

## Dublin Little League Softball House Rules - Spring 2023

DIVISION:	Single A	AA	AAA	Majors	Juniors
SCORING:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
League Age	5-7 (8)	7-9 (10)	8-11	10-12	12-14
Fielders	All Players	9 or 10	9	9	9
Game Time Limits	1:30 Hard Stop	1:30 No New 1:45 Hard Stop	1:45 No New 2:00 Hard Stop	1:45 No New 2:00 Hard Stop	2:00 No New 2:15 Hard Stop
Max Innings (Official Game)	N/A	6 (2)	6 (2)	7 (4)	7 (5)
Umpires	Coaches	Coaches, League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires
Game Ball (Yellow)	10" Safety Softball (10" Worth RIF Level 1)	10" Worth RIF Level 1 or equivalent	11" Worth RIF Level 1 or equivalent	12" Worth Dream Seam or equivalent	12" Worth Dream Seam or equivalent
Pitch Type	Coach Pitch (a)	Player/Adult	Player/Adult	Player	Player
Pitching Distance (Feet)	30 - coach pitch	30	35	40	43
Pitching Limits	N/A	3 Innings Game 6 Innings Week	3 Innings/Game, 21 Innings/Week	None	None
Pitching facemask	Batting helmet with facemask or fielding facemask required	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Helmet w/facemask (NOCSAE Approved)	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Fielding Faceguard	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Metal allowed
Bats	BPF 1.20, Max 33"	BPF 1.20, Max 33"	BPF 1.20, Max 33"	BPF 1.20, Max 33"	BPF 1.20, Max 34"
On-deck Batter	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Yes
5 Run Rule per inning	N/A	Yes (Unlimited in 6th or subsequent innings only - no "declared" last inning)	Yes (Unlimited in 6th or subsequent innings only - no "declared" last inning)	No	No
15/10/8 Run Rule during 3/4/5 Innings	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Batting Order	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Mandatory Play	All players on the field each inning (up to 12)	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings
Mandatory Play Infield	Rotate Players	3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	N/A
Hit Batters allowed (suggestion)	N/A	3/inning and 5/game	3/inning and 5/game	N/A	N/A
Courtesy Runner for P or C 2 outs, must be most recent available in lineup	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	No	Yes - during player pitch only	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd strike	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	Yes, during player pitch only. Cannot advance on wild pitch or passed ball. Runner can leave base when pitched ball has been batted or reaches the batter	Runner can leave base when pitched ball has been batted or reaches the batter	Runner can leave base when ball leaves pitcher's hand	Runner can leave base when ball leaves pitcher's hand
Stealing Home	No	No	1st half of season, no stealing home. 2nd half, stealing home allowed	Yes	Yes
Advance on Wild Pitch	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advance on Overthrow	No	Yes - 1 base per batter only	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball Dead When	In Infield Dirt	When intentionally thrown to pitcher's circle, regardless if ball is caught or not	Pitchers Circle	Pitchers Circle	Pitchers Circle
Special note (a):	1st half of season: Coach Pitch 3 Pitches then 2 Swings off the tee 2nd half of season: Coach gets 5 pitches, player can be called out if ball not put in play on 5th pitch	Player pitch, coach comes in to complete count. Pitcher gets 3 pitches. If any strikes remain at end of 3 pitches, coach takes over count.	Differs from interleague. House rules allow walks, no coach pitch. D4 interleague requires coach pitch when a batter gets 4 balls, during first half of season.		
Special note (b):					
	Note yellow indicates updates for 2023				