



SALEM LITTLE LEAGUE 2024 BYLAWS & PLAYING RULES

The following bylaws and playing rules are approved annually, first by the board of directors, then by the volunteer membership.

SECTION A: BYLAWS

1. Bylaws in this section are to be followed by ALL DIVISIONS unless otherwise stated.

- 1.01 Trading of players will not be allowed.
- 1.02 If requested by a parent/guardian, the sibling of a player already on a team has the option of being placed in the draft instead of automatically being placed on the same team. This may result in siblings being placed on two different teams in the same league.
- 1.03 Each manager will only be allowed to have one person assist them at the draft.
- 1.04 Any softball division that elects to participate in interleague and/or inter-district play for the season shall be governed by the rules set forth for aforementioned interleague/inter-district play. The lone exception to this being for the playoffs wherein all playoff games shall be completed per Little League rules and not subject to any time constraints with the exception being the light curfew.
- 1.05 Any manager, player or coach who uses tobacco products (on or off the field) during their game will be automatically thrown out and suspended for the next game. (2004, 2012) Cell phone use is allowed for emergencies only and must be done off the playing field. (2012) Any league representative under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing league duties may be ejected and/or suspended. (2023)
- 1.06 All graduating players from Salem Little League will be fitted for sweatshirts when they register. Awards are presented to the players at the discretion of the Board of Directors. (2006, 2012)
- 1.07 A maximum of 2 sets of trophies will be given out in Major/Minor Baseball, Senior/Major softball. (2014)
- 1.08 Players must wear equipment and uniforms properly during games. League will provide uniforms consisting of 1 hat, 1 jersey and 1 pair of socks per player. Tee-Ball players will not be provided socks. In all divisions except tee-ball, baseball and softball players must obtain baseball/softball pants to be worn during games. Pants are to be grey in color for all divisions except Major softball and above, which will be black pants. Uniforms cannot be altered or personalized except for Tee Ball. Should a team as a whole wish to wear different color pants, the entire team must change their pant color with the color being approved by the league director. Funds to

purchase different pants cannot be solicited from the parent/guardian of any player and will not be purchased by the league. All teams must use the uniforms they are provided with from the equipment manager. Use of other uniforms without board authorization is prohibited. Manager and coaches cannot wear tank tops, open toed shoes, or cut offs and must wear hats properly. (2012, 2015, 2016, 2020)

- 1.09 Uniforms and caps must be worn and shirts tucked in by all players.
- 1.10 No organized practice of any kind prior to the scheduled start date set by the president, no practices are allowed on parade day.
- 1.11 You are only allowed to manage one team during the regular season. This does not include T-Ball. (2001)
- 1.12 If the team manager approved by the board cannot be present for a game, the manager must contact their director so the league knows who is managing the team. (2017)
- 1.13 All managers, coaches and players are to shake hands with the opposing team, at the conclusion of every game. Failure will result in discipline by the Board of Directors. (2012)
- 1.14 A manager issuing a suspension may only do so with the notification of the player agent or league director and approval of the board. (2017)
- 1.15 A manager wishing to protest a game must inform the umpire and opposing manager at the time of the alleged infraction. The umpire shall acknowledge the protest by signing each team's score book. The manager must notify their director within 24 hours of lodging the protest.
- 1.16 Protests will be decided at a hearing consisting of the president, vice president of that league, and the league director. In the event of the unavailability of any of the above-mentioned officers, another vice president may fill in for either the president or league vice president. Another director may fill in for the league director. In the event of a protest that affects a playoff game the president will call an emergency meeting of the board of directors to decide the protest
- 1.17 The president, with league directors, shall establish the playoff schedules. No team will be required to play three games in one week.
- 1.18 In the playoffs in all leagues, all games must be completed. A halted game that has not gone enough innings to be an official game must be restarted. A game that has gone enough innings to be official must resume at the point that it was halted. All conditions of the game shall apply when it is resumed as if the game had not been halted. One exception: Players not present for the suspended game are eligible to play in the completed game. Rules for proper rest shall apply accordingly.
- 1.19 At fields with lights, an inning cannot start after 9:45pm, this inning is allowed to be completed. (2018)

2. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- 2.01 Roster sizes will be determined by the Board based on registration numbers. (2008)
- 2.02 Any player from Farm League in a previous year cannot play Major baseball in the following year. (2002)
- 2.03 The league will operate under draft method “Plan B – Redraft – Alternate Method for Plan B” as described in the Operating Policies set forth by Williamsport. Should plan B be necessary, all players are released and would need to be re-drafted, and the order of picking will be determined by having the managers picking numbers out of a hat. The order is based on serpentine draft order. The team with the 2nd pick would get picks 2, 13, 16, 27, 30, etc. In all subsequent years (2020 and beyond, should major baseball have a team reduction, the draft would be handled by Team Reduction Plan B, as set forth by the same operating policies. A 10-year-old drafted into the Majors who refuses to move up can be returned to the Minors, however, that player cannot return to the same minor league team he/she played on in the previous season. Player Agent will attempt to place into Major Baseball any undrafted 11-year-old who wishes to play in that division. (2022) Any future changes to the draft procedure that are not described above shall be approved by the Board of Directors. (2023)
- 2.04 If a team will have 10 or fewer players available for a game, the league director must be contacted. (2002)
- 2.05 Prior to the start of the regular season, each team will supply the names of three players to the Player Agent for a player pool to be used when another team requires a player(s) on a temporary basis. The player can never be from the previous year’s tournament team. (2011, 2017)
- 2.06 The manager using the temporary player must abide by the following restrictions:
- A.) The player is prohibited from pitching in the game
 - B.) The player is prohibited from playing in the infield (use your own players)
 - C.) Player agent is in complete charge of player pool.
 - D.) In the absence or unavailability of the agent, the Vice-President, or President may assume temporary control with notification to the president. (2018)
- 2.07 A player from the Minor League may become a permanent member of a Major League team only when the team has lost players on a permanent basis and its roster has been reduced to eight, or if a player from the original roster is lost prior to the beginning of the regular season.
- 2.08 There is no condition where a 9-year-old can be eligible to be drafted to the Major Leagues. In rare circumstances where a 9-year-old is the best option for a team in need of a player during the season due to injury or other roster-related purposes, and no 10-year-old is available, a 9-year-old may be called up to a Major League roster. A roster move of this nature is decided by a majority vote of the board of directors. (2024)

- 2.09 Any coach found to have violated a player's pitch count and/or days of rest shall be suspended 1 game and should there be any subsequent offenses, discipline shall be administered by the board of directors. (2024)

PLAYOFFS

- 2.09 During the playoffs, each team must have at least eight (8) players from their own roster. If a team does not have the minimum eight (8) players when the game is scheduled to begin, as determined by the game's umpire, that team will lose that game. If a "pool player" is necessary, the Player Agent must approve any player being used from the 'player pool'. The player pool will be redone after the tournament teams are chosen. Current tournament team players cannot be part of the redrawn player pool. If a player is called up by the Player Agent, he/she must go to the bottom of the call up list. (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019)
- 2.10 All teams will participate in a double elimination tournament, seeding to be determined randomly. If necessary, a team receiving a first-round bye will also be determined randomly. Random seeding should be selected prior to opening day, but no later than Memorial Day.
Brackets to be used found at http://www.littleleague toolkit.org/Assets/forms_pubs/Brackets_LLB.pdf or brackets from Stack Sports website can be used. (2020)
- 2.11 Coin flip will determine choice of home/away in the playoffs. Teams who play each other more than once will alternate home/away. In the championship series, the team without a loss in the playoffs has their choice in Game one. If a second game is necessary, home/away is reversed for Game 2.

TOURNAMENT

- 2.13 The manager of the season's prior 10-year-old and 11-year-old teams moves up with his team. To manage the current year's 10-year-old team, a letter of application should be emailed to the league President by the end of the day, May 15, each year. President to consult with Major Baseball Director, Baseball VP, and Executive VP regarding all applications, and will then nominate his selection to the full board for approval. When possible, nominated manager will be a major baseball manager with at least one full year of major baseball manager experience, followed by a major baseball coach with at least one full year of experience. (2020)
- 2.14 Each team will nominate their own players. Managers will then vote on those players who are nominated. The top 12 will be placed on the team. In the event of a tie for the last spot(s), managers will vote again on those players involved until the 12 players are selected. League Director must be present.
- 2.15 The manager of the team will get to add a 13th player to the roster if he/she chooses to do so.

