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2018 Senior League Softball Rules

Rosters: Official rosters of each team will be filed with the *Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator* before the first game. A maximum of 15 and a minimum of 12 players will be carried on each team. Roster changes will be submitted to the *Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator* within three calendar days.

Home Team: The team listed second on the scheduled playing date is the home team and shall have the playing field for ten minutes at twenty minutes before game time (when available) for their warm ups.

Visiting Team: The team listed first on the scheduled playing date is the visiting team and shall have the playing field for ten minutes at ten minutes before game time (when available) for their warm ups.

Playing Field: Prior to the start of the Senior League Softball season, each participating league will prepare ground rules that are unique to their fields. *A copy of these ground rules will be supplied to the Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator.* These ground rules shall be covered at the pregame conference with the umpires. Each league is responsible for the preparation of the fields.

Softball: Softballs will be 12", white or optic yellow, leather or synthetic leather and normal flight.

Pitching: A pitcher who pitches in 5 or more innings in a game may only pitch in 5 innings or less in the next played game.

Batting: Batters will keep one foot in the batter's box during their at-bat.

Pinch Runners: A team will be allowed one pinch runner per inning.

Umpires: The home team shall provide a minimum of two umpires, 18 years or older. **(Adults preferred)**
Rule 9.00 (d) will not be in force. (stealing signs and automatic ejection).

Starting Time: Weekday games will start at 6:00PM. (When two teams from different Leagues are participating or prior arrangements are made.) Weekend games will start at the scheduled time. Every effort should be made to reschedule games not played due to weather. This is the responsibility of the participating leagues.

Ending the Game: There are no time limits used in Senior Softball. (Section VII (h)) The 10 run rule will be used. **Any team trailing by 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 or more runs after five or more innings the game will be called. (Rule 4.10e)** Leagues may use a time limit on weekend games due to field constraints.

Regulation Game: A regulation game shall consist of a minimum of five innings. (Weeknight games called due to darkness or Saturday due to a time limit and have completed the fifth inning is a complete game. If less than 5 innings is played the game will be resumed from the point it stopped at a future time. This is the responsibility of the participating leagues.

Darkness: Calling the game due to darkness is the **sole judgment of the umpires** and not any local league rule.

Protest: Protests will first be submitted on the field of play in accordance with playing rule 4.19. Protests are only considered when they involve interpretation of a playing rule or the use of an ineligible player. The written protest must be e-mailed within one calendar day of the day of the game (2 days if it is a Saturday game) and mailed to the *Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator*. His decision is final. **(Phil Raines, Praines22@yahoo.com).**

District Tournament of Champions: The team from each league with the best record will represent their league in the District 4 Tournament of Champions.

ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED BY THE 2018 LITTLE LEAGUE SENIOR SOFTBALL RULES, EXCEPT FOR PITCHING!!!