

**OTLL 2011 SOFTBALL RULES**

*All International Little League Rules Apply With These Exceptions (House Rules)*

<b>Category</b>	<b>Minor League</b>	<b>Major League</b>
<b>Games</b>	16	15
<b>Scoring</b>	Games 5-16	All Games
<b>Score Reporting</b>	Home Team Responsible: scores@otll.org	Home Team Responsible: scores@otll.org
<b>Uniform Requirements</b>	No Jewelry - Uniform Jerseys Must be worn, if the weather is cold sweatshirts can be worn but encouraged to be under the Uniform Jersey. Visors are optional	No Jewelry - Uniform Jerseys Must be worn, if the weather is cold sweatshirts can be worn but encouraged to be under the Uniform Jersey. Visors are optional
<b>Innings</b>	6	6
<b>Time Limit</b>	No New Inning After 1 hr 30 Minutes	No New Inning After 1 hr 45 Minutes
<b>Number of Players Required</b>	Team must start and end the game with 8 players - A team will be permitted to end the game with 8 players if an injury or illness has occurred at no time will the game be allowed to continue with less than 8 players	Team must start and end the game with 8 players - A team will be permitted to end the game with 8 players if an injury or illness has occurred at no time will the game be allowed to continue with less than 8 players
<b>Curfew</b>	No Pitch After 10:00 PM	No Pitch After 10:00 PM
<b>Time Starts</b>	At 1st pitch	At 1st pitch
<b>Extra Innings</b>	Yes, if within time limit	Yes, if within time limit
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>In Between Innings</b>	3 Pitches, No Infield / Outfield Ball	3 Pitches, No Infield / Outfield Ball
<b>Runs Per Inning</b>	5 Maximum Per Inning, unlimited in last inning (Umpire Must Declare Last Inning)	5 Maximum Per Inning, unlimited in last inning (Umpire Must Declare Last Inning)
<b>Scoreboard</b>	Home Team Responsible	Home Team Responsible
<b>Softball Size</b>	11"	12"
<b>Number of Fielders</b>	10 - 4th Outfielder or Short Fielder	9
<b>Playing Time</b>	2 Innings in Field - Not Consecutive	2 Innings in Field - Not Consecutive
<b>Batting Order</b>	Rolling Line-Up - late arrivals should be entered at the bottom of the lineup. If a player leaves during the game for any reason other than ejection their spot is simply skipped - if it is due to an ejection an out is to be recorded.	Rolling Line-Up - late arrivals should be entered at the bottom of the lineup. If a player leaves during the game for any reason other than ejection their spot is simply skipped - if it is due to an ejection an out is to be recorded.
<b>Substitutions</b>	Free Substitution	Free Substitution
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	35 feet	40 feet
<b>Coach Pitch</b>	Yes - After 3 Walks / Hit Batters and 3-0 Count - No Walks or Hit Batters Allowed	No
<b>Pitching Development Rule</b>	If Pitcher Throws 5 Innings - 1 Pitch Constitutes an Inning a Game Off is Required	If Pitcher Throws 5 Innings - 1 Pitch Constitutes an Inning a Game Off is Required
<b>Crow Hop</b>	N/A	NO WARNINGS
<b>Penalty for Crow Hop</b>	N/A	Ball & Runners Advance
<b>Dropped 3rd Strike</b>	No	No
<b>Base Running</b>	1 Base on Infield Hits, 2+ on Outfield Hits	Unlimited
<b>Runners Allowed to Lead</b>	Ball Reaches Batter	Ball Reaches Batter
<b>Stealing Bases</b>	4 Per Inning, Not Home	YES - All Bases
<b>Penalty for Leaving Early</b>	Warning, Runner Called Out	Runner Called Out
<b>Advancing on Over-Throws</b>	No	Yes
<b>Bunting Allowed</b>	YES - No Pull Back and Swing	YES - No Pull Back and Swing
<b>Penalty for Pull Back and Swing</b>	Warning, Batter is Called Out	Batter is Called Out
<b>Infield Fly</b>	No	Yes
<b>Defensive Safety Masks</b>	Encouraged for Pitcher, 3B and 1B (Parents Discretion)	Encouraged for Pitcher and 3B (Parents Discretion)