Dublin Little League Softball Local Rules - Spring 2025						
DIVISION: Updated as of Feb 24, 2025	Tee-Ball	Single A	AA/A	AAA	Majors	Juniors
League Age	4-5	5-8 (9)	5-8	8-11	11-12	12-14
Fielders	All Players	All Players	9 or 10	9	9	9
Game Time Limits	75 minutes Hard Stop	1:30 Hard Stop	1:15 No New 1:30 Hard Stop	1:30 No New 1:45 Hard Stop	1:45 No New 2:00 Hard Stop	2:00 No New 2:15 Hard Stop
Max Innings (Official Game)	N/A	N/A	6 (2)	6 (2)	6 (4)	7 (5)
Umpires	Coaches	Coaches	Coaches, League Umpires & Junior Umpires	League Umpires or Junior Umpires	League Umpires or Junior Umpires	League Umpires
Game Ball (Yellow)	10" Safety Softball (10" Worth RIF Level 1)	10" Safety Softball (10" Worth RIF Level 1)	10" Worth RIF Level 1 or equivalent	11" Worth or equivalent		12" Worth Dream Seam or equivalent
Pitch Type	N/A (Batting off Tee)	Coach Pitch (a)	Player/Adult	Player	Player	Player
Pitching Distance (Feet)	N/A	30 - coach pitch	30	35	40	43
Pitching Limits	N/A	N/A	3 Innings Game 6 Innings Week	3 Innings/Game(a), 21 Innings/Week	None	None
Pitching facemask	N/A	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 Optional	Optional
Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Molded	Molded	Molded	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 33"	BPF 1.20, Max 34"
On-deck Batter	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Yes
Run Rule per inning	Not allowed	Not allowed		Yes - 1st half of season 3 runs per inning (Unlimited in 6th or declared last inning). 2nd half of season, 5 runs per inning.	None	None
15/10/8 Run Rule during 3/4/5 Innings	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Batting Order	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Mandatory Play	All players on the field each inning (up to 12)	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	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	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	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	No	No	Yes - during player pitch only	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd strike	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	No	No	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	No	Spring - 1st half of season, no stealing home. 2nd half, stealing home allowed	Yes	Yes
Advance on Wild Pitch	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advance on Overthrow	No	No	Yes - 1 base per batter only	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball Dead When	In Infield Dirt	In Infield Dirt	When intentionally thrown to pitcher's circle, regardless if ball is caught or not	Pitcher has the ball in the Pitchers Circle	Pitcher has the ball in the Pitchers Circle	Pitcher has the ball in the 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 (timing determined prior to season start), coach comes in to complete count. Pitcher gets 3 pitches, If any strikes remain at end of 3 pitches, coach takes over count.	Pitching limit of 3 innings per game removed for the playoffs (21 innings per week and LLI pitching rules still apply)	2.000	- 100
			Outfielders must remain in outfield grass	Outfielders must remain in outfield grass until ball is hit		
Special note (b):			until ball is hit	grass until ball is nit		
Special note (c):						
SEASON HALFWAY POINT IS APRIL 13, 2025						