team.
17. The home team is responsible for keeping the score book. The guest team can choose to keep or not keep one.
18. Jewelry is not permitted at any times, except medical tags. You will be asked to remove any jewelry. This includes rings, necklaces, and earrings.
19. **Bat: USA stamp, 33 inches or less.**
20. Pitching distance is 35 feet from home plate.
21. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per calendar day with no other restrictions.

NOTE: A LARGER STRIKE ZONE should be encouraged, and players should be assisted with the rules as they learn the game.



Little League® rules other than what are noted here will govern play.