

ALAMO HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR GIRLS' PROGRAM GROUND RULES

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The Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Softball (the "Rulebook") that apply during the regular season shall apply for the AHLL regular season and for the AHLL Tournament except as provided herein.

- A. Preliminaries.** Each coach shall furnish the opposing coach, announcer and home plate umpire a batting order with the players' names, jersey numbers and starting positions. *The home team is responsible for adult supervision of the announcers' booth and the visiting team is responsible for providing 1 person for the concession stand for the entire game. Failure to provide these positions will result in delaying the game. The umpires will not start the game until these requirements are met. The game's 1½ hour time limit will be reduced by the time it takes to fill these positions.* Each team will have (5) minutes for infield practice with the visitors taking the infield first. Each team will be responsible for maintaining a scorebook. Failure to do such could result in an indefensible position in the event a protest arises during the season. The batting cages are reserved for the four teams that are scheduled to play for one hour prior to the start of the game.
- B. Late Players.** If a player arrives after the first pitch is thrown, the coach of that team shall call time out and notify the opposing coach that the player has arrived late and will place this player in the last batting position on the roster. The coach may require the late player to sacrifice a required defensive inning of play for each defensive inning she is unable to start due to being late.
- C. Regulation Game.** If four (4) complete innings have elapsed prior to the end of one and one-half (1½) hours of play, the game shall end as a regulation game. If, however, the game is tied, the game shall be played out until a winner is determined; provided, however, no new extra inning shall start after two hours of play have elapsed. If the game still remains tied, the game shall be declared a tie. A new inning starts the moment the third out is made against the home team.
- D. Run Rules.** A half inning will be complete when either 3 outs have occurred or six (6) runs have scored, which ever comes first. If after (4) innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 11 runs or more, the coach of the losing team shall concede the game. The home team may complete the inning if they are behind by 11 runs subject to the approval of the opposing coach and normal time limitations.
- E. Pitching.** Coaches may warm up pitchers. **F. Weather.** The Board Members in charge of Field Maintenance or, if absent, the Board Members on duty, will determine whether or not the fields are playable due to weather. Once a game is begun, the umpire makes all judgments regarding halting play due to weather conditions. If a game is only temporarily halted, it is resumed from the point at which it is stopped. Additional time equal to the amount of time actually lost during such suspended time up to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes shall be added to the official clock. If a game is halted due to weather in which four (4) innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is

the team that was the highest seeded team when the tournament began. If the two teams that are playing for the championship are required to play two consecutive games to determine the champion, the home team in the second game will be the team that was the visitor in the first game.