

Rules & Regulations

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Article I

SECTION I - ORGANIZATION

A. Divisions in the lake Elsinore Girls Softball league shall consist of:

- a. 6-UNDER DIVISION
- b. 8-UNDER DIVISION
- c. 10-UNDER DIVISION
- d. 12-UNDER DIVISION
- e. 14-UNDER DIVISION
- f. 16-UNDER DIVISION

B. During the Fall Season the LEGS board may decide to combine divisions to complete teams based on the total number of players that sign up. This will be used only in an attempt to make teams competitive and the season fun.

SECTION II - DIVISION TEAM COMPOSITION

A. Teams in the 6U division shall be comprised of girls 4 - 6 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

B. 8-Under Age Classification: A player whose 9th birthday is prior to January 1st of the current year is INELIGIBLE.

C. 10-Under Age Classification: A player whose 11th birthday is prior to January 1st of the current year is INELIGIBLE.

D. 12-Under Age Classification: A player whose 13th birthday is prior to January 1st of the current year is INELIGIBLE.

E. 14-Under Age Classification: A player whose 15th birthday is prior to January 1st of the current year is INELIGIBLE.

F. 16-Under Age Classification: A player whose 17th birthday is prior to January 1st of the current year is INELIGIBLE.

SECTION III - REGISTRATION

A All division players shall be registered with the league **Head** Player Agent and will have paid the required registration fee, or has made special arrangements with the **Head** Player Agent, prior to being placed on a team.

8. Sisters registering to play within their respective divisions shall have the option of playing on the same team or playing on separate teams and shall indicate their intentions to the **Head** Player Agent at the time of registration.

C. Any special considerations effecting the placement of players on a team shall be brought to the **Head** Player Agent's attention at the time of registrations. Special consideration will be given disposition by LEGS Board of Directors prior to the draft.

D. At the time of registration, the **Head** Player Agent and or league representative shall advise each player and their parents as to the options and or requirements affecting their placement on the teams.

E. Any special request is subject to an interview by the **Head** Player Agent

SECTION IV-EVALUATION TRYOUTS

A No evaluation/ tryout session will be required for players in the 6U division.

B. All players eligible for 8U, 10U , 12U and 14U divisions shall be required to participate in an evaluation tryout session.

C. Any player recorded to have previously pitched 20 outs in a single season in 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U divisions must be evaluated as a pitcher.

D. Any All-Star pitcher from the "A" or "B" team must be evaluated.

E. Designated Pitchers for each division will be determined by the amount of teams. The number of designated pitchers will not exceed by more than 2 the number of team in each division.

F. ALL pitchers /players have the option of signing a waiver making them ineligible to pitch the entire season.

a. If a pitcher cannot attend evaluations, she will remain on the Pitchers Board unless she signs a Refusal Waiver.

i. **Effect:** *If a known player pitches who didn't try out and signed the Refusal Waiver she will be deemed ineligible for the rest of the season and must be removed from the pitching position. Furthermore, the current known pitchers on the roster will be instantly maxed out on pitches for the next 2 weeks resulting in the coach using another player to pitch for the next 2 weeks.*

ii. The **Head** Player Agent and Board can make exceptions due to injury/illness of a player only in an attempt to keep games fair and competitive.

SECTION V - FORMATION OF TEAMS

A The number of teams within each division shall be determined by LEGS Board of Directors after all registration sessions have been held.

B. There shall be a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of twelve (12) players on each division team.

C. There will be a maximum of nine (9) players on a 6U team.

SECTION VI -DRAFT

A Pitchers will be determined by the LEGS Board of Directors and the divisional Managers. Pitchers are then placed on the "Pitchers list".

a Pitchers List:

A. For the number of teams in each division, the **Divisional Player Agent and Managers** will place that amount of pitchers on the "Pitchers List" that will be used in the "Pitchers Rounds". (1st and 4th) of the draft.

B. Draft order will be determined by a blind number drawn by each Manager. This will also be the team number for their division. *Before draft order is determined, Managers must declare the ONE coach whom they are coaching with.*

C. Players who LEGS Board of Directors deem as "known players, who did not participate in evaluations will be included in the draft selection. All others not participated in the evaluation will be taken in a blind draw at the conclusion of the draft known as "out-of-the-hat pick" in order of round number. Coaches can also elect to draft players from the "out-of-the-hat pick" pool in any round.

D. The draft will start from left to right in 1st round, 2nd round will start from right to left etc... (Also known as a serpentine draft)

See examples below:

Draft Sheet

Round 6 Open or Managers Daughter

Round 1 #1 Pitcher, or Coaches/ Mgr.'s Daughter

Round 5 Open Impact Player

Round 7 Open

Round 4 #2 Pitcher

Round 3, Open Impact Player

Round 2, Open Impact Player

E. Coach's daughter will be drafted in the 1st or 4th round, if she is deemed a #1 or #2 pitcher. If the player is not a pitcher then the **Head** Player Agent and Coaches decide before the draft what round the Coaches daughter belongs in, if the player is deemed an "Impact Player" Refer to **H. Impact Players** if no Coach then Open Draft. (**Head** Player Agent and/or Board will be final deciding vote for round placement)

F. Coach's daughter that is a #1 or #2 pitcher will be drafted in the 1st round or 4th round respectively. The other pitcher's round for that team will be deemed open.

