



**2013 LAFA Softball Rules - Senior**  
**14-17 Yr Olds**

**INFIELD DIMENSIONS:**

- 40 ft. Pitching distance from back of home plate to front of pitching plate
- 60 ft. distance between bases

**PITCHING RULES:**

- Pitcher must pitch from rubber
- Both feet must be in contact with rubber
- A pitcher may not re-enter the game in the pitching position once removed

**GAME RULES - REGULAR SEASON:**

- 12" softball will be used
- 3 outfielders will be used
- Continuous batting order will be used
- All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield during each game. Players should be allowed to try all positions during the season.
- All players must play half the game. Playing time should be as equal as possible
- No player may sit out more than 2 innings in a row. Rotate between games.
- Bunting is allowed. Remember a bunt foul on 2<sup>nd</sup> strike count is an out. NO SLASH BUNTING WILL BE ALLOWED. (Slash bunting is faking to bunt then hitting away- NOT ALLOWED).
- Stealing and leading is allowed when the ball is released from the pitchers hand.
- No going home on passed balls.
- No Stealing Home (unless the catcher attempts to throw a runner out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base on a steal attempt) the ball is considered "live" and in play.
- Infield fly rule is in effect.

- Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule is in effect. (Note – batter can only attempt to advance to first if the base is unoccupied with less than 2 outs. If 2 outs; batter can attempt to advance to first.)
- Letters to knee strike zone
- 5 run rule per inning is in effect with a continuation of play allowed to score more runs. (Example; You have scored 4 runs already, batter hits a Home run and scores 4 more, then score 8 for that inning and then you are done batting for that inning.)

#### COACH NEEDS TO KNOW:

- Score book must be kept for both teams
- Only head coach may have a discussion with the umpire.
- A complete game is 7 innings
- During the regular season, all games are considered complete as long as 3 innings are completed. If not, then make up will be scheduled
- The 10 run mercy rule is in effect; once regulation game time of 4 ½ or 5 innings has been met it is imposed.
- No new inning after 1hr 45minutes from game time. Two-hour time limit.
- If game is called before complete inning played, score will convert back to last completed inning.
- Teams have 2 minutes to take field, Pitcher gets 5 warm-ups within that 2 minutes. (Have someone help your catchers get ready ASAP).

#### GAME RULES – PLAYOFF DIFFERENCES:

- Single Elimination Format will be used.
- Playoff position is determined by standings at the end of the regular season.
- For playoffs, higher seed will determine home team until final round when the team from the winner's bracket will be the home team.
- Games cannot end in a tie.
- Time rules are not in effect, but games must meet regulation requirements above. If the game is suspended it will resume from the point it was suspended.
- The 10 run mercy rule is in effect.

All above rules are in effect along with BABE RUTH Softball rules as outlined in the rulebook, which we have not modified.

Note: All players should be encouraged to try all positions during the season.