

# LUBBOCK YOUTH SOFTBALL

## Recreational League By-Laws/Regulations

- ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND LISTED ON THEIR TEAMS OFFICIAL LYS ROSTER.**
- Coaches must have a copy of their players birth certificate on hand no later than 1 day prior to the start of the season and available at every game. Coaches or parents found to be attempting to alter any birth certificate will have the player in question immediately disqualified and no refund will be issued. Coaches found to be responsible for any alteration of birth certificates will be immediately suspended and reviewed by the LYS board of directors for a league ban from participation.
- Coaches must submit a lineup at the plate meeting. The lineup must include the players full name, player number, and coaches/team name.
- All 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). In the Spring season only, the International Tie Break (ITB) rule will be used for tie games.
- 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, ITB to be used for tie games.
- Awards are presented to teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place in our Spring season and end of season tournaments only. No awards are presented in the fall as it is a developmental season only.
- 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, NO EXCEPTIONS. 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.wtga.com
- 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.**
- EVERY PLAYER IS REQUIRED TO PLAY AT MINIMUM, 1 FULL INNING ON BOTH OFFENSE/DEFENSE.**
- 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, FORFEITS WILL BE ENFORCED FOR TEAMS ATTEMPTING TO USE CUSTOM JERSEYS)**
- 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.
- Teams can begin and end a game with 7 players in LYS with no penalty. PLEASE PLAY, DON'T FORFEIT!
- 8U Division CAN now utilize the bunt while at bat.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> base, no runners will advance unless 1<sup>st</sup> base is occupied.
- 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).
- 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.
- Run rules in effect: 15 after 3 innings and 10 after 4 innings for all age divisions.
- Teams may courtesy run for the catcher with the last batter put out if there are two outs left in an inning.
- TEAM FORMATION & DRAFT PROCEDURES: RETURNING TEAMS IN 14U AND JUNIOR GIRLS MAY REMAIN INTACT. **TEAMS IN 6U–12U MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAYER TRYOUT AND DRAFT. COACHES/TEAMS MAY FREEZE UP TO THREE (3) PLAYERS FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON. FROZEN PLAYERS MUST HAVE PLAYED FOR THE RETURNING COACH/TEAM FROM THE IMMEDIATE & PREVIOUS LYS SEASON. REC TEAMS FROM TOWNS OUTSIDE OF LUBBOCK WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE NEW POLICY, SO LONG AS THEY DON'T CARRY MORE THAN 3 REGISTERED USSSA TRAVEL PLAYERS ON THEIR ROSTERS.** THE DRAFT SHALL FOLLOW A SNAKE-FORMAT SELECTION ORDER. PLAYERS WHO MISS TRYOUTS WILL BE PLACED VIA BLIND DRAW. ROSTER LIMITS ARE SET AT A MAXIMUM OF 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM.
- METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR USE BY PLAYERS IN ALL AGE DIVISIONS.**
- 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.**
- 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.
- Also consider the third team on the field – the umpires. Whether a one or two-person crew, umpires recognize and appreciate managers, parents and coaches that have a grasp of the rules, because it contributes greatly to the pace of play and management of the game.

## **Lubbock Youth Softball Select League By-Laws**

All travel/tournament teams are eligible to play LYS Select League. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE DULY REGISTERED WITH LYS AND BE LISTED ON THEIR TEAMS OFFICIAL LYS ROSTER.** Additionally, LYS recreational teams that have participated in and have at least one complete season in their current age division may opt in to our Select League. But, once opted in, that team will NOT have the option to move back to our recreational league for the remainder of the current season. Upon completion of the current Select season, those recreational teams playing in the Select League may request to move their teams back to recreational status, but this will be at the discretion of the current board of directors at a special meeting/vote to determine the teams status. Determination will be considered by the team's performance and record, in Select League play and including any tournament play during the current season. LYS will offer our Select League to age divisions 8U – 14U

### **Select League Game Play Rules**

6 inning games or 75-minute time limit-finish the inning. (Drop Dead in Fall-Ball)

**Always be ready to play 20 minutes prior to your scheduled game.**

All new pitchers after the 1<sup>st</sup> inning will get a 5-pitch warm-up.

3-pitch & throw down warm-up after the 1<sup>st</sup> inning for returning pitchers.

1st inning, there will be a maximum of 9 runs per ½ inning allowed per offensive outing, that may be scored. All innings after the 1st will have no limits as to runs scored. Run rules in effect: 15 after 3 innings and 10 after 4 innings.

**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 SCHEDULED GAMES OR END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT.**

**THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 3 COACHES ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT, NO EXCEPTIONS. IE. HEAD COACH, 2 ASSISTANTS OR HEAD COACH, ASSISTANT AND TEAM MOM/DAD.**

Game time is forfeit time if either team cannot field a team of at least 7 players. Coaches are allowed to pick up **ONLY** up to 3 other players from **ONLY** other LYS teams (both recreational and select registered LYS girls are eligible pickups) in the case they need to meet that 7-player minimum. Those pick-up players must be placed at the bottom of the lineup. **PICK UP PLAYERS MUST WEAR THEIR OWN TEAMS LYS JERSEYS. \*\*\*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.  
**PLEASE GIVE THE GIRLS THE CHANCE TO PLAY - DON'T FORFEIT!**

Teams may bat the lineup or substitute but must maintain the batting lineup just like they would in any tournament games. Teams may courtesy run for the catcher with the last out if there are two outs left in an inning.

**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 to the scoreboard.**

**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.**

**IF FOR ANY REASON THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH TEAMS REGISTERED TO PLAY WITHIN ANY OF OUR SELECT DIVISION AGE GROUPS, THOSE TRAVEL TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO PLAY IN OUR REC LEAGUE BUT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY UP AN AGE DIVISION.**

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