

## Montana District 1 Little League

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/mt1softball>

Or go to <https://www.mtd1ll.org> and click on the "Softball"

2024 Softball Regular Season @ T.O.C

- All games shall be conducted in each division in accordance with the applicable Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball & Softball. Ignoring these rules is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- The Minimum Play rule will be strictly enforced by all leagues and divisions. Major BB & SB division will be mandatory that your team use continuous batting and free substitution in all games. All players must play for a minimum of 6 defensive outs by the end of a regulation game. Batting at least once should be complete by definition (See Rule Book).
- Each team will present a current pitching affidavit at the start of all games (before game starts) and this will be signed in ink by the official scorer and returned to the manager at the end of the game.
- **The home team will be responsible for field prep, official pitch counter & scorekeeper, and plate umpire. Visitor will provide a field umpire. Home will provide 2 new softballs to the umpire at the start of the game.**
- No food in dugouts. Gum and sunflower seeds are allowed if home team rules allow. All teams shall clean the dugout of trash and debris upon leaving.
- Majors and Up - Please refer to the Little League rule book for additional rules.
- During the regular Season: Majors and above-Teams can start a game with 8 players. The team can start with 8 with the expectation that the team has a player coming or a pool player coming to fill the 9th spot. IF you get to the 9th spot, and the player is not there, it is an out. What we do not want is to have teams take advantage of this by not trying to get a full team to play the game and the penalty of an out should assist with that.
- Face masks are required for pitchers, first and third basemen. If the player doesn't have a fielding mask, then they cannot play those positions.
- 9/10 Softball Division - Please refer to the 9/10 Softball Special Rules Document

### **Game Protocol:**

- Visiting team infield at 5:30, home team 5:40, plate meeting 5:50.
- Catcher's facemask required during warm-ups for players. Managers and coaches CAN warm-up pitchers in-between innings.
- Home team 3rd base dugout/Visitor 1st base dugout unless the District approved before the start of year.
- Captains to Pitching Circle, teams on foul lines-Perform Pledge of Allegiance and Little League Pledge-start game. No time limit for majors and above in Baseball or Softball.
- Regulation game-6 innings for 9/10, 11/12 Divisions/7 innings for JRS/SRS Divisions.

- 15, 10 and 8 Run rules apply to all divisions of Softball, majors and above. See Rulebook.
- Home team 3rd base dugout/Visitor 1st base unless the District approved before the start of the year.
- During the Regular season, the home field team is the home team. During TOC, the home team will be based on seeding. The better seed is home.
- All rainout and other rescheduled games shall be completed as soon as possible.
- Managers are responsible for rescheduling. District will determine forfeits. Please make up all games.
- **Notes for Seniors:** DP Flex or Straight substitution are to be used during the Regular Season and T.O.C.

### Pitching Rules

**Instructional Minors:** League age 10 and up --not eligible to pitch (p. 34). Reg. Season Rules: 12 innings per day. One day of rest is required if more than 6 innings pitched in a day. Single pitch counts as an inning.

**9-10 Softball:** League age 11 and up --not eligible to pitch (p. 34). Reg. Season Rules: 12 innings per day. One day of rest is required if more than 6 innings pitched in a day. Single pitch counts as an inning.

**Majors and up Leagues:** Pitches more than seven (7) inning --one (1) calendar day rest required. May pitch a maximum of twelve (12) innings a day. One (1) pitch= 1 Inning.

### **Reporting game scores:**

- Send email to [mtd1.ll.sbscores@gmail.com](mailto:mtd1.ll.sbscores@gmail.com) Please do not text me scores.
- **Subject line** - Division  
**Body of email**- Teams and score  
Example:  
Subject = **9/10 Majors - Smith**  
Body: **Heights - 5 Burlington Central 7**
- Please report scores each night after games.

**\*\*GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ALL MANAGERS, COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS/FANS & ALL VOLUNTEERS AT ALL TIMES. ALL EJECTIONS WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF GAME(S) FOR ALL PARTIES. ADDITIONAL PENALTIES WILL RESULT IN FURTHER SUSPENSIONS. ALL MANAGERS, COACHES, & BOARD MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP FOR ALL THE YOUTH IN LITTLE LEAGUE.**