



## **Illinois District 13 Little League**

### **2020 Major Softball**

### **Supplemental Rules**

#### **League Composition**

- The Major Division in Illinois District 13 is comprised of league age 10-12 year olds who are experienced softball players looking for a competitive level of play.
  - 12 Year Olds only may be “Dual Rostered” on a Major AND Junior Division Team roster at the same time.
  - The Major Division will be scheduled to play a total of **16** games.
- Games will be scheduled on Mon, Wed, Sat.
- Games to start Week of **8/3**.

#### **Administration**

- Illinois District 13 Staff will be the overall administrators of the District 13 Major 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.
  - All decisions made by District 13 in regards to protests will be considered final and binding.

#### **Umpires**

- The home team is responsible for umpires for their games.
- Major Division leagues may choose to either use 1 or 2 umpires and is the sole discretion of the league.

#### **Playing Rules**

- The current year Little League Softball Rulebook will be used for the Major Division in all areas except when explicitly stated within this document.

- Below are amendments that will apply during the **regular season only**.
- Each team **should** have a minimum of 9 players present at the start of the game.
  - *If a team wished to donate a player to the other team so they can field 9 players, it is encouraged.*
- *There will be a 7 run per inning max and unlimited runs for the final inning (called by the umpire).*
- **Slaughter Rule** – if either team has a lead of 15 or more runs after 3 innings (2 ½ if the home team is leading by 15 or more runs), the game will be considered complete. If either team has a lead of 10 or more runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs), the game will be considered complete.
- In the event of inclement weather the opposing team must provide at least 1 hour 30 minute notification of the game's cancellation.
- 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.
- **Pitching, Bunting, and Stealing are allowed in the Major Division in accordance with the Little League Rulebook.**
- *Managers and coaches are NOT allowed to warm up pitchers at any time once the game has begun.*

#### **Rule Amendment Approved on 8/6/2020:**

- **No Fake Bunts are allowed. If the batter shows bunt, the batter will have to either put the ball in play via a successful bunt or they can pull the bat back and take the pitch.**
- **If the batter shows bunt, pulls the bat back and then takes a full swing, this will be considered an illegal action and the batter will be called out.**

#### **Time Limits**

- The time limit for this division will be **1 hour 45 minutes**. After this time **no new inning** will be started. The current inning will be completed unless the game has been called due to weather or darkness.
- The time limit will begin with the coaches meeting at home plate with the umpire in chief and the specific time will be agreed upon during that meeting.

#### **Batting Order**

- The Major Division will be using a continuous batting order.
  - This means that minimum play will be met when a player plays 6 defensive outs **and** 1 at bat.
- Batting order for both teams will consist of the team with the most number of players at the game.

## Pitching and Game Logs

- It is a **requirement** that managers for each team log their pitching information and game results within the League Admin Pro site.
  - <http://www.leagueadminpro.com/d13softball/>
- Managers are required to input their results into the League Admin Pro website within **24 hours** of the game's conclusion.
- The Home team manager is responsible for inputting the scores into the system.
  - Managers that become repeat offenders for not complying and not using the website, the following will be strongly suggested:
    - 1st Occurrence - Manager will receive a written warning
    - 2nd Occurrence - Manager will receive a one (1) game suspension
    - 3rd Occurrence - Manager will be suspended for five (5) games
    - 4th Occurrence - Manager will be removed for the remainder of the season
  - ***Please note that if a team hasn't uploaded their game results and pitching information to the League Admin Pro website, pitches a player, and that player is found to be an ineligible pitcher, Little League Rules and Regulations will be followed in regards to ineligible pitchers.***

## Game Rescheduling

- No game will be rescheduled for any reason except rainouts, school event, or inability to field nine (9) players. ***All Games will be rescheduled within 72 hours of the original game date.***
- Once a makeup game is rescheduled the **VP or Rep** of the **HOME** team will contact District to make the appropriate changes to the date and time in 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 will 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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