G. Manager's daughter will be drafted no later than in the 6th round, if no Manager's daughter then the round will be deemed open. If a manager's daughter is deemed an "Impact Player" the Coaches and **Head** Player Agent will decide before the draft what round to place the Managers daughter. (**The Head** Player Agent and/or LEGS Board will be final deciding vote for round placement)

a. If Manager's daughter is a #1 or #2 pitcher; the manager's daughter will be drafted in the respective pitcher's round 1st or 4th.

H. **Impact Players**, are players that have exhibited skills for that division that are above average, these are typically players that are usually drafted in the first 5 rounds of the draft, these players are typically players that have played All-Stars,

Travel Ball, or are players that have exhibited an elevated skill set though multiple seasons of playing softball. Impact players are purposefully divided evenly across all teams in an attempt to create a competitive balance during the season.

Exceptions:

1. Siblings of players picked must be taken after the following round
 - a. Example: player is picked in the 5th round; her sister must be taken in 7th round at a minimum.
2. Please note special exceptions can be made prior to the draft if sisters are deemed **Impact Players**, they can be drafted in successive rounds.
 - b. Example: sisters are deemed before the draft to be impact players, one sister is picked in the 2nd round; the other sister who was also deemed an impact player must be taken in 3rd round.

3. If a Player is picked in the first 5 rounds and is deemed an impact player and her sister is not deemed an impact player her sister must be taken in the first available round after the 5th round.
 - c. Siblings that are both pitchers (#1 & #2) will go in the 1st and 2nd round and will have an open pick for the 4th round.
 - d. **Head** Player Agent and/or LEGS Board can adjust these sibling rules prior to each divisional draft to meet the competitive balance requirements of the league.
 - e. Sisters where one of the sisters is deemed a #1 or #2 pitcher and the other is a position player. The non-pitching sister isn't required to be drafted in the open draft 2nd round . If both sisters do not pitch, they will be available in the open draft 2nd, 3rd or 5th round on, and the other sister will be picked accordingly to the siblings draft procedure.

I. At the completion of the draft, Managers will be given the opportunity to "trade players". All trades MUST, be approved by the **Head** Player Agent and/or LEGS Board.

J. The **Head** Player Agent and Board will make all reasonable attempts and meeting personal requests for coaches and carpools as long as they don't break the competitive balance of the upcoming season. This does not mean we guarantee that we can meet requests, only that we will try to meet requests that are fair for all teams involved.

K. Ghost Team; in the event that the league has not found a suitable manager/coach for a team, a Ghost Team draft will take place. The **Head** Player Agent or a LEGS Board Member (who **DOES NOT** currently have a daughter playing in the division) will be the Ghost Team Drafter and conduct the draft on behalf of the missing manager/coach.

Exception: *If there is a ghost team (no manager) no trades will be made with this team unless requested, then the **Head** Player Agent will review case and make final decision.*

**** Any unforeseen situations will be rule upon by the Player Agent and/or Board and will be FINAL**

L. Players in the 6U Division will be placed onto teams by the **Head** Player Agent according to neighborhoods and/ or attending school.

M. The **Head** Player Agent shall direct the draft in order to comply with any special considerations approved by the Executive Board affecting the placement of players onto the teams. There shall be no changing of players after the draft has been ruled over (ended) by the **Head** Player Agent

N. In the event that the maximum numbers of players have drafted onto the team, and there are still players who have been evaluated but not drafted, the draft shall continue until all players have been placed.

O. In the event that all players have been drafted, and there are still teams with less than the required number of players, those teams shall be increased up to the required number of players by assigning additional players from the waiting list (Section VII).

SECTION VII - WAITING LIST

A. A waiting list shall be established in each division in order in which they were received by the Player Agent.

B. The waiting list shall be confidentially maintained by the **Head** Player Agent. Confidentiality of the waiting list must be observed in order to safeguard against unfair practices in reporting team shortages and recruiting. Managers will not be considered to have any need to know the details as to the status of the waiting list. Players who are not in good standing with the league will not be added to the waiting list (see section Good Standing) until their status with the league has changed.

C. When players are assigned to a team from the waiting list, the full registration fee will be collected.

D. Players will be selected as they appear on the waiting list to teams that are still below the maximum number by a "draw" method.

E. There will be NO players added to the waiting list after 2 weeks have passed from the 1st game of the current season.

a. Please note that late sign ups or players on the waiting list may not get their uniforms right away when they are placed on a team, please allow some time for the league to order the uniform.

SECTION VIII -TEAM ROSTER MODIFICATION

A. After the formation of teams to the maximum size, players remaining on the waiting list shall be placed impartially from the top of the list onto teams as vacancies become available. A vacancy to be filled exists under the following circumstances:

- a. When a team roster falls below the maximum allowable number of players.
- b. When a player is injured and will miss three or more scheduled games and the Manager requests an additional player to replace the injured player.

