



**SOFTBALL MAJORS DIVISION
LOCAL RULES & GUIDELINES**

These local rules do not attempt to explain every playing or safety rule. All managers and assistants should have a thorough understanding of all Rules and Regulations in the Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules Book (the “Orange Book”). The rules and regulations within the Orange Book allow the local leagues some room for modifications. The following are the permissible options or modifications that Summerlin South, Summerlin North, and Peccole Little Leagues have adopted:

GENERAL:

1. The Majors Division is considered competitive. However, the primary focus of managers and coaches should be on the development of the players. There will be a postseason tournament in this division.
2. All managers, coaches and volunteers must have a completed background check prior to participating in practices and games with the team. Managers and coaches must wear the League-issued jersey (with name on back) and League-issued ID badge during games and the League-issued badge during practices. Volunteers who have not been approved as coaches and issued a coach’s jersey may not be on the field or in the dugout at any time.
3. Each team can have *only* one manager and two coaches in the dugout. One of the managers or coaches must be in the dugout at all times. If only the manager and one coach is at the game, while on offense, only one of them may be a base coach and the other must remain in the dugout. A player may coach a base but must wear a helmet.
4. Prior to the start of the game, the infield shall not be used for warm ups or practice. All warm-up activity should take place outside of the 1st and 3rd baselines towards the outfield.
5. Managers shall use the official SSSL line-up card.
6. Pitch counts and scores must be submitted by the winning team (or home team in the event of a tie) to the SSSL website within 24 hours of the end of the game.
7. Postponement of games will only be allowed in the event of inclement weather, power failure, acts of God, etc. Only an authorized Board member can make the determination to postpone a game prior to the game starting. Once the game has begun, the umpire and an authorized Board member, if available, shall make such decision jointly. If no authorized Board member is available at the fields or by phone, the umpire is authorized to postpone a game for the above-stated reasons.
8. The use of artificial noisemakers is not permitted.

TIME AND RUN LIMITS:

1. No new inning may commence after 1:45 from the scheduled game time (regardless of whether the game starts late). There is no drop dead time.
2. There is no run limit in any inning.
3. The 15-run rule (after the losing team bats 3 times) and 10-run rule (after the losing team bats 4 times) are in effect.

PLAYING RULES:

1. The batting order will consist of all players on the team roster regardless of whether they are currently playing in the field. A player that arrives late must be placed at the bottom of the batting order with no penalty.
2. The infield fly rule is in effect
3. Base stealing (on pitched and/or passed balls) is permitted, subject to the following:



- i. Base runners attempting to steal on a pitched ball may not leave their respective bases until the ball has been released by the pitcher on the delivery.
4. Players shall play every other inning. Players may not sit two consecutive innings.
5. Players may advance to 1st base on an uncaught third strike pursuant to Orange Book Rule 6.09.
6. The batter must keep one foot in the batter's box during the entire at bat pursuant to Orange Book Rule 6.02(c) unless one of the exceptions in Rule 6.02(c) applies.

PITCHING LIMITS:

1. Pitching limits are governed by the Orange Book. Pitching limitations have two components; (1) maximum number of innings a player can pitch based on her "League Age;" and (2) rest requirements after a player has pitched.
2. Maximum Innings Per Week: To promote the development of more pitching, a player may not pitch in more than 6 innings in a given week during the regular season. A week is defined as Sunday through Saturday for the purposes of this rule.
3. Rest Requirements: Pitchers must adhere to the rest requirements stated in the Orange Book:
4. Penalty for violation: The use of an illegal player/pitcher will NOT automatically result in a forfeit of the game in which the player is used but may be referred to the protest committee for decision pursuant to Orange Book Regulation VI and Rule 4.19. But, REGARDLESS OF INTENT, any manager that does not STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PITCH RULES shall be suspended as follows:
 - 1st Offense – Suspended for the next played game.
 - 2nd Offense – Suspended for the next and consecutive played games.
 - 3rd Offense – Suspended for the remainder of the season.

Multiple violations and/or intentional violations may warrant additional discipline by the League.

APPROVED BATS:

1. All bats must be approved under Orange Book regulations.
2. The use of an illegal bat in a game will result in the violating team losing one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game. For the second infraction in a given game, the manager of the violating team will be ejected. Any subsequent infraction in a given game will result in the newly-designated manager being ejected from the game.