

2015 Addendum to Little League Softball rules for SB Rookies
1 – 3 outs or 5 runs will constitute an inning.

2 - We will use a continuous batting order with a 10 batter/5 run max per inning.

3. Stealing of bases/Home is not permitted.

4-. A maximum of five (5) pitches will be thrown to each batter, unless the last pitch is fouled, in which case another pitch is thrown. The batter is retired either by striking out or putting the ball in play. There are no walks. We will start the season with a 5 swing strike out/7 pitch max per at-bat rule and then transition to 3 swing strike out/5 pitch max at-bat by the 8th scheduled game or no later than **May 10th 2016** (the season midpoint).

5-We will play with 10 defenders (4 outfield, 4 infield, pitcher, catcher). In an effort to encourage players to make throws to any base, we will play no advancing on overthrows. The goal is to encourage players to make the throw and not penalize them for making a mistake when trying to make a baseball play. Coaches can position themselves in the outfield (behind the players) to provide instruction for the first 7 games.

6- Starting with the 8th scheduled game or no later than **May 10th, 2016**, coaches should instruct from the sideline.

7-Pitchers must have one foot on the pitchers mound or inside the circle and cannot play directly behind the machine. Players must wear a batting helmet when playing the pitcher position.

8-If a hit baseball hits the machine/coach/bucket/etc the play is automatically dead and base runners are entitled to advance one base even if they are not forced.

9-Players should rotate positions frequently, with no player at one position for more than 2 innings per a game. Common sense should be taken in placing players at high-risk positions (e.g. first base, pitcher, catcher). Freebaseballlineups.com is a free website that is a great resource to prepare an automated lineup with the ability to exclude certain players from specific positions. All coaches are encouraged to develop catchers, which is crucial as players move up to Minors

2016 Addendum to Little League Softball rules for SB Minors

We will follow book rule with the following modifications

1– 3 outs or 5 runs will constitute an inning

3 -There is a maximum of 3 steals per inning to be tracked by the scorekeepers and only adjudged on disagreements by the umpire. Runners may not advance on an overthrow

4. Stealing of Home is NOT permitted.

5. No stealing is permitted by a team ahead by 10 or more runs.

6. We will use a continuous batting order with a 10 batter/5 run max per an inning. We will not play unlimited runs in the final inning.

7. The 10 run mercy rule applies. Both teams can agree to keep playing.

Please note – base running rule – there is NO such rule as slide or surrender. The rule is the base runner MUST avoid contact with the defender.