B. Should the injured player recover and return to active playing status, the player added to the team roster shall remain an active player of the team even if such action will result in a team roster exceeding the maximum allowable number of

players.

a. A player who is injured and unable to return to active playing status during the regular season, she will be eligible for all league activities and for such awards that may accrue to that team as a result of league play, only if that player remains in Good Standing with the league during that season.

C. Managers shall report shortages to the Player Agent as soon as they occur. Any and all players leaving a team shall be contacted by the **Head** Player Agent. The parents shall also be contacted to ascertain the reason for leaving.

O. Players added to a team roster after the initial formation of teams are not required to be played in a regular season game until they have been on the roster for seven (7) days. Managers unable to contact a new player must notify the league **Head** Player Agent or Registrar immediately.

E. In the event of a unique situation involving the placement of a player which is not covered by the rules contained herein, the issue shall be resolved by LEGS Board of Directors.

SECTION IX - PRACTICES

A. The team Manager shall establish a practice schedule for their team. 8U-16U divisions are required to hold at least 2 practices per week for 2 hours.

B. The team Manager or some other responsible league adult shall remain on the practice field or in the immediate vicinity until ALL players have left for home in their usual manner.

C. An adult female (not the manager's or coach's wife) must be present at all practices and games, there are no exceptions to this rule.

SECTION X - TEAM ASSISTING PERSONNEL

A. Managers shall assure that they have received, reviewed and understand the League By-Laws and League Rules & Regulations. They shall also assure that all team personnel are aware of their responsibilities and duties.

B. All Managers will be certified by **USA Softball**.

C. A copy of each players registration form must be in the Managers possession at all times during practices and games. The registration form enables Managers to obtain medical attention if a parent is unavailable.

D. All Managers and Assistant Coaches must be checked and be cleared as provided under "Meghan's Law".

E. Only badged volunteers are allowed in the dugout or on the field for practice or games.

SECTION XI - DISCIPLINE

A. A player shall not be physically disciplined or embarrassed at any time, (practices or games). If a player needs to be disciplined or corrected, be tolerant and fair. If further action needs to be taken, contact the player's parent and the Player Agent or LEGS Board of Directors for assistance.

B. If a Manager has a disciplinary problem with any player, every effort should be made to resolve the problem. If, after **every** effort to resolve the problem, it persists, the Manager may suspend said player from a game with the approval of the **Head** Player Agent or LEGS Board of Directors.

C. All disciplinary issues, regardless of parent or child should be brought to the attention of the **Head** Player Agent or LEGS Board of Directors immediately.

SECTION XII - ALL STAR SELECTION

A. All Star Managers will be selected by a vote of all voting league Board of Directors. The following guidelines shall apply:

- a. All Star Manager must be a current Manager in the league, or a current board member.
- b. Elected All Star Manager will pick his/her assistant coaching staff.
- c. Special consideration will be given to managers and coaches with successive years of volunteering to LEGS as a coach or board member
- d. All Star Manager and his/her coaching staff must be in current good standing with LEGS throughout the year.
- e. LEGS Board of Directors reserves the right to make final approval of the LEGS coaching staff.

B. Selected All Star Manager will draft their team after holding the All Star tryout/evaluation..

C. Players selected from Section XII-B above are required to tryout at the end of the season to be placed on LEGS All Star team.

D. Players are required to play at their current playing age there is no playing up; we want all the girls at their current age group to have a chance to play All-Stars.

- a. Example: a true 10U (because of age) player has played regular season in 12U, when All- Star tryouts happen that player **MUST** try out for the 10U All- Star team , LEGS Board of Directors will not make special considerations to this rule.

(Exception: Select teams which may become the Gold All-Star team are allowed to have players play 1 division up)

E. Player Eligibility:

- a. Players must play a minimum of 50% of the current season games.
- b. Players who have played in a higher division age classification during the current season are eligible to play in their correct current playing age classification.
- c. Players who have participated in any other league All Star or travel type team (including USA and non USA) after April 1st of the current year are not eligible.

- d. Players must be financially current with LEGS.
- e. All players must have participated in an All Star tryout.
- f. Players and player's parents must be in good standing with LEGS throughout the year.

SECTION XIII - SNACK BAR ASSISTANCE

A. At the beginning of each season, each team in each division will be given the dates that parents of players on their team are responsible for working in the league snack bar.

Snack Bar Shifts are Mandatory, we are a 100% voluntary league and in an attempt to keep league fees down to a reasonable level and provide the best environment for our girls we require parents to work a snack bar shift every season. The Snack Bar Coordinator and Team Mom Coordinator will make every attempt to not schedule your snack bar shift during your child's game. Failure to work your specified snack bar shift will result in your Child/Children not being eligible for any post season activity, including All-Stars, Post Season Tournament.

B. There will be at least two (2) volunteer adults during the **week** and three (3) volunteer adults on Saturday to run the snack bar.

If for some special reason (see definition in Webster's dictionary) a parent cannot work their scheduled snack bar time, the board must be given two (2) weeks' notice. The Snack Bar Coordinator Board Member will make every possible attempt to change dates with another parent.

