

## Major League Softball Rules 2017

1. Fans, heckling players, coaches or umpires must be dealt with by team managers and/or umpires. If the fan continues to act inappropriately, play must be suspended until that fan leaves the grounds.
2. No arguing calls. All judgment calls are final. Questions regarding interpretations should involve team managers and umpire only. Remember- our goal is to get the call right.
3. Games start at 5:30 pm (unless agreed upon by both teams).
4. Home teams will supply the umpire. If umpires are unavailable, parents may be asked for assistance. All umpires should umpire from behind the catcher.
5. Weekday games: New inning cannot be started at the judgment of the umpire that further play would no longer be safe for the children.
6. A player can only sit out 2 defensive innings per game.
7. Little league softball pitching rules apply with one exception:
  - A: Pitcher must be removed after hitting her 4<sup>th</sup> batter in a game or 3<sup>rd</sup> batter in the inning.
8. 3-6 rule. Each half inning will end at 3 outs or 6 runs---whichever comes first.
9. Continuous batting order, open defensive substitution.
10. Each team may place 10 players on the field for defense. The tenth player must play an outfield position. No more than 10 should ever be used on the field.
11. Infield fly rule in effect. No head first sliding.
12. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule is in effect.
13. Pitchers should be encouraged to wear face masks/guards, although not required/mandatory.
14. Before the game, team managers may confer on whether to remove a rule from gameplay. Must be agreed on by both managers. The rule removed cannot counteract LL rules concerning the division. No restrictions can be added to the ruleset in this fashion.