

Dublin Little League Softball Local Rules - Spring 2024

DIVISION:	Single A	AA	AAA	Majors	Juniors
SCORING:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
League Age	5-7 (8)	6-8 (9)	8-10 (11)	10-12	12-14
Fielders	10+	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)	6 (4)	7 (5)
Umpires	Coaches	League umpires, parent volunteers, coaches, junior umpires	League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires
Game Ball (Yellow)	10" Safety Softball (10" Worth RIF Level 1)	10" Safety Softball (10" Worth RIF Level 1)	11"	12"	12"
Pitch Type	Coach Pitch (a)	Player/Adult - See (a)	Player/Adult - See (a)	Player	Player
Pitching Distance (Feet)	30 - coach pitch	30	35	40	43
Pitching Limits (other than specified for LLI)	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 but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended
Helmet w/facemask (NOCSAE Approved)	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Fielding Faceguard	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended	Optional but strongly recommended
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
Run Rule per inning	N/A	Yes - 3 runs per inning (Unlimited in 6th or declared last inning)	Yes - 1st half of season 3 runs per inning (Unlimited in 6th or declared last inning). 2nd half of season, 5 runs per 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 3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings 3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings 3 defensive outs (not required for playoffs)	6 defensive outs and may not sit more than 2 consecutive innings
Mandatory Play Infield	Rotate Players				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
Walks	No	No - See (a)	See (a)	Yes	Yes
Bunting	No	Yes - during player pitch only	Yes - during player pitch only	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd strike	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	No	Runner can leave base when pitched ball has been batted or reaches the batter. See (b)	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 the pitcher in the 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.	1st half of season: Coach pitch when a batter gets 4 balls and bases are loaded 2nd half of season: Player walks on 4 balls		
Special note (b):		Outfielders must remain in outfield grass until ball is hit	During the first half of the season, base runners may only advance one base per steal attempt. This applies to all runners on base at the same time.		
			2nd half of season begins 4/15/24		