

2009 SUMMARY of DIVISION PLAYING RULES (Approved 3/27/2009)

The rules and regulations for Florence Little League Softball are those contained in the 2009 Minor League and Little League Softball Official Regulations and Regular Season Playing Rules published by Little League Baseball, Inc. with the following supplements:

U9 DIVISION (7, 8, 9 Yr. Old)	U12 DIVISION (10, 11, 12 Yr. Old)
11 Inch Ball	12 Inch Ball
Pitching Distance 35 ft, 8'-0" diameter circle	Pitching Distance 40 ft, 8'-0" diameter circle
Time Limit: No New Inning After 1 ½ Hours or Darkness. Drop Dead Time 15 min. before start of next scheduled game, regardless of start time or 10:00 p.m. Game reverts to last completed inning.	Time Limit No New Inning After 1 ¾ Hours or Darkness. Drop Dead Time 15 min. before start of next scheduled game, regardless of start time or 10:00 p.m. Game reverts to last completed inning.
6 Innings	
Max. 5 Runs per Inning	No new batters after 6th run scores; a play must be made.
Mercy Rule: (10)-Runs after (4)-Innings	
<p>Player / Coach Pitch – No Walks Each batter will be pitched to by a pitcher from the opposing team. Upon the count reaching ball 4, the hitting team's coach will pitch starting with the number of strikes in the count. The coach will pitch from the rubber and the umpire will continue to call balls and strikes. Upon strike 3, the batter is out. A foul ball with a two strike count does not count and the coach will continue to pitch until the ball is hit or missed. A ball accidentally fielded by the coach pitcher shall be considered a dead ball, the batter awarded 1st base, and each runner advanced (1) base. No Coaching from field when pitching. Any intentional interference by the coach during coach pitch will result in the batter being out and runners returned to their original base. The player pitcher must remain in the circle as a defensive player during coach pitch.</p>	Player Pitch
Continuous Batting Order	
<p>Stealing: When Ball Reaches Plate. Batter is ruled out for leaving base early. Max (2) attempted steals of home per inning An attempt constitutes a run scored OR an out at the plate. A runner attempting to advance who is not more than ½ way to the next base when the pitcher is in control of the ball in the circle, must return to the previous base. No Stealing permitted during Coach Pitch.</p>	<p>Stealing: When Ball Reaches Plate. Batter is ruled out for leaving base early. Max (3) attempted steals of home per inning. An attempt constitutes a run scored OR an out at the plate</p>
A base runner that fails to slide or avoid a defensive player attempting to field a ball shall be called out, if in the opinion of the umpire, a play could be made at the base.	
Bunting & slapping permitted but no slash bunting. Batter is ruled out for executing or attempting to execute a slash bunt.	
<p>Players on field: 10; 8 players to start & finish The game will be considered a forfeit if the number of players drops below 8. There will be no penalty for 8 players in the batting order.</p>	<p>Players on Field: 9; 8 players to start & finish The game will be considered a forfeit if the number of players drops below 8. There will be no penalty for (8) players in the batting order.</p>
Minimum Play Time: 6-Defensive Outs AND 1-At Bat. It is the league objective that all players play at least 1/2 of the game.	
<p>Innings Pitched: Max (6)-Innings/Game Max Combination of (6)-Innings for Every (2) – Consecutive Games Played (1)-Pitch = (1)-Inning Pitching outside of Rec League (incl. Inter-League) does not count towards innings pitched.</p>	
Courtesy Runner for Catcher w/ (2)-Outs: Last Batted Out of Inning	
No Infield Fly Rule	Infield Fly Rule
No Dropped 3 rd Strike	
Record Score and Pitchers Innings in Concession Stand Log Book. Report information to Division Commissioner	
Substitution: By the Book	