C. All members will be responsible for issuing a check for the amount of \$50 to be held by LEGS. This check will be returned uncashed once the snack bar shift is worked. If the shift is missed the \$50 check will be cashed by LEGS

Article II

SECTION I - GENERAL

The playing rules for league games shall be of the Official Rules of Softball (fast pitch) published by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA), except as specifically modified by the following rules.

A The official pitching and base distances for each division:

DIVISION	PITCHING	BASELINE
6-Under	N/A	45 feet
8-Under	30 feet	60 feet
10-Under	35 feet	60 feet
12-Under	40 feet	60 feet
14-Under	43 feet	60 feet
16-Under	43 feet	60Feet

B. If an illegal pitching distance or base distances are discovered during the game, they must be corrected to the legal distances if possible, at the completion of the inning.

C. . The Home team is responsible for supplying the "Official Scorekeeper". The 6U home team shall be responsible for supplying the batting tee (if necessary) and bases to be used in the game.

D. BOTH teams (home and visitor) are responsible for preparing the field for play (watering, raking, chalking, putting out bases, etc...). Each team shall have at least one (1) person who is responsible for these duties. Both teams (home and visitor) are responsible for returning all equipment to its designated area at the end of the last game of the day/night.

E. All teams are responsible for picking up the trash and miscellaneous debris surrounding the dug-outs AND bleachers.

F. Warm up prior to game.

a. No batting practice will be permitted before any game.

Soft-toss or batting tee work using regular softballs hit into a net and/or live pitching with whiffle balls is permitted.

SECTION II- EQUIPMENT

A A full set of equipment will be distributed to each team after the formation of teams. ALL EQUIPMENT REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF LEGS AND IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE EQUIPMENT MANAGER UPON CLOSE OF THE SEASON.

a. ***Trophies will not be handed out to team until equipment is returned.***

B. Helmet w/ mask throat protector, chest protector and shin guards must be worn by catcher during the game or anytime any player is warming up a pitcher.

C. Full Coverage running helmet with face mask must be worn by batter, base runners, youth base coach and on deck batters during a game. While on offense, helmets are not to be removed until player has entered the dug-out area. Helmets must be worn during any batting warm ups (soft-toss, tee work etc...)

D. No metal spike shoes will be allowed in 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U. Spike shoes ARE permitted in 14U and 16U Divisions.

E. No bat rings, attachments, or lead pipes will be allowed on the field. Only an official softball bat may be used. "6U bats" may be used in the 8-Under division. Only one (1) bat is allowed in the warm-up area ("on deck" circle).

SECTION III - UNIFORMS

A. The league will furnish a basic uniform to each player consisting of a jersey and socks. Shorts, visor and name on the back of the jersey may also be purchased for a minimal price.

B. The uniform for each player on a given team shall be of similar color and style with an identification number on the back.

a. Any modifications to league furnished uniforms must be approved by LEGS Board of Directors.

C. No exposed jewelry (wristbands, watches, bracelets, neck chains, earring etc...) will be worn during games.

a. Medical Alert Bracelets may be worn but must be taped so not to be exposed.

D. Under adverse conditions, additional protective clothing such as warm-up jackets, sweat shirts, sweats pants, etc... May be worn. Jackets must be zipped or fastened. Manager/Coach must announce the player's numbers to both scorekeepers.

E. All shirts must be tucked in at all times.

SECTION IV- PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTES

A. Players should be on the playing field no later than 30 minutes before game time to enable the Manager to prepare the lineup and conduct pre-game warm-ups.

B. The Manager or Coach shall submit the line-up roster to the opposing Manager/Coach or scorekeeper no later than ten (10) minutes prior to game time.

C. The line-up roster will include first and last name, uniform # and starting position.

D. A continuous batting order concept is used in ALL Divisions to increase the participation of all players in the games.

a. Every player shall be listed in the scorebook and shall become the batter in order in which their name appears in the scorebook.

E. All players MUST play a minimum of every other inning on defense, except in the case of injury.

F. If minimum play requirement are not met, violations shall be grounds for protest. If the protest is upheld, the penalty is forfeiture of the game.

G. Once the batting order is established, it shall remain the same for the remainder of the game.

SU, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U Divisions:

If a player is absent when it is her at bat, an out shall be called and the player can be removed from the batting order at the Managers option. If the player is not removed from the batting order she will be an out each time she fails to bat.

Any player who is not present at the playing field at least ten (10) minutes prior to game time may be ruled absent at the team Managers option.

Once the line-up is given to the Umpire. It is considered an "Official Lineup". If the player arrives after she has been removed from the batting order, she is ineligible to play in the remainder of the game.

Team Managers shall report all pitching changes to the Umpire.

If a Manager/Coach, in the opinion of the Umpire is changing pitchers and/or consistently asking for a defensive conference, or any other attempt to stall the game the Umpire will warn the defensive Manager once, if it continues the Manager/Coach will be ejected and game subject to forfeit (per USA). The Umpire may add extra time to the game at his/her discretion.

A Courtesy Runner may be used if a batter runner / runner becomes injured.

