



*Seneca Falls Community Little League, Inc.*

P.O. Box 216  Seneca Falls, New York 13148

### 2018 Minor Softball Local Rules

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing rules.
2. Minor League is an Instructional league. The spirit of the game of softball and good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times, on and off the field.
3. The Manager is responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands.
4. To keep the game moving, the next scheduled batter shall have equipment on and be ready to bat before the current batter takes the first pitch. Catchers not close to batting or having completed their at bat, shall wear their chest and leg protectors.
5. A continuous batting order is mandatory.
6. All players will be given a fair amount of defensive playing time regardless of skill level. Any player may reenter the game for any other player. No player should sit out more than one inning unless roster size requires all players to sit out at least one inning.
7. A runner may steal any base once the pitched ball reaches home plate. The "ball in the grass" rule is not in affect. Catchers may throw out runners trying to steal.
8. There is no delayed steal on the throwback from the catcher to the pitcher.
9. The pitching machine will be used the first 3 innings. Managers may agree, before the start of the game, to alternatively, use the machine for the last innings.
10. The Pitching distance is 35 feet. Pitchers may not take extra steps or use an improper motion. Coaches may work with pitchers during the game, but players may not be used as pitchers until they can use a legal motion.
11. A pitcher who hits three batters in a game, must be replaced.
12. There is a 5 run per team per inning limit. A play may continue after the 5th run crosses the plate, but only 5 runs will be recorded for that inning. The last inning is unlimited. If the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs at the end of the 4th or 5th inning the game is over. If the home team is ahead by 10 runs at any time after 3 and a half innings the game is over.
13. Four innings must be completed for a game to be official; three and a half if the home team is ahead. An incomplete game called for darkness, weather or time limit will be finished at the next meeting of the two teams. Tie games are over after 6 innings, or if a called game is complete.
14. No inning should start after 8:00 on a school night, or after 10:00 on a non-school night. Once an inning is started, it should be completed.
15. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
16. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manger.
17. The home team manager is responsible for the following:
  - a. raking the field
  - b. lining the field
  - c. setting up the pitching machine
  - d. providing 2 new balls
  - e. ensuring that everything is turned off and cleaned up in the press box locking of the press box, if you are the last game of the night