

2017 JCLL Minor League Softball Local Rules

1. Notification of cancellation of a game because of rain, not enough players, or field availability must be given by the JCLL Softball Director (working with other directors) to the visiting team's manager two (2) hours before scheduled game on weekends.
2. A team's coaching staff will consist of a manager and two (2) coaches. These are the only adults allowed in the dugout (inside the fence). Two coaches shall be permitted on the defensive playing field, as long as one coach remains in the dugout. The scorebook must be kept in the dugout by a coach or manager. The purpose of the book is to keep batting order and playing time.
3. Game length is six (6) innings; an inning cannot start after two (2) hours. The Plate umpire will keep the official time and call the game at two (2) hours. If the game is called during an incomplete inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning. (p. 67 RULE 4:11(D)).
4. The Pitching rubber is 35 feet from home plate. (Rulebook p.44 (1.07)).
5. The first three (3) innings of the game will be player pitch, and the remaining three (3) innings will be coach pitch. Coach pitches to own team. For instructional purposes, it is recommended, but not mandatory, that the coach use the windmill motion to deliver the pitch. (Exception: All League age 6 players will have coach pitch, no matter what inning is being played.)
6. Each team shall maintain a pitching affidavit, which is to be signed by the umpire and the opposing manager to enforce pitching eligibility rules. (Rulebook p. 35 for pitching rules).
7. When coaches are pitching, no player will walk or steal bases, a player is out with three (3) strikes or five (5) coach pitches. (Foul on 5th pitch doesn't count.)
8. A Coach pitcher must stay in contact with the pitcher's rubber. A Coach pitcher is not to catch the ball from the defensive player. A Coach pitcher cannot touch the ball until play is stopped. A Player pitcher shall stay in the circle until ball is hit.

9. When a player is pitching, players may advance bases (steal, on passed ball, etc.) according to the Little League rule book. (Special attention to p. 84 (7.13 Note 1)). No Stealing home.
10. An inning is over after three (3) outs, after all players on the roster have batted once in that half-inning or five (5) runs (the five (5) run rule would not apply to the last half-inning of the game for either team or to any half-inning in an "extra" inning.) are scored, whichever comes first. Mercy rule: After four (4) innings, if one team is ahead by 10 runs, the trailing manager declares the mercy rule.
11. Each team will field 10 defensive players; four (4) being outfielders.
12. All players will play a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs, and will bat according to game lineup. (Rulebook p.32 (i)).
13. The batting order will list all players on the team who are present for that game. The batting order may only be changed from game to game. There is a mandatory continuous batting order. (Rulebook p. 57).
14. Facemasks are REQUIRED to be worn by ALL infielders, to include first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, third baseman and pitcher.
15. Any part of the pitcher's undershirt or T-shirt exposed to view shall be of a solid color. The color of the pitcher's undershirt or T-shirt shall be a solid color other than white, gray or optic yellow. (Rulebook p. 45 (1.11 (a) 3)).
16. Game scores should be sent by the JCLL manager via email to JCLLWVpresident@gmail.com as soon as possible, no later than 24 hours after the game is played.
17. Pool play maybe used to field a team when needed according to p. 34 (c). The pool player must wear their original team's uniform. The pool player must play nine (9) consecutive defensive outs and one at bat. All other players must meet mandatory play. If proper procedure is not followed, the team will not be allowed to use pool play the rest of the season. The JCLL Director of Softball will collect and maintain the pool player list, and will be responsible for assigning pool players when requested. Requests should be made as soon as it is known pool player(s) will be needed.

All Little League rules will be followed as listed in the 2016 Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules book. Only exceptions or additions to the rulebook are those listed above. It is the responsibility of all managers and coaches to read the rulebook.