If in the Umpires judgment a player appears to be injured prior to batting, she may be ruled an out (see Rule Section IV, 4A)

If a player cannot play due to injury, that player must be removed from the game.

F. In the 8U divisions , no new inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes have elapsed since the start of the game, 1 hour and 40 minute drop dead or seven (6) innings have been played, whichever occurs first. Game will end after the home teams at bat (if needed)

G. For Fall & Spring seasons games will be allowed to end in a tie. International tie breaker rule will not be implemented .

H. If one team is ahead by 15 runs or more after three (3) innings (2 ½ if home team is ahead) or (12) runs after (4) innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead or eight (8) runs after five (5) innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) the game shall be call by the Umpire per "Run Ahead Rule" (Rule 5- Section 9. ASN2002 Rule Book).

I. At the Umpires discretion, an official game may be delayed, called or canceled due to inclement weather, darkness, unsafe conditions etc... If such a game has completed at least one (1) hour of play time and the home team has completed the inning (if behind), the game shall be considered official.

J. At the Umpires discretion, time may be added to a game due to long delays such as injuries or other unforeseen circumstances (expect in the BU division).

K. There will NOT be any changes to scheduled games without the express consent of a quorum of the LEGS Board of Directors. All requests for game schedule changes must be submitted in writing at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled game to the Player Agent.

L. Due to the limited season length and shortage of fields, make-up games may be scheduled at the last minute, on holidays, weekends, and early afternoon or late evenings. Games that were cancelled for any reason may not be made up if the league has a non-availability of fields or season length.

M. If games are cancelled due to inclement weather, a board member will ATTEMPT to contact all. Managers/Teams that are not contacted must show for their scheduled game or risk a forfeit. LEGS Board of Directors will not take responsibility for teams that are not informed of cancellations.

N. We understand that every parent wants to be involved, however, for safety reason and USA regulations. Only certified managers, coaches, team mom and players on the team roster are allowed in the dugout during games. Everyone else must remain

in the stands or along the sides. This will allow you Managers and your staff to coach your daughter(s).

SECTION VI - PITCHING REGULATIONS

A. In the BU, 10U, 12U and 14U Divisions, a pitcher may not pitch more than the specified number of outs during 1 week of play (Sunday through Sunday). After 1 week, pitching outs gets refreshed the standard pitching out week is Sunday to Sunday. One (1) pitch by a pitcher to any batter, if that batter becomes an out will be credited to that pitcher/pitchers'.

NOTE: *If a pitcher has one (1) out left and a double-play occurs that pitcher will not be penalized. Same applies to two (2) outs left and a triple-play occurs.*

B. If a team is playing below nine (9) players the automatic out/outs will be recorded to the pitcher who preceded the automatic out/outs. No penalty if the pitcher exceeds specified number of outs.

a. If the automatic out/outs are the #1 batter or the #1 & #2 batters of the inning, the out/outs will be recorded to the pitcher who follows.

NOTE: Penalty WILL be assessed to pitcher or team if she exceeds specified outs. If this occurs one of 2 penalties apply:

1. The team forfeits the game in which the pitcher went over the mandatory pitching outs
2. The Pitcher is ineligible for the next week or 2 games whichever comes first

The Player Agent and/or LEGS Board of Directors will decide the penalty, all decisions are final.

C. In all Divisions, "Awarded Outs" (9th batter rule) will NOT be counted as outs to the pitcher. Below are the pitching outs based on a 2 game week and 3 game (double header) week

Division	2 game	3 game (double header)
8U	12	21
10U	15	24
12U	21	30
14U	24	32
16U	Unlimited	Unlimited

In the case of 4 games per week due to make up games Bu will increase by 7 pitching outs, 10u will increase by 9 pitching outs, 12u will increase by 9 pitching outs and 14u will increase by 10 pitching outs. (this increase is added to the pitching outs for a 3 game week)

D. It is the Managers responsibility to verify the number of innings recorded against their pitcher on the Game Summary. The Game Summary MUST be signed by both Managers.

E. Violations shall be grounds for protest.

F. The use of ineligible pitcher will constitute a forfeit if properly protested.

G. International Tie Breaker innings will NOT count against pitchers consecutive games.

H. If a game is cancelled or considered incomplete, the outs pitched will NOT count against pitchers consecutive games.

I. At the conclusion of each game an Official Game Summary must be completed and signed by both Managers and returned to its designated area in the snack bar.

J. Game Summaries will be kept in the 2U, 10U, 12U and 14U Divisions, which can be viewed by any Manager or Coach prior to game time.

K. In the case where the run rule is applied to an inning (specifically the 2U-10U Divisions) before 3 outs are recorded the pitcher is only accountable for the outs recorded for example:

i. Pitcher has one out recorded and the opposing team has scored 4 runs in 10U which results in the end of the inning the pitcher then has only one recorded out for that inning.