- 2.16 The equipment manager will purchase vests and t-shirts for the 12-year-old district team, players can keep the t-shirts. Team manager must collect the vests at the end of the final game, and turn them into the equipment manager. Team manager is solely responsible for the cost of replacing any missing, damaged or uncollected vests. The manager agrees to this as a condition for being allowed to manage the team. (2016)

3. MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

(Minor Baseball will be played using Major League rules with the following exceptions)

- 3.01 Rosters shall consist of player's 8, 9, 10, and 11 years old. All 10, 11, and 12 year-olds must try out for Major Baseball. A 10-year-old or exempted 11-year-old, not drafted into the Majors will be placed in the Minors. Any new player not attending tryouts will be placed on an appropriate team by the board. (2004, 2012, 2013, 2016)
- 3.02 The Draft and Registration Committee Beginning with the Spring 2023 season, SLL Minors Baseball will operate under draft method "Plan B – Redraft – Alternate Method for Plan B" as described in the Operating Policies set forth by Williamsport. All players are released and would be re-drafted, and the order of picking will be determined by having the managers picking numbers out of a hat. The order is based on serpentine draft order. Any future changes to the draft procedure that are not described above shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.03 If a team needs a temporary player, the Player Agent will use a player chosen from a pool of minor league players. Each minor league manager will choose 3 players from their team for this pool. A minor league manager needing a player MAY NOT contact a player from the pool on their own. (2013, 2017)

PLAYOFFS

- 3.21 All teams will participate in a double elimination tournament, seeding to be determined randomly. If necessary, a team receiving a first round bye will also be determined randomly. (2014, 2015)
- 3.23 Coin flip will determine choice of home/away in the playoffs. Teams who play each other more than once will alternate home/away. In the championship series, the team without a loss in the playoffs has their choice in Game one. If a second game is necessary, home/away reversed in Game two. (2015)
- 3.24 During the playoffs, each team must have at least eight players from their own roster. If a team does not have the minimum nine players when the game is scheduled to begin, they lose. There cannot be a difference of more than 2 players between the teams. Team A has 12 players; team B must have at least 10 players. The Player Agent will be responsible to find alternate players from other Minor League teams. Minor league managers are not allowed chose alternate players. (2004, 2012, 2013,2017)

Penalty: If it is determined a manager did not contact the League Director in a timely manner to remedy a roster issue, the manager will be suspended for the next game. Injury during a game, reducing the roster, will not cause the penalty.

MOVING-UP GAME

- 3.25 Managers will be the playoff finalists; coaches should be chosen from other Minor League managers. Minor league teams will be combined by the league director to determine the teams. Players on these teams are chosen by all Minor League managers with approval of the League Director. It is recommended that the older players eligible for the major league draft in the following season be considered first. (2012,2015)

4. FARM BASEBALL

- 4.10 Players shall be six, seven or eight years old. No playoffs.

5. JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

- 5.01 The league champion will pick last in the draft. Playoff runner-up will have the penultimate pick. Remaining teams will pick in the order of the regular season finals. This order will remain the same for each round. (2017)

PLAYOFFS

- 5.02 Because the number of teams may vary from year to year, the playoff format will be decided by the league managers prior to the start of the regular season. The league director will submit this format to the Board of Directors for approval.
- 5.03 Playoff games shall be scheduled to allow all pitchers for both teams to be fully rested for the playoffs.

TOURNAMENTS

- 5.04 Each team manager will nominate their own players. Managers will then vote on those players who are nominated. The top 12 will be placed on the team. In the event of a tie for the last spot, the League Director (VP) will break the tie. (2017)
- 5.05 The manager of the tournament team is chosen by the team having the best record at the end of the season or June 15th, whichever date comes first. (2017)
- 5.06 The manager of the team will be able to add any additional roster spots above the chosen 12 up to the limit allowed for that division. (2017)

6. MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

- 6.01 Prior to the start of the regular season, each team will supply the names of three players to the Player Agent for a player pool to be used when another team requires a player(s) on a temporary basis. The player can never be from the previous year's tournament team. (2011, 2017)

- 6.02 Manager using a temporary player from the 'player pool' must abide by the following restrictions: (2017)
1. Player is prohibited from pitching in the game.
 2. Player is prohibited from playing in the infield.
 3. Player agent is in complete charge of player pool.

