

2009 Lynn's Coed Softball Rules

The Lynn's Coed League is using ASA rules as guidelines. Here are OUR specific league rules:

FOR 2009 WE HAVE A "B" COMP & "B" REC Divisions. Some rules may be different for the Comp and REC Divisions.

1. Courtesy Runner: Anyone who is injured prior and/or during the game may use a courtesy runner. ONLY ONE RUNNER MAY USE A COURTESY RUNNER. Also, it must be the last batted out and be the same sex as the person needing the runner. (*1 male courtesy OR 1 female courtesy*)

2. Pitching: a. "B" rules are as follows – Pitcher may be male or female and **must** just pitch **hittable**. Pitcher must start with at least one foot on the rubber and ball at stopped position. Pitcher may have back foot off rubber and must be WITHIN THE WIDTH of the rubber behind the rubber (anyone back too far will be deemed illegal and bases will be awarded). On the back swing the pitcher must **NOT GO ABOVE THE SHOULDER-AT ALL!** Also, the pitcher must go straight back and straight forward for the pitch to be legal. **ANYONE GOING ABOVE THE SHOULDER WILL BE DEEMED ILLEGAL, A BALL WILL BE CALLED AND BASES WILL BE AWARDED!** Any pitcher called for three illegal pitches in one game will be asked to play another position for the rest of the game. Any pitcher taken out of two(2) games will be suspended for one game. Also – Knuckleballers are LEGAL...we are trying to eliminate the faster pitchers only.

b. **Intentional walks are NOT allowed at anytime!** If an umpire deems that the pitcher intentionally walked a MALE batter, he will award that batter a walk, and the next female in the order a walk also. (this is a judgement call and cannot be protested) If the team batting has to take an out for a female who is not at the game AND has TWO(2) outs, and the pitcher decides to walk the male batter to get to the female out – then that female spot will be jumped over and the next male will be allowed to hit without an out taken. This is a hitters' league and everyone should be able and allowed to hit the ball.

3. **NO FAKE TAGS!!** - Anyone caught fake tagging will be given *1 team warning, second warning that person will be thrown out of the game.* This is a safety rule.

4. Sliding at bases. ****SAFETY RULE**** - Sliding is **recommended** when going into *any base on a close play*. If there is a *close play* at the plate, **YOU MUST SLIDE AND/OR TRY TO AVOID CONTACT OF ANY KIND, OR YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CALLED OUT. IF THE CATCHER IS IN THE BASE PATH, YOU MAY GO AROUND HIM/HER TO AVOID CONTACT. ANY contact deemed *malicious* by the umpire can also lead to an ejection. When in doubt, Please slide, it is a safety rule.**

5. All protests must be made official to the umpire **immediately** after the play in question. He will note it and contact the Commissioner/who will then contact the Head Umpire, Jack Pulver. The protest will be decided as soon as possible. *Both teams have to note in their books at that time in case we have to restart that game on a different day.*

6. No Bunting, stealing or leading upon release, *the base runner will be called out* and no throw downs to any base.

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7. Field distance is 60 feet for bases, and 43 feet for rubber.
8. Out of bounds will be a straight line from the backstop out, and all overthrows out of bounds will be a two base (the base that the runner was going to + one base) dead ball rule-awarded to the team at bat.
9. Subs - once a pitcher has left the game, *he or she may not return to pitching that game unless the other pitcher becomes injured then the starter can come back in to pitch. Free substitutions for qualified players of the **same sex**.* Once a position player has left the game, he/she may return once and only into the same spot in the batting order (re-entry rule).
10. Game starts - At the JCC/Cook Park/Nott Rd.: 6:15pm, At Mullins Park: 8:00pm. A **15 min** grace period is awarded to a team and after that 15 min if they do not have enough players, a forfeit will be awarded. (7-0 score will be posted in standings)
- 11.a. A team must play with at least 4 females and 6 males on the field. If a Female gets hurt during the game, you **MUST** take an automatic out for her, unless you have a sub for her. An *automatic out* will be in place if you start with 3 females, until that player shows up to the game. The out will take place where the **LAST FEMALE** spot in the batting order where a female player would have been placed. You may start with **9** players **4** females and **5** males and not get penalized.
 - b. You are allowed two EH's - the first EH **MUST** be a female and the second EH can be male. *NO DH is allowed for the pitcher.* You **MAY NOT** bat 11 if you don't have at least **5 females** in the batting order. The batting order **MUST GO MALE/FEMALE OR FEMALE/MALE** until you can't go any further with either sex. If a female gets hurt/leaves the game and you started with 12 batters, You **MUST** take an out for the female who left the game – You **MAY NOT** Keep 7 males in the batting order without having 5 females in the order!!
12. Games are 7 innings, unless the home team is ahead after 6.5 inn, OR the mercy rule is awarded to any team ahead by **15 runs** by inning 5 or home team ahead by **15** after 4.5 inn.
13. Equipment: A. **ASA approved bats are legal**, all others are **NOT** legal. Please go to <http://www.newyorkasa.org/> OR click on the link on our website for the approved bat list **and** one will be *emailed* to your captain by the first game. If you use an illegal bat, you can be **ejected** from the game for using it. B. Catchers **MUST** wear facemasks all other equipment is optional. C. **NO METAL CLEATS!** NO WARNING - You will be **ejected** from the game.
14. Playoff Eligibility: A. All players need to participate in *6 games* to qualify for the playoffs. Any player found not eligible to play will forfeit **any/all** games they have played in the playoffs. B. All captains must keep track of their own players eligibility in their scorebooks. C. If a player has an injury during the year and is unable to qualify because of the injury, then the captain must formally petition the commissioner for eligibility due to injury.

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15. CLEAN UP AFTER GAMES - This IS NOW a *rule*, **YOU MUST TAKE YOUR TRASH OUT OF THE FIELDS!!** Clean up after yourselves..we do not want to lose any of our permits for the fields we have...thank you!