

2011 Lynn's Mens Rules

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

FOR 2011 WE ONLY HAVE A "B" Division.

This is a Men's League – no women will be allowed to play at all.

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.

2. Pitching: a. ASA "B" rules are as follows – Pitcher must start with BOTH feet on the rubber and ball at stopped position. The pitcher must go straight back and straight forward for the pitch to be legal. Any pitcher called for three(3) 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. We are trying to eliminate all ASA illegal pitching. MUST BE SQUARE AT RELEASE!! NO CROW HOPPING OR SLINGSHOT!!

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 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. 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.

7. Field distance is 60 feet for bases, and 46 feet for rubber. 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.

8. Subs – ASA rules – Any starter can re-enter at any time(this includes the pitcher*).

9. Game starts – varies for each field: 6, 6:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 9pm games played. 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)

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10. EH's and DH's – You may bat 11 in your lineup by adding an EH(Extra Hitter), who may bat ANYWHERE in the lineup (#1 - #11). Also, a DH may be used for ONE position player. If the DH goes into the field, then the DH slot is lost for remainder of the game.

11. 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.

12. Equipment: A. **ASA approved bats are legal**, all others are **NOT** legal. Please click on the link on our website for the approved bat list. If you use an illegal bat, you WILL 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(no 2nd chances with this – SAFETY!)

13. Playoff Eligibility: A. All players need to play 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.

14. Ground Rules – certain fields have different ground rules. These will be sent as a separate document before your first game.

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! ALSO – NO SMOKING/DRINKING @ SCHOOL FIELDS(LANSING & WEST ALBANY!) Sorry! – ANYONE WHO TRIES WILL BE SENT HOME BY UMPIRE!!!

16. Wet vs Dry Fields: Some fields you CANNOT bring ANY ALCOHOL to(School fields-ex.) WITH the Ground Rules will be sent a list of all the WET and DRY fields.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!!