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- 6.03 See Senior Softball Rule 5.01
- 6.04 All 11- and 12-year-olds must be drafted, unless exempted by the board (Note- 12-year-old must also be exempted by Little League International). The balance of the rosters will be filled with 9- or 10-year-olds. Before the draft, the maximum number of 9- or 10-year-olds eligible to be drafted will be set. After that number has been drafted, no further 9- or 10-year-olds will be able to be drafted. (2016, 2017, 2021)

PLAYOFFS

- 6.05 During local playoffs, the Player Agent must approve any player being used from the 'player pool'. The player pool will be redone after the tournament teams are chosen. Current tournament team players cannot be part of the redrawn player pool. If a player is called up by the Player Agent, he/she must go to the bottom of the call up list. (2017)

TOURNAMENTS (See Senior Softball rules 5.04 and 5.05)

7. MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

8. FARM (COACH PITCH) SOFTBALL

9. TEE-BALL

10. UMPIRES

- 10.01 Head umpire reports to and under the supervision of the Board of Directors.
- 10.02 The head umpire for SLL is responsible for all umpires. Head umpire will appoint umpires for all scheduled games and at their discretion hold clinics and meetings for managers/coaches and league officials.
- 10.03 It is recommended that all umpires pass an examination to umpire in Salem Little League.
- 10.04 All umpires at Forest River Park must work behind home plate.
- 10.05 Umpire fees are approved by the Board.

- 10.06 No manager will be assigned to umpire a game in a league that he/she is a manager or coach, or which a member of his/her immediate family is a member of either team playing, unless the scheduled umpire does not arrive.

SECTION B: PLAYING RULES

1. Playing Rules in this section are to be followed by all divisions unless otherwise stated.

- 1.01 Infield practice for games will be allowed only if it does not delay the scheduled start of the game. If infield practice is allowed, both teams must be allowed the same amount of time. The home team can choose to go first or last. Refer to Little League Operating manual for process of selecting managers. A resume is required for all applicants who are not presently Little League volunteers. (2012)
- 1.02 The home team manager will be responsible for keeping a complete and accurate official scoring book. The home team manager must report the game score, and the pitch counts, to the division director, or the individual the director appoints, with the visiting team's manager copied to confirm accuracy, in the division director's form required (email, text, etc.) (2020)
- 1.03 "Swinging bunts" are not allowed. A batter who attempts a "swinging bunt" shall be called out. This is a judgment call by the umpire. The accepted definition shall be any attempt by a batter to swing at a pitch with his hands together after they had previously been separated in an attempt to bunt the ball. Attempting to bunt one pitch does not prohibit the batter from swinging at another pitch in the same at bat. (2015) This applies to all divisions except Junior and Senior Divisions (2023)
- 1.04 Each Major League or Softball player will participate in the field each game for a minimum of three innings and bat at least once. Each player must remain in the batting order for three full innings. (2008)
- 1.05 A pitcher who hits three batters during their stint on the mound must immediately be removed as a pitcher; and cannot be reinserted into the game as a pitcher. (2018)

2. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- 2.01 A new inning cannot start if it is 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the next game. This is for the regular season only. (2006)
- 2.02 In both the regular seasons and the playoffs, each player can only be awarded first base via an intentional walk once per game.
- 2.03 Teams will use a continuous batting order. There will be free defensive substitutions but each player must play two consecutive innings in the field and three total for the game. Players

arriving late to a game shall be placed at the bottom of the batting order and are not subject to mandatory playing requirements. (2024)

- 2.04 A 10 run 'Mercy Rule' will be in effect if either of the following is true. The home team is ahead at the end of 3 ½ innings or the 4th inning has been completed and 10 or more runs separate the teams. (2011) (2014)
- 2.05 SLL will follow the Little League rule concerning uncaught 3rd strikes start of the regular season and playoffs, during which only two runners shall be allowed to safely reach first base per half inning as a result of an uncaught 3rd strike. (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023)
- 2.06 SLL, in Major Baseball, does not allow Special Pinch Runners (LL Baseball rule 7.14) in regular season or special games (i.e. city playoffs), and there are no courtesy runners. (2019)

3. MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- 3.01 A continuous batting order of all players will be used. The batting order cannot be reset until the regular season ends. (Example: If the 6th batter is the final out in a game, the 7th batter will lead off the following game.) (2010, 2015, 2024)
- 3.02 Free defensive substitutions will be allowed, see also Rule 3.13 for restrictions.
- 3.03 A 12 year-old cannot pitch in the Minors. Any other player is limited to 3 innings per game and pitch count restrictions. (2004, 2013)
- 3.04 Teams will play with 10 defensive players. The extra fielder shall be an outfielder.
- 3.05 There can be 5 advancements on passed balls, wild pitches, straight steals, and an overthrow or fielding error on a steal attempt, per half inning. If a runner attempts to steal a base or advance on a wild pitch/passed ball, and a throwing error or fielding error is made on that play, the runner can advance one more base on that play, at their own peril. One run can be scored per half inning on a passed ball, straight steal, or a throwing/fielding error when attempting to advance to 3rd from 2nd. Delayed steals are never allowed at this level, and there can be no advancement if the catcher's throwback to the pitcher is not caught (See 3.17 below). If a 9th advancement, or some other advancement not allowed (i.e., stealing home for a 2nd time) is attempted in error and the runner is safe on the play, they shall be returned to the base they previously occupied. If during this additional attempt the runner is out, the out will stand. (2022, 2024)
- 3.06 When the pitcher is on the mound, catcher in the box, base runners must return to the base previously occupied. If the defensive team attempts to throw a runner out who is returning to a base and is successful, the out will count. The base runners cannot advance and must return to the base previously occupied even when an attempt is made to throw the runner out. (2015)a
- 3.07 Two runs per inning are allowed to score from bases loaded walks. Any proceeding batter cannot be walked and must remain at bat until putting the ball in play, striking out or being hit by a pitch. The run forced in if the batter is hit by pitch counts. Runs scored when a batter is hit by a pitch do not count towards the two run limit. (2003, 2015)

- 3.08 No player can play the same position for more than three innings unless the game goes into extra innings. Every player present when the game starts must play at least one complete inning in the infield. A one game suspension will be imposed on the team manager if this rule is violated. (2004, 2012, 2013)
- 3.09 If a league umpire is absent, the game will be played using an adult volunteer. Advancing of bases by passed balls or steals is suspended unless both managers agree to allow it.
- 3.10 Players present at the start of a game must play at least four innings in the field, two must be consecutive. Players cannot sit for consecutive innings unless 'benched' for disciplinary reasons. Players not fulfilling the requirement because of a shortened game must start the next game. (2015)
- 3.11 Intentional walks are not allowed. If, in the umpire's judgment, a violation has occurred, the walk may be nullified, and the batter remains at the plate until he/she hits the ball or strikes out.
- 3.12 A batter who is injured while at bat shall be replaced by the next person in the batting order. The new batter shall assume the count of the injured player. If there is at least one strike and the batter eventually strikes out, the out shall stand, but the new batter shall take their full turn at the plate. If the new batter reaches base or puts the ball in play, the batting order shall proceed in a normal fashion.
- 3.13 No infield fly rule.
- 3.14 No delayed stealing. A base runner cannot advance on a return throw from the catcher. (2003, 2012)
- 3.15 Base runner must slide into the base when the defensive player is in possession of the baseball. If the base runner is attempting to advance from 3rd base to the plate after the ball has gotten behind the catcher, the runner must slide even if the defensive player covering the plate is not yet in possession of the ball. This is to prevent injury to the runner from being hit by the baseball or defensive player covering the plate from being hit by the runner. Should the runner not slide, the runner is out. (2018, 2019)
- 3.16 No pinch runners are allowed except for an injury, or after at least one out and a runner is scheduled to catch in the next half inning. An injured runner must sit out at least one defensive inning. (2015)
- 3.17 During the regular season no new inning shall begin 2 hours after the start of the game. (2017)
- 3.22 All regular season rules will apply with certain exceptions. The batting order, which can be reset at the end of the regular season, but remaining continuous throughout the playoffs. The five run limit, Rule 3.04 is not in effect. Mercy rule, 15 run difference after 4 innings, 10 run difference after 5 innings. (2015, 2017)

