

LYNDON RECREATION RULES

2026

PEEWEE (COACH PITCH) GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Field Dimensions

Bases	50'
Infield Circle	30'
Foul Circle	10'

Official USA Softball fast-pitch softball rules will apply, except as follows:

- 1) Each game is scheduled for a one-hour time limit or five innings, whichever comes first. No new inning may start with less than ten minutes remaining in the hour. A new inning is considered to have started the instant that the previous inning is concluded.
- 2) The ball will be a soft baseball.
- 3) The game will be played with ten players on defense. In the event ten players are not available, the game can be played with seven players. A forfeit will be declared if a team does not have at least seven players on the field within five minutes after the official starting time, or becomes unable to field seven players at any time during the game.
- 4) Unlimited substitution on defense is allowed at all times.
- 5) All defensive players must be positioned behind the infield circle until the ball is hit (use of a catcher is not permitted). If a violation occurs on a play in which the batter and all baserunners safely advance at least one base, the violation will be ignored. Otherwise, all runners will be returned to their original bases and the batter will resume his turn at bat.
- 6) No defensive player other than the first baseman may apply a tag to a batter/runner or step on first base before the batter/runner reaches first base. PENALTY: The ball is dead, the batter/runner is awarded first base, and all other runners are awarded one base from their positions at the time the ball was hit.
- 7) One defensive coach is allowed on the field, but must remain on the outfield side of the basepaths while the ball is in play. If the defensive coach touches a fielder in an effort to aid in positioning the fielder while the ball is in play, the ball shall become dead and the umpire shall award such bases as in his judgment would have been attained had it not been for the interference. The minimum award for each runner shall be one base beyond the last base he/she had legally touched at the time of the interference.
- 8) Each team will bat until three outs are made or eight runs are scored, whichever comes first. No more than eight runs can be scored during each team's turn at bat. (If a team trails by more than

- eight runs at the expiration of the time limit while an inning is in progress, they will be allowed to complete their turn at bat even though it is impossible for them to tie the score or win the game.)
- 9) If either team leads by fifteen or more runs after three or four full innings of play, the game will be called and ruled a complete game.
 - 10) The ball will be pitched by a coach of the offensive team, who may pitch from any position and distance. Another coach will be positioned behind the plate in order to help the batter and to field unhit pitches. The batter will receive a maximum of four pitches (regardless of pitch location) to hit a fair ball or be put out by a caught foul ball. If a batter has not reached base or been put out after four pitches, the ball will be batted from a tee. If a batter has not reached base or been put out after two swings while using the tee, the batter will be declared out. There will be no strikeouts or bunting (batter must take a full swing). If the batter hits the ball without taking a full swing, the ball shall be declared dead, all runners must return to their bases, and the batter shall resume his/her turn at bat.
 - 11) When a batter is hitting from the tee, the batter may not advance beyond first base on the play. Other runners will be eligible to advance only if forced, and will be limited to an advance of only one base, even if an overthrow occurs on an attempted play.
 - 12) The pitcher must make every effort to avoid interfering in any way with the defense. If the batter hits a pitched ball, the pitcher must remain within the eight-foot diameter pitcher's circle while the ball is in play, unless it is necessary to move from the circle in order to avoid interfering with the play. If the batter is hitting from the tee, the pitcher must remain in foul territory.
 - 13) A batted ball which strikes the pitcher without first touching a defensive player shall be declared a dead ball. Runners must return to their bases and the batter will resume his/her turn at bat. The pitch is included in the four-pitch limit; if it is the fourth pitch, the batter will then bat from the tee.
 - 14) A thrown or deflected ball which strikes the pitcher is a live ball and remains in play.
 - 15) If a batted ball comes to rest inside the foul circle, it is a foul ball.
 - 16) There will be no stealing. The baserunner's foot must be on the base when the ball is hit.
PENALTY: The ball is dead, the runner is out, no bases may be run by the batter or other runners.
 - 17) If an offensive coach touches a runner in any way while the ball is in play, the runner shall be called out, the ball is dead, and all other runners shall return to the last bases they had legally touched at the time of the interference.
 - 18) When the ball is held overhead by a defensive player within the infield (anywhere within the skinned portion of fair ground), with no play being attempted, time shall be called by the umpire. Any runner who has reached the 25-foot hash mark when time is called will be awarded the next base. Any runner who has not reached the hash mark will be sent back to the previous base.
 - 19) Following any overthrow during an attempted play, no runners may advance further than two bases from the last base they had touched at the time of the overthrow. EXCEPTION: If an overthrow occurs during an attempted play on the batter/runner before she reaches first base, the

batter/runner may not advance further than first base on the play; other runners would be eligible to advance up to two bases from their positions at the time of the overthrow.

20) The infield fly rule does not apply.

21) When two runners occupy the same base, it must be determined which runner is entitled to the base. Unless it is a force situation, the lead runner is entitled to the base and the following runner may be put out by being tagged. In force situations, the lead runner may be put out by tagging either the runner or the base to which she is forced.

22) A batter may use any regulation softball bat.

23) The umpires will be the coaches (or their designate) of the teams.