SECTION VII - CONDUCT ON THE FIELD

A. Any player, manager, coach, parent or spectator who makes a un-sportsman like remark towards team members, fan or umpires will be warned and asked to maintain control. If the problem persists, the umpire will eject the offender from the premises. If offender refuses to leave (out of sight and sound within 120 seconds), the umpire will forfeit the game in favor of the team not causing the disturbance.

i. Un-sportsman like remarks will include the term "crow-hop, re-plant, illegal pitch etc...

ii. If a parent or coach is warned by an umpire or LEGS Board member and then ejected from the field, the manager of that team will be suspended for one game as well as be ejected from the current game when the ejection happened.

iii. Two ejections will result in suspension from league for the remainder of that season.

iv. We expect every manager to attempt to control the situation if the manager/coach feels the situation is getting out of their control they are to seek out a LEGS Board member immediately.

B. No coach, manager, parent, or spectator shall participate in a game with alcohol on their breath or while intoxicated.

C. There will be no alcoholic beverages on the field or park grounds in any type of container.

D. A violation of any Federal, State, County or Municipal Law committed by a manager, coach, player, spectator or LEGS Board Member is prohibited.

E. Any player, manager, coach, league member or official who flagrantly attempts to do bodily harm to any persons at any LEGS sanctioned event shall be suspended

from the league for the remainder of the season.

a. Any threats of physical violence or threats of retaliation along with any type bullying will be taken very seriously by the LEGS Board of Directors any incidence should be reported immediately to any LEGS Board member or Umpire. This behavior can and/or will result in suspension. We do not tolerate this behavior, and do not need it in our league.

F. All Managers and Coaches shall exercise complete control of their players, **spectators** and coaching staff.

G. A Manager will not remove his/her team from the field while a game is in progress. Doing so will result in a mandatory board inquiry resulting in the possible suspension of the offending Manager/Coach and/or his/her general membership being revoked.

H. All Managers/Coaches will utilize good sportsmanship at all times, before, during and after each game. Manager/Coaches are to set a good example for all players on the field.

i. It is expected of our coaches and managers to have every team member and coach take the field after the game for a handshake. Despite differences coaches are required to set an example and handshake all players and coaches.

ii. A girl "piggybacking" other girl during the handshake process is frowned upon because the girl who is carrying the other girl is unable to handshake, there will be ample time to celebrate after the customary handshake process.

I. There will be NO violation of the "Code of Conduct" by any General Member. We have Zero Tolerance.

J. Aggressive, hostile or threatening behavior at any LEGS sanctioned event will not be tolerated.

K. Any Manager/Coach who allows a pitcher to pitch more than the specified number of outs during any two (2) consecutive scheduled/re-scheduled games (section VI-A) after being notified and it is deemed a flagrant act of disobeying said rule will be deemed as an un-sportsman like act.

- VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES A-K ARE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PLAYING COMPLEX AND PENDING A HEARING BEFORE THE LEGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MAY BE GROUNDS FOR REVOKING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND MAY RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION WITH LAKE ELSINORE GIRLS SOFTBALL.

L. Manager and team personnel may not smoke on the field or near the dugout during games or practices.

M. Scorekeepers will not interfere during the game unless asked for assistance by

the Umpire.

N. All business of the team shall be handled by the Team Manager. If Team Manager is absent from the game, a single representative to be designated to the Umpire prior to the start of the game. This is usually the person whom attends the pregame meeting at the plate with the Umpire.

O. Ejection from a game of any Manager, Coach or player will automatically result in the suspension from the following game played by their team.

P. Managers/Coaches are to cooperate by providing team parents to run the league snack bar when scheduled to do so (see Article I - Section XIII).

SECTION VIII - PROTESTS

A Intent to protest must be indicated to the plate Umpire in accordance with ASA rules.

a. Before the next pitch for rule protests.

b. Prior to both teams or the Umpire leaving the playing field for player eligibility protests, minimum play requirement protest or pitching regulation protests.

B. A written protest must be submitted to LEGS Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) within 72 hours after scheduled game of protest.

C. If the UIC is unavailable LEGS President may receive the written protest.

D. Protest shall contain all pertinent information relating to the protest situation as delineated in current ASA rules.

E. Protest shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 Protest Fee which is refundable if protest is upheld.

F. LEGS UIC will convene a Protest Committee and handle the protest in accordance with LEGS By-Laws.

G. Judgment calls are not grounds for protesting a game.

H. There will be absolutely NO protests in the 6U or 8-under divisions.

SECTION IX- POST SEASON PLAY-OFFS

A Registration fees cover regular season play all players eligible for playoff must be in "Good Standing" with the league (see Section "Good Standing")

B. In most seasons, all teams qualify for the post-season. LEGS Board of Directors reserves the right to augment the number of teams that qualify for post season on a season by season basis.

C. Team's seeding for the "**Spring Season**" in round one of the playoffs will be

based on regular season record and will appropriately be positioned on tournament style bracket, this seeding remains until the championship game meaning higher seed is home team. "Championship game the home team is decided by a coin flip.

i. (Exception "**FallBall**") -After the first round of the tournament/playoffs subsequent rounds are decided by a coin flip at home plate before the game, higher seed takes the 3rd base dugout regardless of home or away status.

