

**Beaufort County PALS**  
**2018 Local League Rules**  
9-11 Softball

1. All Dixie Softball Rules will apply with the following exceptions, and notations.
2. A minimum of **8** players are required to start the game. A maximum of **10** players can play in the field. An out will be counted at the **9<sup>th</sup>** spot in the batting lineup if only 8 players are present for the game. If a team does not have enough players, they may borrow from the other team. The coach of the opposing team will select players to be borrowed.
3. When the ninth batter of the inning comes to the plate and the team is playing short-handed, there will automatically be two outs. If the ninth batter walks, the batter and all runners will advance two bases whether they are forced to do so or not. Even if the ninth batter is put out during the play, the team will not start out the next inning with an out because of the vacant tenth spot.
4. The first scheduled game of each day will have a ten (10) minute grace period. Otherwise, game time is forfeit time.

Note: Grace period does not count towards time limit.
5. There will be a **1 ½ hour time limit** on each game. Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
  - a. For 5:30 pm games: No new inning will start after 7:00 pm during a school night. (Tie games will be made up at a later date if necessary)
  - b. For 7:00 pm games: No new inning will start after 9:00pm during a school night. (Tie games will be made up at a later date if necessary) See rule 4:10(a)- 6 in your Dixie Youth rule book.
  - c. There will be no ties on games played on Saturday.
6. Rain-outs / Cancellations:
  - a. If a team will not have enough players (8) to play a scheduled game due to a school function or school holiday, the coach of this team must give seven (7) days notice in writing. The opposing coach will decide which date and time to make the game up. Otherwise the game will result in a forfeit.
  - b. Games shortened by reason of curfew, rain or other acts of God before they have become regulation games shall be resumed from the point of termination. If both teams have batted four times or in the case of the home team when it is leading, three times it shall be considered a regulation game and will not be resumed.
7. Each player is required to play at least **6 consecutive outs**. Starting players may not be substituted for until the beginning of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) inning. The consecutive outs rule does not apply if the game does not go at least four (4) complete innings.
8. There is a ten (10) run mercy rule after four complete innings.
9. Any player, coach or spectator that is ejected from the game will be suspended for the team's next scheduled game, including local league tournaments. A second offense may result in a coach being suspended for the remainder of the season.
  - a. The umpire has complete jurisdiction of the field until he has left the parking lot.
10. See pages 55-60 in Official Rule Book for Dixie Angels rules.

