

MINOR SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE RULES

1. The purpose of the Minor League Program is to provide training and instruction for those candidates who by reason of age and/or other factors do not qualify for selection in regular Little League (Majors).
2. The home team should make every effort to provide at least one umpire for each game. In the event of not having an umpire, balls and strikes will be called by the offensive manager/coach from a position behind the pitcher.
3. Both teams will provide two balls each to start the game. Only managers, coaches and players in the dugout (maximum of 3 adults). An adult must be in the dugout with players at all times.
4. Circle must be chalked around the mound at 35' for Minors.
5. There is no maximum or minimum roster limit. Each team must have a minimum of 8 players to start and finish the game. There will be NO penalty for having only 8 players in a lineup; there is no automatic out for the 9th spot in the batting order.
6. Continuous batting order must be used.
7. Mandatory play must be followed.
8. To help keep the game moving, players will pitch innings 1, 3, and 5; coaches may pitch innings 2, 4, and 6. (Managers must agree to have coaches pitch the even numbered innings)
9. There will be NO walks – if the batter acquires 4 balls, the coach will come in to pitch until either the batter strikes out or hits the ball.
10. Use of infield fly rule enforced.
11. Bunting is permitted.
12. Stealing is permitted one base at a time, maximum 3 bases per inning which includes passed balls.
13. Players cannot steal home.
14. No on deck batter.
15. Ten players on the field. (Max.) The tenth player must play outfield.
16. Each half inning ends after 3 defensive outs or 5 runs are scored.

17. There will be a 2 hour time limit for these games. No inning shall start 2 hours after the first pitch. An inning starts the moment the third out is made completing the previous inning.
18. For the last inning, there will be no limit on runs scored. In the event a game will be shortened by a time limit, the home team must notify the visiting team before beginning the last inning of a shortened game (less than 6 innings).