D. Seeding tie breaker will be determined by "Runs For" (then "Runs Against - if needed) scored during the regular season.

E. Post season play is "Double" elimination tournament style. See below for example of bracket seeding.

F. The winner of the above Championship game will be crowned by the BOARD as the Division's winner. Trophies will be awarded accordingly.

G. In the fall season there is no playoffs it is a tournament where seeding will be decided by hat pick at the end of the season. LEGS board of directors can adjust the fall rules to be "competitive" which would include playoffs, this decision must be made prior to the draft for the fall season and must be relayed to all coaches prior to the draft.

H. Games resulting in a Tie at the end of regulation time will be decided by "Tie Breaker" Rules.

8-UNDER DIVISIONS ONLY

The 10" RIF 10ball for 8U

Standard ASA rules apply to the 8U division with the following exceptions:

a. "4 Runs Ahead" Rule 8U

i. Only 4 runs can be scored per inning if the team is ahead or at the start of the game before the inning is deemed over. However, if a team is trailing, that team will have the opportunity to tie and go up by 4 runs before the inning is deemed over.

ii. **Exception to the "4 Run Ahead" Rule.** There's no "4 Run Ahead" Rule beyond the 3rd inning. Meaning a team can score as many runs as possible before the 3rd out is made from the 4thinning on.

b. A maximum of six (6) players may be position in the infield and four (4) players in the outfield.

c. There will be no walks issued to any batter who is not hit by pitch. If a batter is hit by pitch the batter has the option of taking the walk or taking pitches from their coach.

i. Whenever a batter reaches a count of four (4) balls, the offensive coach will pitch to that batter from the pitcher's plate.

- ii. Runners may not steal when the coach is pitching.
- iii. Batter shall maintain the strike count.
- iv. Batter may strike out swinging or looking.
- v. If the coach is hit with a batted ball the ball is dead and runners return to their previously occupied base. The batter is out.
- vi. If the coach interferes with any player during a batted ball play the batter is immediately out and the runners return to their bases.
- vii. Coach will be allowed three (3) pitches Maximum (unless foul ball on the 3rd, 4th etc... pitches).
- viii. When the coach is pitching the batter will not be awarded 1st base on a "hit by pitch". This will be ruled a "no pitch."
- ix. Pitcher who gave up the walk will remain in the pitching position and must have one (1) foot in the circle when the Coach is pitching.
- x. There will be NO bunting when a coach is pitching.
- xi. When a batter is hit by a pitched ball from the Pitcher (youth). The ball is dead. The offensive Manager/Coach has the option of allowing the batter to take 1st base or continue to bat with the Manager/Coach pitching with zero (0) strikes. Three (3) pitches maximum.

NOTE : Outs made by the scenario above (d) will be recorded as pitching outs by the pitcher of record.

xii. Managers Discretion - If agreed upon by all Managers and Board - can shorten how far into the season the coach pitch for 8U will be used. Coach pitch WILL NOT exceed 4 weeks into the season.

d. When coach pitch is not being used in a season (typically Spring Season and Post Season) Walks will be awarded to a batter if 4 balls are pitched before the 3rd strike is recorded by the pitcher.

e. Runners on 1st or 2nd base may steal one (1) base per pitched ball.

i. A runner in sole possession of an illegally stolen base shall return to the correct base at the conclusion of play (after play is called dead by the Umpire).

f. A runner cannot steal home.

g. A play at 3rd base does not release the runner from 3rd base. Example: backpick/overthrow on stolen base.

h. Bases will be awarded for penalties. Example: Ball thrown out of play

i. There will be NO "Infield Fly" rule.

j. There will be NO "Drop 3rd Strike" rule.

k. When the pitcher has possession of the ball, that is returned within the circle, the ball is dead and all play will cease.

l. All outfielders must remain on the outfield grass until the ball is pitched.

m. If the pitcher fails to catch the ball (catchable ball) within or near the circle (approximately 5 feet), she is considered to have possession if she has made an attempt to catch it.

n. Teams may start and finish with six (6) players.

o. Games are six (6) innings or 1 hour & 15 minutes/1 hour 40 minutes drop dead.

10-UNDER DIVISION ONLY

10U Division uses the 11" ball

Standard USA rules are in effect for our 10U division with exception of the following rules:

NOTE: For 10U, four (4) players are allowed in the outfield during the game for FALL BALL. In SPRING BALL, the 4 outfielders rule FOR 10U will be voted on by the 10U Managers and Approved by LEGS Board of Directors.

a. "4 Runs Ahead" Rule 10U

i. Only 4 runs can be scored per inning if the team is ahead or at the start of the game before the inning is deemed over. However, if a team is trailing, that team will have the opportunity to tie and go up by 4 runs before the inning is deemed over.

ii. **Exception to the "4 Run Ahead" Rule.** There is no "4 Run Ahead Rule" beyond the 3rd inning. Meaning a team can score as many runs as possible before the 3rd out is made from the beginning of 4th inning on.

b. No infield Fly Rule (Fall Season)

