



## 2026 MAJOR 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. Major 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 managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
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. All players shall play a minimum of 6 defensive outs.
7. A player who is rostered on another Seneca Falls Major League Softball team or a Seneca Falls Minor League Softball team, may play on a Major team as a substitute, if the Major team has less than 9 players available. The substitute player may not pitch.
8. A pitcher who hits three batters in a game must be replaced.
9. Each team can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the sixth inning where it is unlimited.
10. 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.
11. There is a 10 run mercy rule. 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.
12. No inning should start after 8:00 on a school night, or after sunset on a non-school night. Once an inning is started, it should be completed.
13. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
14. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manger. 15. Team Managers are responsible for the following:
  - raking the field
  - lining the field
  - providing 2 game balls to the umpire
  - 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)



## 2025 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 managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
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 player who is rostered on another Seneca Falls Minor League Softball team or a Seneca Falls Coach Pitch team, may play on a Minor team as a substitute, if the Minor team has less than 10 players available. The substitute player may not pitch.
8. A runner may steal any base once the pitched ball reaches home plate. The "ball in the grass" rule is not in effect. Catchers may throw out runners trying to steal.
9. There is no delayed steal on the throwback from the catcher to the pitcher.
10. The pitching machine will be used the last 2 innings (5 & 6). The person playing the pitcher position must stand even with the rubber on the side opposite the wheel. The person playing the pitcher position must wear a helmet.
11. If the ball touches the pitching machine the play is dead- runners are allowed to advance one base only, No stealing.
12. 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.
13. A pitcher who hits three batters in a game, must be replaced.
14. Each team can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the sixth inning where it is unlimited, each player on the roster can bat as many times until 3 outs have been reached.
15. 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.
16. There is a 10 run mercy rule. 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.
17. No inning should start after 8:00 on a school night, or after sunset on a non-school night. Once an inning is started, it should be completed.
18. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
19. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manager. 20. Team

Managers are responsible for the following:

- raking the field
- lining the field
- setting up the pitching machine
- providing 2 balls to the umpire
- 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)



## 2025 MAJOR BASEBALL LOCAL RULES

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
3. The spirit of the game should be upheld and good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. If a team is winning by 15 runs, they can't send runners home from third base on a passed ball.
4. A rotation of substitutes should be employed. A player should not play every single inning of every single game. Each player should sit out a few innings throughout the course of a season.
5. A continuous batting order will be utilized.
6. If a player arrives after the game has started they will be inserted into the bottom of the lineup without penalty.
7. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game, that pitcher will be removed.
8. 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.
9. Each team can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the sixth inning where it is unlimited.
10. 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.
11. There is a 10 run mercy rule. 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.
12. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
13. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manger. 14. Team Managers are responsible for the following:
  - removing and storing of the tarps before the game
  - raking the field
  - lining the field
  - providing 2 new balls to the umpire
  - replacing tarps on the field if you are the last game of the night
  - 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)



## 2025 MINOR BASEBALL LOCAL RULES

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
3. The spirit of the game should be upheld and good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. If a team is winning by 15 runs, they can't send runners home from third base on a passed ball.
4. Base coaches should support the umpires with close calls and uphold the spirit of the minor leagues; which is to teach 8, 9, and 10 year olds the game of baseball.
5. A rotation of substitutes should be employed. A player should not play every single inning of every single game. Each player should sit out a few innings throughout the course of a season.
6. A continuous batting order will be utilized.
7. If a player arrives after the start of the game they will be inserted into the bottom of the lineup without penalty.
8. Once the ball is in possession of the pitcher at the pitcher's rubber, runners cannot advance to the next base.
9. If a base runner is stealing a base they will only be allowed to advance one base on an overthrow. There is no delayed stealing.
10. The pitching machine will be used for the last 2 innings of each game and will be set to 40 MPH. Managers may NOT agree to use it more for a particular game. The person playing the pitcher position must stand even with the rubber, with one foot on the dirt, and on the side opposite the wheel. The person playing the pitcher position must wear a helmet.
11. If the ball touches the pitching machine the play is dead- runners are allowed to advance one base only, No stealing.
12. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game that pitcher will be removed.
13. 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.
14. Each team can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the sixth inning where it is unlimited, each player on the roster can bat as many times until 3 outs have been reached.
15. 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.
16. There is a 10 run mercy rule. 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.
17. The manager is responsible for the orderly maintenance of the dugout and sweeping out the dugout at the end of the game.
18. The manager is responsible for creating and distributing a line-up to the press box and opposing manger. 19. Team Managers are responsible for the following:
  - removing and storing of the tarps before the game
  - raking the field
  - lining the field
  - setting up the pitching machine
  - providing 2 new balls to the umpire
  - replacing tarps on the field if you are the last game of the night
  - 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)



## 2025 COACH PITCH LOCAL RULES

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. The managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
3. Each game will be 3 full innings.
4. Every player will hit in every single inning, there are not 3 outs. However, if a player is put out at a base they must leave the base.
5. There is no leading off of the base.
6. If a batter hits the ball to the outfield, runners may advance bases until the ball is thrown into the infield. Runners may not advance bases on an overthrow to a base. When the last batter of a half inning is up all runners may run around all the bases, including the batter.
7. A bench coach should be used to control the bench and to ensure that the next batter is ready to hit when his/her turn comes up. This could be a parent as long as he/she has been approved as a volunteer.
8. All players must play in the field. Up to two players may serve as pitcher helpers. Pitcher helpers must wear helmets. Each of the infield positions should have a player, the rest of the players should be spread out in the outfield. Teams are encouraged to use a catcher, if one is available, to help develop catchers at the next levels. Otherwise, a coach will be used.
9. Each batter will receive 5 good pitches from a coach. Once the pitch limit is reached a batting tee **MUST** be utilized. There are no exceptions to this rule. If both managers agree, softballs may be used for the girls on each team.
10. If a hit ball comes in contact with the pitcher, it is considered a dead ball. The batter may run to first base and those already on base may advance 1 base.
11. Managers are responsible for the orderly maintenance of the bench area and ensuring that all equipment, personal items, and trash are removed from the area.
12. The Home Team Manager is responsible for providing the Batting Tee for the game.



## 2025 TEE BALL LOCAL RULES

1. All play not covered by these local rules will be governed by the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules.
2. The managers are responsible for the sportsmanship of the parents in the stands. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times on and off the field.
3. Each game will be 3 full innings.
4. There are no outs in Tee Ball. Each player will bat in a half inning and even if a player is out at a base, they will remain on base.
5. There is no leading off of the base.
6. Each player is only allowed to advance one base per at bat. When the last batter of a half inning is up all runners may run around all the bases, including the batter.
7. A bench coach should be used to control the bench and to ensure that the next batter is ready to hit when his/her turn comes up. This could be a parent as long as he/she has been approved as a volunteer.
8. All players must play in the field. Up to two players may serve as pitcher helpers. Pitcher helpers must wear a helmet. Each of the infield positions should have a player, the rest of the players should be spread out in the outfield.
9. Managers are responsible for the orderly maintenance of the bench area and ensuring that all equipment, personal items, and trash are removed from the area.
10. The Home Team Manager is responsible for:
  - providing the Batting Tee for the game.
  - setting up the bases. (approximately 40 feet apart)