

# 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 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 six (6) 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, however, no new extra inning shall start after two and one half hours of play have elapsed or 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 six (6) runs have scored, whichever comes first. If after (4) innings (or 3 1/2 if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 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 10 runs subject to the approval of the opposing coach and normal time limitations.

**E. Pitching.** Coaches may not warm up pitchers. Refer to Rule Book.

**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) minute shall be added to the official clock. If a game is halted due to weather in which four (4) innings (or 3 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. Infield Fly Rule. Addressed in Rule Book**

**H. Full Roster.** If at anytime during the season a team loses a player for personal, injury, or residence purposes and that player cannot return prior to the season ending or if a team losses a player on a temporary basis which causes the team not to have a full official team, 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.

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

**J. Coaching** – See Rule 1.01—page 45

**K. 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.

**L. \_\_\_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 pitchers mound.

**M. \_\_\_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 winner in the first game.



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