

LONG BEACH RECREATION DEPT.- MEN'S
SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS-2013

All bats will conform to the ASA-any bat on the Non-Approved Bat List is illegal.

Found to be using a non-approved bat in the batter's box is an automatic ejection for the player and his manager for that game and a suspension for the next 2 games.

If the pitched ball hits the plate and/or the mat, it is a strike

ASA pitching rule will be in effect. The minimum arc is 6' from the ground and the maximum is 12' from the ground. Once the pitch is started, the pitching motion must be continuous. The pitch will be with moderate speed and a perceptible arc. The pitcher must start with one foot on the rubber but may stretch out to either side of the rubber with the other foot and pitch. He may select a pitching distance of 50' to 56' feet at any time on any pitch.

The Run rule ahead will be 15 runs after 3rd & 4th (losing team must bat three/four times) and 12 after 5 (losing team must bat 5 times)

Team can bat 12 players, all may participate on Offense or Defense. If you are playing with 12, put any 10 out on the field. NEED AT LEAST 9 PLAYERS TO START & AT LEAST 9 TO FINISH. Extra EP players must be there at game time.

Fifteen (15) minute forfeit rule for all games.

NO CURFEW ON LAST GAME-ON THE 1ST & 2ND IF GAMES ARE TIED AND YOU CAN SQUEEZE ANOTHER INNING without a big deal, do it. After one , still tied, game ends.

BATTERS BOX: START IN THE BOX NOT ON THE LINE, GIVE AN EXTRA FOOT IN FRONT-BOX IS 6' NOT 7'

YOU WILL RECEIVE GAME SHEETS FOR EACH GAME ON THIS CLIPBOARD-THE TEAMS COMPLETE THE LINE-UPS AND YOU KEEP THE RUNNING SCORE ON THE SHEETS. ANY INJURIES, EJECTIONS OR ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN THE GAME-WRITE IT ON THE SHEET MUST READ BY ALL UMPIRES BEFORE STARTING GAMES RULES ARE ATTACHED TO THE CLIP BOARD- KEEP SCORE ON THE SHEETS-indicate starting and finishing times of games

If a player is ejected, he will automatically be suspended for the next 2 games.

Uniform rule (matching tops and bottoms) will be enforced AFTER June 15th BY League.

All games will be 1 hr and 20 minutes long (time is determined by 1st pitch time). No full inning will be allowed to start after 1 hr and 15 minutes.

A player can not switch teams after playing with one already. Umpires will NOT rule on player eligibility-City of Long Beach Recreation personnel will.

NO METAL SPIKES-warning to remove, if not-EJECTION

Teams using players not on the Official Roster will automatically forfeit that game.

COURTESY RUNNERS- 2 allowed per game

HOME RUN RULE- Each team will be allowed 4 hr's over the fence-no four base awards-after 4th it's an OUT.

FEE: each umpire will be paid \$35.00 at the field at the beginning of each game. Recreation personnel will handle all payment of forfeits. ANY PROBLEMS CALL: Paul-431-3890/Vin 313-9120

Only TEAM MEMBERS are allowed in the dugout area. Will be strictly enforced