

## **Shoreline Softball League – Girls Majors 2018 Local Rules**

1. Free substitution will be allowed on the field (pitchers per LLI official rules).
2. A game can be played with a minimum of 8 players. All players are required to play at least 3 complete innings per game. The only exception will be when there are 4 or fewer innings. In this case, all players are required to play 2 complete innings. Players arriving late are required to play a portion of the required innings depending when the player arrives. If a player arrives before the the end of the 2nd inning, the player is required to play 2 innings in a 5 or 6 inning game or 1 inning in a 4 or fewer inning game. If a player arrives after the 2nd inning but before the 4th inning, the player must play 1 inning in a 5 or 6 inning game and at the coach's discretion in a 4 inning or fewer game. Players arriving after the end of the 4th inning play at the coach's discretion.
3. Continuous batting orders, in which all players at the game bat, regardless of whether they are playing the field, will be used throughout the game. If a player arrives after the game has started, both the opposing manager and umpire should be notified and the player will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
4. Games are 6 innings. There is no mercy rule. Games can be called before 6 innings at the umpire's discretion. If back to back games are scheduled on the same field, (e.g. 3:00 and 5:00) a new inning can not start 1 hour and 40 minutes from the start of the game (4:40 for a 3:00 game). Coaches can agree to continue past 2 hours if there is no other game scheduled after their game. If the coaches disagree, it is the umpire's discretion to continue the game.
5. Teams should arrive 30 minutes before game time. Throwing and batting practice should take place in the outfield. Each team will be given 10 minutes prior to the game for infield practice with the visiting team going first. All warm-ups should be complete 5 minutes before game time. Players must wear a catchers mask when warming up pitchers. An adult coach must be present in the dugout at all times. Players who coach bases must wear helmets.
6. With 2 outs, if the catcher for the batting team is on base, the batting team has the option to replace her with the player who made the last out in an effort to speed up the game.

7. An inning will be considered over when:
  - A) 3 outs occur
  - B) 5 runs have scored
8. The 6th inning (last) and any later innings of the game will be played as "open softball." The limit on the number of runs scored in the inning will not apply. Due to time limits and darkness, it is the umpire's decision as to what will be the "last" inning of the game. The umpire can call a game at any time for safety concerns (darkness, weather, etc).
9. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch no more than 4 innings per game in an effort to develop more pitchers. (1 pitch equals 1 inning)
10. Any single pitcher that hits 3 batters in the same inning must be replaced at the pitcher position for the remainder of the inning. The pitcher will be allowed to return to the pitcher position in future innings and their hit batter tally restarts at 0. The partial inning counts toward their 4 inning maximum.
11. The 2018 LLI Rulebook governs all rules. The commissioner in conjunction with Madison LL Board of Directors will settle all disputes that can not be settled at the field.