

LYNDON RECREATION RULES

JUNIOR SOFTBALL

Pitching Distance: 35'

Bases: 60'

Ball: 11"

Official USA Softball will apply, except as follows:

- 1) Unlimited substitution on defense is allowed at all times.
- 2) The game will be played with 9 players on defense.
 - a) In the event 9 players are not available, the game can be played with 7 players.
 - b) A forfeit will be declared if a team does not have at least 7 players on the field within 5 minutes after the official starting time, or becomes unable to field 7 players at any time during the game.
- 3) 10 players may be used on defense but no more than 4 infielders.
- 4) Each game is scheduled for 6 innings or one hour and twenty minutes, whichever comes first.
 - a) Any inning started prior to the one-hour and twenty-minute limitation will be completed.
 - b) A new inning is considered to have started the instant that the final out is made in the previous inning.
- 5) If either team leads by 15 or more runs after 4 innings, or 10 or more runs after 5 innings, the game will be called and ruled a complete game.
- 6) Each team will bat until 3 outs are made or 6 runs are scored, whichever comes first. No more than 6 runs can be scored during each team's turn at bat.
- 7) There is no balk.
 - a) In the event of an illegal pitch, a ball shall be awarded to the batter, the ball is dead, and no runners shall advance unless forced to advance due to the batter receiving a base on balls.
 - b) If, in the judgment of the umpire, a pitcher purposely commits an illegal pitch for the purpose of issuing an intentional walk, a ball shall not be awarded to the batter.
 - c) The umpire shall also be empowered to nullify any balls previously awarded to that batter which resulted from illegal pitches.
 - d) Repeated offenses by the same team may result in the removal of the pitcher from her position as pitcher.
 - e) The coach may request to intentionally walk a hitter to the umpire.
- 8) No pitcher shall pitch more than 7 innings (21 outs) in any one week.
 - a) The pitching week shall be Monday through Sunday.
 - b) The official record of innings pitched will be maintained by the umpires.

- c) Unless a manager or his representative notifies the general manager of an alleged error **prior to the closing of the park on the night of the game**, this record will be presumed to be correct. Violations of this rule shall result in forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurred.
 - d) If more than two games are played within one week, the inning limitation will be increased by three innings (nine outs) for each additional game played.
 - e) The only time a pitcher may use the extra innings allowed under this rule is in the additional game(s) played.
 - f) “Additional games” are determined by the order in which games are actually played within the week, without regard to whether they are regularly scheduled games or makeup games.
 - g) If the pitching limitation is exceeded only because more than one out is made on the same play, it will not be considered a violation.
- 9) The pitching week may or may not be redefined during tournament play.
- 10) Once the starting pitcher has been removed as a pitcher for the second time in the same game, she may not return in that game as a pitcher.
- a) Relief pitchers removed as a pitcher may not return as a pitcher.
- 11) During any extra inning, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.
- 12) Baserunners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball reaches home plate.
- a) PENALTY: The runner is out, it shall be called a no-pitch, all other runners return to their bases.
- 13) Stealing is allowed, but runners are limited to an advance of only one base on a steal, even if an overthrow occurs during an attempted play.
- a) If a runner advances more than one base on a steal, the ball remains alive and the runner may be tagged out while between bases.
 - b) If a runner safely reaches an unoccupied base to which she is not entitled, she is not in jeopardy of being put out while in contact with the base, but will be sent back by the umpire at the end of the play.
- 14) Runners are permitted to advance home on a past ball or wild pitch and are permitted to steal home.
- 15) The 1st & 3rd “double steal” is not permitted.
- a) The runner at first may attempt to steal second base and the stolen base rule applies but the runner at 3rd base will not be permitted to steal home when the throw goes to second base and will not advance home on an overthrow to second base.
- 16) The batter is not eligible to run on a dropped third strike.
- 17) A batter must use a softball bat.

18) "Time" shall be called when, in the judgment of an umpire, all immediate play is apparently completed.

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