

# 2016 Lynn's Softball Rules Coed

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

FOR 2016 All rules are the SAME for the Weekday B-E DIV, and A Div has some differences.

1. Courtesy Runner: Anyone who is injured prior and/or during the game may use a courtesy runner. **ONE MALE & ONE FEMALE RUNNER(S) MAY BE USED AS 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 for a male **AND** 1 female courtesy for a female*). **\*IF a team is ONLY Using 1 runner, IF an injury happens, please allow them to use another runner(even if it's the same sex).**

2. Pitching: a. "B-E" rules are as follows – Pitcher may be male or female and **must** just pitch **hittable**. **NO FLAT PITCHING/NO HIGH ARC PITCHING!!** Pitcher must start with **BOTH** feet on the rubber and ball at stopped position. **NOTE – Coed A may pitch flatter, but NOT FASTER.** Umpires judgment as to if a pitch is legal or illegal. The pitcher must go straight back(arm) 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 the faster pitchers. An ARC with a 2 ft area will be determined by the umpire, and he/she will explain as such: A pitch's arc must go above the head of any batter, but not go above 2 ft. above any batter (ex: batter is 5' tall, the pitch's arc cannot go above 7', but **MUST** go at least above the batter's head to be considered legal and hittable). This eliminates any "high-arc" and "flat-style" pitchers from pitching.

b. **Intentional walks are NOT allowed at anytime!** – If an umpire deems that a pitcher intentionally walked a MALE batter(must be ahead of a Female), he will award that batter a walk, and the next female in the order a walk also.(this is a judgment 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. \*\*IF Ump warns captain prior to game, then player ejected without warning\*\***

4. a. 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 EITHER SLIDE 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 IS AN OUT AND can also lead to an ejection. When in doubt, Please slide, it is a safety rule.**

**\*\* b. The person who covers HOME plate MUST give the base runner an open path to home plate. YOU CANNOT BLOCK THE PLATE ANYMORE!** We are trying to eliminate all possible collisions at the plate. Incidental contact is allowed IF the throw brings the defensive player into the base path of the runner. **PUT your left**

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**foot on FRONT of home plate**-as a guide, then every time the runner will have somewhere to run/slide and minimal contact will be made.

5. All protests must be made official to the umpire **immediately** after **the play** in question. He will note it and contact the Commissioner after the game. 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 resume 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 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\***). *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).

9. Game starts(**ONLY USED FOR EARLY GAMES** 6PM/6:15/6:30PM) – a. There will be a **10 MINUTE** grace period is awarded to a team and after that 10 min if they do not have enough players, *a forfeit will be awarded.* (7-0 score will be posted in standings). **MUST GET GAMES GOING** – this will not be as strict IF you do not have a game after yours. **ALL LATE GAMES WILL NOT HAVE A GRACE PERIOD! YOU MUST HAVE ENOUGH** by your GAME TIME – or it could be a forfeit.

b. There will be **NO WARM-UPS** between innings(FOR ANYONE) – from the 4<sup>th</sup> inning on. This is **IMPORTANT** for all double and triple headers! Please move games along.

c. **TIME LIMITS** - We WILL BE IMPLEMENTING TIME Limits on ALL games where we have to move games along. No New Innings after 80 min – and your TIME STARTS when your GAME TIME IS – ex – 6pm game, and you don't have enough until 6:08 – your 80 min still started at 6pm! Umps will NOT be giving any extra grace periods, fields like Lansing/Mullens/Coyne/Nott Road- **VERY important** and will be strict on this.

10. 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 female player shows up to the game. The out will take place where the **LAST FEMALE spot in the batting order(usually 8<sup>th</sup> spot)** where a female player would have been placed. You may start with **9** players **4** females and **5** males and not get penalized. If you intend on adding a MALE when/if they show up, you **MUST take an out** to **save** his spot in the order, if you don't that Male can only SUB in.

b.\*\*NEW FOR NEW 7 & 3 DIVISION – In this Division, you must have at least 3 females and 7 males on the field. Rule is same as above rule – except one less female needed. \*ONLY FEMALE EHs (Up to 2) will be allowed. (You can't bat 8 guys ever)

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c. EH RULE – You are allowed two EH's - the first EH **MUST** be a female and the second EH can be male. 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 out the male EH** – You **MAY NOT** Keep 7 males in the batting order without having 5 females in the order!!

d. DH RULE: A Designated Hitter may be used for ONE Player per game (this batter will only HIT, and the person whom he/she is hitting for cannot hit at all). If the DH ends up going into the game, then the person he/she was hitting for is done for the game. ONLY ONE DH allowed per game! The player getting DHed for CAN hit for themselves, but then the DH is out of the game.

e. There are many possible combinations of lineups: Standard 6 males/4 females, 6 males/3 females(must take auto out), 5 males/4 females, 5 males/5 females, 6 males/5 females(using one female EH), and 7 males/5 females(using a female and a male EH) – there is no limit to amount of females you put in the 12 person lineup, the most males is 7 – with 2 EHs.

11. **RUN RULE-** Games are 7 innings, unless the home team is ahead after 6.5 innings OR if either team is ahead by 20 runs after 4 innings, by 15 runs after 5 innings, by 12 runs after 6 innings.

12. 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. 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. THERE ARE **NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED!** - You will be **ejected** from the game (no 2<sup>nd</sup> chances with this - SAFETY.) YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WARNED RIGHT NOW!!

**d. NO THROWING BATS – AUTOMATIC EJECTION! This is an adult league.**

13. Playoff Eligibility: **ROSTERS WILL BE DUE BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS!!**

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. WE will keep track of player's eligibility through use of LINEUP CARDS. PLEASE FILL out cards legibly and MAKE sure players get in games(JUST 1 AT BAT or ONE Defensive OUT counts as a game eligibility). FULL NAMES PLEASE ON CARDS. \*NOTE – IF you DO NOT Fill out card right, UMPIRE will give back for you to correct – it is IMPERATIVE that you also ANNOUNCE SUBS to the UMP – we keep track! \*NO NICKNAMES PLEASE!!

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. IF the injured player comes to full games, he/she can get credit-let umpire know you are there at start of game(he will mark it on the card).

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14. THE 5<sup>th</sup> Infielder Rule (NOT IN Weekday COED A DIV): **No outfielder** is allowed to play on the dirt (in the infield) at any time. If an OF covers a base during a play, the base runner going towards that base will be called safe and batter as well. An OF CAN catch a ball on the infield dirt, but just cannot make a tag or cover any base. If there is a pickle, then anyone can cover a base (this overrules the 5<sup>th</sup> infielder rule). This is to make game better for all Coed players.

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!

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.

17. **\*\*NEW RULE\*\*** - Everyone, this is an **ADULT LEAGUE** – if you can't handle yourself as an adult, then don't play in this league. We have banned people, and suspended people for behaviors that are not acceptable. You don't agree with a call, then tell your captain(**they are the only people** that should be discussing any issues with the umpires). IF you are EJECTED from a game, you will SIT another game as penalty for that ejection – this INCLUDES playoff games also. Be smart, control your teams, and tell them all to be adults and enjoy the games! Thanks

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!!