4. FARM BASEBALL

- 4.01 During the first two games of the regular season, the baseball Tee will be used for all batters during his/her first at bat. The game will move quicker, allowing defensive players to more actively participate in the game. It will also ensure the weaker batters are not intimidated at the beginning of the season when it can sometimes take a dozen pitches before the ball is put into play. (2018)
- 4.02 Whenever a coach pitches, coaches shall pitch to members of their own team. (2007, 2013, 2017, 2019)
- 4.03 After Memorial Day, players in their 2nd year of Farm Baseball AND who are Little League Age 8 will be able to pitch to batters under the following guidelines:
- The first 2 innings of each game after Memorial Day will be opportunities for players who qualify to pitch. In the third inning or later innings, player pitchers may or may not be used based on both managers' discretion (speed of game, etc.). It is permissible to not have a player pitcher after the first 2 innings if it will allow the game to speed up and allow more innings to be played.
 - A Minor League Diamond DFX L5 ball will be used when players pitch.
 - The pitching distance for players will be 40 feet
 - A pitcher who pitches in a game, even one pitch, cannot pitch the following calendar day (must have a full calendar day off) regardless of how many pitches he or she threw. This is more restrictive than current LL pitching guidelines.
 - A pitcher can only pitch one inning per day, with a maximum of 35 pitches thrown, and a maximum of 5 pitches per batter. The 35 pitch maximum is also more restrictive than LL pitching rules.
 - Once a batter has seen 5 pitches from a player pitcher, and that batter has not made contact, a coach from that batter's coaching staff will pitch 3 more pitches (more if the 3rd coach pitched ball is fouled off). This is an 8 pitch maximum for the at bat. Balls and strikes will not be called.
 - It is required that each 2nd year Farm Baseball player who are at least 8 years old as defined by Little League, be given the opportunity to pitch in a game between Memorial Day and the end of the season. Once that is complete, a second opportunity to pitch can be granted by the team's manager based on skill level, etc.
 - Player pitchers can only pitch to 2nd year Farm Baseball players.
 - This rule goes into effect in the 2019 season.
- 4.04 The opposing team shall position a defensive player to the right or left of the pitcher's mound.
- 4.05 If a batted ball hits the coach, the player pitcher, or bucket, the ball is live. (2007, 2019)
- 4.06 Teams shall have the option of using a standard catcher with full equipment or a backup catcher who must wear at least a face mask.
- 4.07 The adult pitcher shall also serve as the base umpire unless another volunteer may be found to do so.
- 4.08 One base advance on all overthrows.

- 4.09 During the first half of the season, a half-inning will end when ten players have finished their turn at bat. In the second half of the season the half-inning shall end when 3 defensive outs are made or when 10 batters have finished their turn at bat. If one team's at-bats are substantially reduced because of defensive outs, an attempt should be made to play an additional inning. (2012)
- 4.10 It is strongly recommended that all players be given a chance to play all positions as the season progresses. No player can play the same position for more than 2 innings in a game, except a player pitcher, for whom there is a one inning maximum per game, along with pitches thrown restrictions (See Rule 4.03). (2005, 2019)
- 4.11 Score books will not be kept and there will be an attempt to limit the games to two hours.
- 4.12 Bunting is not allowed.
- 4.13 When the ball is thrown into the infield after a hit to the outfield, the ball will be considered dead when it is either caught by an infielder or lands on the ground within the boundaries of the infield. At this point if a runner is not more than halfway to the next base the runner must return to previous base.

5. JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

- 5.01 Teams will play with nine players in the field. (2017)
- 5.02 There will be a 10 run mercy rule in effect after 5 innings. (2012)

6. MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

- 6.01 A team that is at bat and is up by eight (8) or more runs shall not be allowed to steal any base, or advance on a wild pitch or passed ball. (2019)
- 6.02 The offensive team (the team at bat) shall remain at bat until 3 defensive outs are made, or they score six (6) runs. This shall not apply to a team at bat in line to be subjected to the ten-run rule, and it shall not be applied in the last inning of a game. (2019)
- 6.03 A pitcher may pitch up to nine innings in a two game week. In the event of a third game, an extra three innings are allowed. (2001) A continuous batting will be used during regular season games. The offensive team shall be at bat until three defensive outs are made, or when they score six (6) runs. This shall not apply to a team in line to be subjected to the "mercy rule", and it shall not be applied during the last scheduled inning. (2017, 2019)
- 6.04 There will be free defensive substitutions. (2017)
- 6.05 Teams will play with nine players in the field. (2017)

7. MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

8. FARM (COACH PITCH) SOFTBALL

8.01 Six-year-olds must be pitched to by an adult. (2017)

9. TEE-BALL

The above rules were reviewed, discussed, and approved per our local guidelines. The final copy as stated above was unanimously accepted by a quorum of the General Membership on January 10, 2024, by a vote of 10 yea, 4 Nay, and 2 abstaining.

The above rules were then emailed to Joe Baglieri, Little League Massachusetts District 16 administrator, on January 11, 2024.