

Lubbock Youth Softball Recreational League By-Laws (2026)

1. Coaches must submit a lineup at the plate meeting. The lineup must include the players full name, player number, and coaches/team name.
2. 10U - JR Girls fastpitch games will be played under a 75-minute time limit (spring), 70-minute (fall), finishing the inning in our spring season, (Drop Dead time limit for Fall-Ball, player at bat can finish their at-bat once time expires). 6U (Hybrid T'ball) & 8U (Coach Pitch) games will be played under a 55-minute time limit, finish the inning, in our spring and fall season, (Drop Dead time limit for Fall-Ball, player at bat can finish their at-bat once time expires). **IN THE SPRING SEASON ONLY, INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER TO BE USED FOR TIE GAMES.**
3. If a player hits a home run and she (or her parents) would like to keep the game ball as a keepsake, we are more than happy to let them have it. However, the coaching staff will need to provide a replacement ball to swap for it. Replacement Specs: The replacement ball must be an official USSSA blue stitch, .47 COR softball, in new or like new condition. Be Prepared: If the player wants to take her home run ball home that night, you must have the replacement ball on hand during the game to make the swap with the umpire. We highly recommend keeping a spare USSSA blue stitch .47 COR ball or two in your bucket just for this occasion. We don't expect coaches to be financially responsible for those replacements, we know all too well how expensive balls are. We recommend you speak with your players parents and get their help in purchasing those replacement balls, if you think you'll need them.
4. There are no assigned dugouts, the 1st team/coach to arrive can take their choice of dugout. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 3 COACHES ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT: IE. HEAD COACH, 2 ASSISTANTS OR HEAD COACH, ASSISTANT AND TEAM MOM/DAD, and they all must be registered and approved on our LYS online portal, www.wtgaa.com **(For 6U & 8U divisions only, due to being hybrid/coach pitch, teams will be allowed a 4th coach/team parent to manage the dugout/lineup)**
5. Coaches are required to include all players on the roster in the batting lineup. If any girls leave a game for injury or a team bats less than 9, they are not required to take an out.
6. EVERY PLAYER IS REQUIRED TO PLAY AT MINIMUM, 1 FULL INNING ON BOTH OFFENSE/DEFENSE.
7. **IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS TO BE IN THEIR LYS TEAM SHIRTS/JERSEYS FOR ALL GAMES. (CUSTOM SHIRTS/JERSEYS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED DURING LYS GAMES, FORFEITURES WILL BE ENFORCED FOR TEAMS ATTEMPTING TO USE CUSTOM JERSEYS)**
8. Game time is forfeit time if either team cannot field a team of at least 7 players. In all LYS league and end of season tournament games, Coaches are allowed to pick up, up to ONLY 3 other players from ONLY other LYS teams in the event they are going to be short players in their lineup. Those pick-up players must be placed at the bottom of the lineup. Those players must also be in their LYS team shirt/jersey and registered with LYS.

*****IF A PITCHER IS ONE OF THE PICK-UP PLAYERS, SHE MAY NOT PLAY THE PITCHING POSITION FOR THE TEAM PICKING THEM UP***** Should the teams original players arrive, they must be put into the batting order replacing the pick-up players. All pick-up players must be from the same age division or one lower age division only.

9. Teams can begin and end a game with 7 players in LYS with no penalty. **PLEASE PLAY, DON'T FORFEIT!**

10. 8U Division CAN utilize the bunt while at bat.

11. 6U (Hybrid-T'ball), Batters start with 3 coach pitches. If the ball is not put in play, the tee is brought out for the player to finish their turn, ensuring every player hits. After 5 attempts the batter must put the ball in play or is put out. 2 coaches allowed on the field, 1 outfield, 1 foul territory, bat the lineup, coach pitcher can pitch from behind the arc line to the pitching rubber and can't cross the arc line until hitter contact, and must make every attempt to avoid the ball in play, and make their way towards foul territory. If a coach interferes with the play, a dead-ball will be called, and the batter will be called out. Coach pitchers will not be allowed to coach from the pitching circle. The pitching coach must make every effort to move out of the way of a batted ball, if a coach is hit by a batted ball a dead-ball will be called and the batter will be granted 1st base, no runners will advance unless 1st base is occupied.

12. 6U/8U Divisions, a maximum of 7 runs per ½ inning, cumulative, allowed per offensive outing, may be scored. (Fall-Ball is non-cumulative scoring).

13. 10U – JR Divisions, there will be a maximum of 7 runs per ½ inning allowed per offensive outing, non-cumulative for both Spring and Fall seasons.

14. Run rules in effect: 15 after 3 innings and 10 after 4 innings for all age divisions.

15. Teams may courtesy run for the catcher with the last batter put out if there are two outs left in an inning.

16. METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR USE BY PLAYERS IN ALL AGE DIVISIONS.

17. THE HOME TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSIGNING A PARENT VOLUNTEER TO KEEP THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK. THE VISITING TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSIGNING A PARENT VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND THE SCOREBOARD.

18. ALL USSSA & LYS By-Laws, rules and regulations for league play will be enforced by officials on the field of play. Please note, ALL LYS BY-LAWS SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER RULE SETS