

LUBBOCK YOUTH SOFTBALL FALL-BALL GAME RULES / BY-LAWS

- **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE DULY REGISTERED AND BE LISTED ON THEIR TEAMS OFFICIAL LYS ROSTER.**
- All 10U – High School games will be played under a 70-minute drop-dead time limit, finishing after the current batter up at the plate if time expires. All games in the fall are subject to drop-dead time expiration.
- 6U (Modified T'ball), and 8U (Coach Pitch) games will be played under a 55-minute time limit, finishing after the current batter up at the plate if time expires. All games in the fall are subject to drop-dead time expiration.
- Teams will bat the entire roster, (exception allowed for sickness or injury). Any member arriving late can be added to the bottom of the batting order (only the bottom of the batting order). If a player is removed from the game due to sickness or injury, there will be no penalty for this removal unless the batting order drops below 7 players, then the game will be declared a forfeit. In LYS a team can start and finish a game with 7 players.
- Game time is forfeit time if either team cannot field a team of at least 7 players. Coaches are allowed to pick-up up to 3 other players from other current LYS teams in the case they need to meet that 7-player minimum. Those pick-up players must be placed at the bottom of the lineup. Those players must also be in their current seasons LYS team shirt/jersey and registered with LYS. THE ONLY POSITION A PICK-UP PLAYER IS INELIGIBLE TO PLAY IS AT THE PITCHER POSITION. If the teams original players arrive; they must be put into the batting order, and replace the pick-up players.
- Teams can begin and end a game with 7 players in LYS with no penalty.
- Maximum of 7 runs per ½ inning allowed per offensive outing (NON-CUMULATIVE) may be scored.
- IN FALL-BALL, A GAME CAN END IN A TIE. NO STANDINGS ARE KEPT IN LYS FALL-BALL, END OF SEASON AWARDS ARE NOT PROVIDED IN OUR FALL SEASON, FALL-BALL IS MEANT TO BE A DEVELOPMENTAL SEASON FOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES.
- The softball used for all league games will be an 11” or 12” softball depending on age division.
- All rules not listed above will be upheld in accordance with USSSA Rules and Regulations and can be found at USSSA Texas’ website, links to that site are readily available at our league website, www.LubbockYouthSoftball.org
- **• Team Formation & Fall Blind Draft Procedures: LYS offers a blind draft for all individually registered recreational league players in the Fall. Our blind draft is a zip-code based draft, and our aim is to keep players from the same areas together. All LYS REC ONLY returning teams, from the immediate & previous Spring Season, in 6U – HS divisions may remain intact for the Fall Season if they don't have more than 3 registered USSSA travel players. Coaches with NON-TRAVEL registered girls may enter a full team if they don't have more than 3 registered USSSA travel girls. Full rosters must be turned in prior to registering your team, for USSSA verification on any potential travel players on your roster. For all other teams joining LYS in the fall, if those teams consist of more than 3 registered USSSA travel/tournament players, that team must play up an age division (NO EXCEPTIONS) should they accept our conditions of playing at LYS. (e.g. - An 8U (coach pitch) team with 3 or more, or a full roster of USSSA travel players will be required to play up to our 10U girls fastpitch division) Roster maximum of 12 players per team, in all age divisions.**