

BYSL LOCAL SOFTBALL RULES 2021

Peewee Division

General Rules

- The on-deck position is not permitted.
- All teams on defense are allowed to position (2) coaches in the outfield for instructional purposes during the first half of the season.
- Any base runner that has broken the plane of the half way marker between bases when the umpire calls time, will be awarded the next base. If the plane is not broken when time is called, then the runner must return to the previous base.

Pitcher Position

- The preferred position is for the pitcher to be in the circle. Pitcher can stand about 1 foot behind the pitcher's circle when batter is batting for safety purposes. They should not stand to the left or right of the circle, but directly behind the circle. They have to be in the circle to call time on a play.

Bunting

- Bunting is allowed. Players cannot show a bunt, then pull the bat back and hit.

Stealing

- Stealing bases is not allowed.

Leading Off

- Players are NOT be allowed to lead off.

Batting Order

- Continuous batting order will be used that includes all players.

Minor Division

General Rules

- Need to keep warm up time between innings to 4-5 pitches to keep the game moving and on time.
- Nine players will be on the field during play. Teams will bat their lineup with open substitutions. Ten players can be used if both coaches agree.
- The courtesy runner for the catcher will be the player who made the last out. · No third dropped third strike rule for Minor Division.

Pitching

- Pitching distance is to be 35 feet for Minors - from back of home plate to pitching mound.

- A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once (1) in the same inning as she was removed.

Stealing

· Stealing 2nd, 3rd, and home will be allowed from the start of the season. · Overthrows are live balls.

Leading Off

· Players will be allowed to lead off, but not until the ball has been batted or reaches the batter. If a runner leaves early, they are out.

Batting Order

· Continuous batting order will be used that includes all players.

Major Division

General Rules

- Need to keep warm up time between innings to 4-5 pitches to keep the game moving and on time.
- Nine players will be on the field during play. Teams will bat their lineup with open substitutions. Ten players can be used if both coaches agree.
 - There is no courtesy runner in Majors.
 - Dropped third strike rule is in effect for Major division.

Pitching

· Pitching distance is 40 feet for Majors - from back of home plate to pitching mound. · A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once (1) in the same inning as she was removed.

Stealing

· Stealing 2nd, 3rd, and home will be allowed from the start of the season. · Overthrows are live balls.

Leading Off

· Players will be allowed to lead off, but not until the ball has been batted or reaches the batter. If a runner leaves early, they are out.

Batting Order

· Continuous batting order will be used that includes all players.