12, 14, 16 UNDER DIVISIONS

Standard ASA rules are in effect for our 12U, 14U and 16U divisions

6U DIVISION ONLY

a. The 6U division of LEGS is an instructional division. The goal is to teach the sport of softball and its fundamental through practice and games of limited competition. Scores may be kept at the Managers discretion. All participants will receive a trophy at the end of the playing season and all participants will be considered to have won their division. All Managers, Coaches and spectators are encouraged to promote an atmosphere of pressure-free learning for the children who are participating in the program.

b. Pitching distance is 20 feet away with bases set at 45 feet.

c. Each player gets four (4) pitches from coach before the tee is used. The batter will be allowed an extra pitch if there is foul tip on the fourth (4th) pitch, or subsequent extra pitches. The coach will make every attempt not to "screen" the defensive players from the ball. The coach must make every attempt to take a neutral position (stepping out of the way or kneeling down) so as to not disrupt the flow of the defense.

d. For the safety of the players only low profile movable runner bases shall be used.

e. No bunting.

f. Runners may advance only one base on a ball hit in the infield. Runners may advance two bases for a ball hit to the outfield (ball must travel past the dirt infield).

g. No runner advances on overthrows.

h. Modified round robin batting in all innings. Every player bats in their half of the inning. Bases are cleared after the third out.

i. There will not be stealing of any bases.

j. All players play on defense.

k. Each player must play in the infield a minimum of one (1) innings. **EXCEPTION:** Coach feels there may be a safety risk to player. Coaches are encouraged to spread the infield play out evenly throughout the season.

l. The number of infielders allowed is limited to six (6). Pitcher, catcher, 1B, 2B, SS and 3B. All other defensive players must play on outfield arc.

m. There must be a new player at the catcher and pitcher positions every inning.

Recommendation: A minimum of two (2) coaches shall be on the field with the girls at all times.

n. No scorekeeping (Managers Discretion). There is no final score, no win or lose, it's about learning and having fun for the girls.

o. Game time limit is 1 hour, drop dead.

p. The ball shall be a 10" soft training softball.

q. A faceguard is required on all helmets.

r. When the batter is using the tee, the catcher must play back and off to the side to avoid being hit by a thrown bat.

s. Teams may start and finish with six (6) or more players.

t. Both teams (home and visitor) are responsible for preparing the field. Both teams (home and visitor) are responsible for returning all equipment to its designated area at the end of the last game of the day.

"GOOD STANDING"

As a strictly non-profit, 100% volunteer league it is critical that all parents/guardians contribute to the success of our league. As a result of this, there are mandatory activities that Parents/Guardians are expected to participate in during the course of a season, to provide the best experience as possible for all of the girls. Failure to participate in these activities can/will result in loss of "**good standing**" with the league. some examples of these activities are below:

1. **Snack Bar Volunteering**, all parents are required to work a snack bar shift, failure to work a snack bar shift without (2 days) notice before your shift will result in the loss of "**good standing**" with the league. We do understand life happens and will always be open to help you reschedule or trade your shift with someone else if we are given ample time to coordinate.

I. You can schedule someone else to take your shift, (must be over 18 years of age) but you must notify the Snack Bar Coordinator for approval (2 Days Prior) to your shift.

II. The Snack Bar Coordinator will make every effort to not schedule your snack bar shift at the same time your Child/Children are Playing, please notify the Snack Bar Coordinator if you notice this error has happened. Although you **MAY** be scheduled for a snack bar shift on a day when your Child/Children don't have any activities at the field at all.

III. You can trade your snack bar shift with other parents, all trades must of snack bar shifts must be approved by the snack bar coordinator no later than (2 days) prior to the shift being traded.

2. **Fund Raisers**, the LEGS Board of Directors makes every effort to keep the league fees lower from season to season. One of the many ways we accomplish this

is through Mandatory Season Fund Raisers. **ALL PLAYERS are required to participate, Failure to participate in Mandatory Fund Raisers will result in the loss of "good standing" with the league.** Team Moms will be notified at the start of the season on what the mandatory fund raiser for that particular season is, and be given specific details on how to accomplish the fund raiser requirement for that season. The leagues Team Mom Coordinator as well as ANY LEGS BOARD MEMBER can assist with answering questions about the current season fund raising requirement.

Also your good standing can also be impacted by the following incidences:

1. non-payment registration fees in full, the league will make every effort to confidentially notify parents, if complete payment is not received by the deadline you will lose "good standing" with the league.
2. the breaking any of the "Conduct on the Field" or "Code of Conduct" rules, each issue will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the league mediator committee.
3. Cheating...

Penalties:

- If you lose good standing with the league, the Manager/Coach and parents of the player will be notified immediately that the player is **not eligible** for the post season activities, including playoffs and All-Stars. They also will not receive their trophies or awards, and (in the case of registration fees) will not receive their season pictures. Once good standing is restored the player will be eligible for full post season participation.
- If the player who is ineligible also has a parent as a coach that Parent-Coach/Manager will not be allowed on the field until they are moved back to good standing with the league. Once good standing is restored the Parent-Coach/Manager will be eligible for full post season participation.
- The LEGS Board of Directors reserves the right to adjust these requirements from season to season.