

ALAMO HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR GIRLS' PROGRAM GROUND RULES

Spring 2015

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 2 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.** The Manager has the decision to either allow the "Late Player" to play or not; remembering that the Manager is responsible to allow every player to participate in the game for 6 outs and have 1 turn at bat in order to meet requirements of Regulation IV (i)—pages 34 & 35 in the 2015 Rulebook. If the coach does allow the "late player" to play, 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 late player must still fulfill the mandatory play requirement.
- C. Regulation Game.** If seven (7) complete innings have elapsed prior to the end of two (2) hours of play, the game shall end as a regulation game. If, however, the game is tied and there is no game following, the game shall be played out until a winner is determined; provided, no new extra inning shall start after curfew (10:00 P.M.). 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 seven (7) runs have scored, whichever comes first. If after five (5) innings, or four and one half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the losing team shall concede the game.
- E. Pitching.** Coaches may not 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 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 five (5) innings (or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) have been completed, it is a regulation game, and a winner is determined. The rescheduling of any halted or suspended game shall be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner

G. Stealing, Bunting and Sliding. Stealing, bunting, and sliding are allowed. A batter-runner cannot be tagged out after overrunning or over sliding first base if said batter-runner returns immediately to the base. The Rulebook will determine collisions, sliding and interference issues.

H. Infield Fly Rule. Refer to Rule Book

I. Full Roster. If at any time during the season a team loses a player for personal, injury, or residence purposes and that player cannot return prior to the season ending, it will be up to the Player Agent's and/or Softball Commissioner's discretion to determine if a player should be added. If a new player is added the player will come from the available pool of players as determined by the Player Agent. In addition, if it is determined that a team does not have enough players to officially begin a game, then a player (12 Year Old) may be brought up from the Major Division on a temporary basis (game). This player will be selected on a rotation basis from the available pool of players as determined by the Player Agent. Please refer to Rule Book for further explanation and conditions.

J. Mandatory Play. See Regulation IV (i)—page 34 & 35

K. Coaching.

- 1. Bases and Dugout.** Each team will have 3 adults/coaches in the dugout for each game. Adults/coaches will be the base coaches for the game. Each team will have an adult/coach at first base, at third base and in the dugout. The Head Coach/Manager will be responsible for his team's choice of coaches. Coaches must be granted a timeout before leaving the dugout.
- 2. Behind Home Plate.** No coaching will be allowed from behind the home plate area. Head coaches will be responsible for keeping his team's coaches and parents from coaching in this area.
- 3. Assistant Coaches.** Head coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their assistant coaches during the game. Failure to control the assistant coaches may result in suspension of the head coach at the discretion of the league.

L. Removal/Ejection. Umpires may remove/eject any coach or player from the game. Should a coach or player be removed/ejected from a game, that coach or player must

leave the AHLL premises. A coach or player removed/ejected from a game is automatically suspended for his next physically played game and is subject to additional suspension time for conduct, which resulted in being removed/ejected from a game.

M. After the Game. Both teams are responsible for cleaning their respective dugouts and spectator bleachers. After the game, both teams are responsible for watering the field, raking around each base and home plate, and raking the pitcher's mound.

N. AHLL Tournament. The above rules shall also apply during the AHLL Tournament (World Series) except as hereinafter provided. Games shall not end in a tie. In the AHLL Tournament (World Series), the home team for the first round game will be 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 winning team in the first game.