



## **Illinois District 13 Little League 2019 Minor B Softball Supplemental Rules**

### **League Composition**

- The Minor B Division in Illinois District 13 is comprised of league age 6-9 year olds who are new to softball and Little League. This is an instructional division.
  - All 6 year olds that play in the Minor B Division will have at least 1 year of T-Ball experience.
  - All 9 year olds that play in the Minor B Division will be new to Softball and have no experience playing the game, or need further experience before they are ready for the Minor A Division.
- It is recommended that a maximum of 10 players be assigned to a Minor B team.
- The Minor B Division will be scheduled to play a total of 12 games.
- The Minor B Division will have a later season start of games, no games will be scheduled prior to May **13th**, this allows for more practice time and warmer weather.
- Games will be scheduled on Mon, Wed, Sat.
- The Minor B division is an instructional and educational division. No official game scores will be kept other than for the maximum 5 runs per inning. No season team standings will be kept.

### **Administration**

- Illinois District 13 Staff will be the overall administrators of the District 13 Minor B Division.
  - Each League will be responsible for their own teams, managers, coaches, fields, etc. as they are all chartering at the league level.
- Illinois District 13 will serve as the protest committee for District 13 Softball. The District will act on all protests within 72 hours of notification that are presented in accordance with article 4.19 of the Little League International Official Playing Rules (Orange Book).
  - All decisions made by District 13 in regards to protests will be considered final and binding.

### **Umpires**

- ***Umpires are NOT required for Minor B division games, since this is an instructional division.***
- Although not required in the Minor B Division, many leagues use volunteer umpires or adolescents that are learning how to be umpires.
- *If the umpire is under the age of 18, **there must be an adult** in charge that is there to support the youth umpire. This adult does not have to be on the field but must be present at the game so that they may act in the young umpire's defense if needed.*

## Playing Rules

- The Little League Softball Rulebook (Red Book) will be used for the Minor B Division in all areas except when explicitly stated within this document.
  - Below are amendments that will apply during the **regular season only**.

## Time Limits

- **1 hour 45 minutes and will be a hard stop.** When the game hits the time limit, the game will end regardless of where the game is at i.e. middle of an inning, the current batter would finish their at-bat and then the game would end, the inning wouldn't be completed. The time limit determines the end of the game.
  - The time limit will begin with the coaches meeting at home plate, the specific time will be agreed upon during that meeting.
- In this division a game may start with less than 9 players for a specific team present at the game. There is no minimum requirement for number of players to be present for a game to be played.
  - This is an instructional level, if a team wishes to "donate" a player(s) to the opposing team so that they may have 9 to start the game it will be allowed.
- Up to 2 coaches are allowed in the field, i.e up to 2 coaches in the field in addition to 1 coach pitcher, when their team is playing defense. Coaches in the field are encouraged to give further instruction to the players. Coaches may not field the ball or participate during a play in the field but should help their players by providing instruction.
- There may be up to 10 players on the field with players in the outfield behind the basepaths. No short center fielder is allowed.
- There is no Slaughter Rule for this division.
- This is a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning allowed.
- In the event of inclement weather the opposing team must provide at least 1 hour 30 minute notification of the game's cancellation.
  - This timeframe minimizes the negative impact of having to travel without playing a game.

- A Double Safety First Base will be used at this division.
- The Mandatory Play Rule will be **strictly** adhered to in accordance with Regulation IV (I) of the Little League Softball Rulebook (Red Book).
- A team's official batting order, including names and numbers, must be provided to the opposing team at the manager's' meeting at home plate.
- There will be **no bunting and no stealing** in the Minor B Division.
- Only 1 extra base may be taken on an overthrow during a live play from a batted ball.
- The Minor B Division will be using a continuous batting order.
  - Minimum play will be met when a player plays 6 defensive outs **and** 1 at bat.
- An offensive inning will consist of batting **7 batters or 3 Outs**, whichever occurs first.
- **A player may not play the same position in 2 consecutive innings. All players must play the infield a minimum of one inning per game.**
- No games scores will be kept as this is an instructional division.
- Minor B will use neon yellow 11 inch softballs, plush softballs are not allowed.

### **Pitching Rules - All Season**

- **The Minor B Division is a Coach Pitch Division and Hitting Tee blended Division.**
- The coach will get 4 total pitches to the batter, if after those 4 pitches the batter does not put the ball in play, the batter will get to use a tee at home plate and will be allowed 3 swings. If the batter doesn't put the ball in play after those 3 swings the batter is out.
- Coach pitches fouled off by the batter DO count in the 4 pitches total to the batter.
- No walks are allowed as a result of coach pitch.
- Coaches must pitch underhand to batters.
- The Coach will pitch from 35 feet, the required distance for the Minor Divisions in Little League Softball.
  - Soft-Toss and / or pitching from a closer distance is NOT allowed at any time.
- While the coach is pitching the player / pitcher must remain within the 8 foot circle and be even with, or behind, the coach that is pitching.
- Managers are NOT required to use the League Admin Pro website in this division ONLY.

## Game Rescheduling

- No game will be rescheduled for any reason except rainouts or school events. **All Games will be rescheduled within 48 hours of the original game date to be played in the future.** This does not mean that the game must be played within 72 hours. If a date cannot be agreed upon, District 13 will determine the outcome or reschedule date.
- Once a makeup game is rescheduled the **VP or Rep** of the **HOME** team will make the appropriate changes to the date and time on the league admin pro website.

## Good Sportsmanship

- Teams may cheer or chant for their **OWN** team only.
- **NO inappropriate** comments will be made towards the opposing team.
- **If inappropriate comments are made to an opposing team, the manager will receive a warning from the umpires. If the comments continue, the manager may be ejected from the game. This is subject to the Umpires' Discretion.**

## League Resources

- IL District 13
  - <http://www.illinoisdistrict13.com>
- League Admin Pro
  - <http://www.leagueadminpro.com/d13softball/>
- Little League Softball
  - <http://www.littleleague.org/media/softball.htm>

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