

## 2010 LEROY SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

Boys "E" Division Ages 8-10

Girls "F" Division Ages 8-10

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1. USSSA SLOW PITCH Playing Rules and By-Laws will prevail except where provisions are made to satisfy local conditions of play stated herein.
2. This league will use single wall bats only.
3. Home Team, listed first on the schedule, will sit on the first base side of the field and will be the official score.
4. A team must have at least 8 of its own players to start and finish a game. If this condition is not met within 10 minutes of game starting time, a forfeit shall be declared. Score will be 7-0.
5. Games are to begin promptly at their schedule time. The "game clock" begins even if a team is short of players and is using the 10 minute grace period while waiting for additional players. Game times will be reduced according to the number of minutes late starting.
6. If a team only has 8 players, the opposing team will provide a player to act as a catcher for the team with 8. The responsibility of the catcher will be to catch the ball and return the ball to the pitcher. If a play is made at home plate, this catcher may not be involved in any way. If a 9<sup>th</sup> player arrives for the game, this player will be added to the end of the batting order and the opposing team will no longer be required to provide a catcher.
7. Players arriving after the start of the game will be added to the end of the batting order.
8. No team will be required to take an automatic out for fielding less than 10 players.
9. Each ½ inning will be 3 outs or 10 runs.
10. No Jewelry can be worn during games.
11. All players will in the batting order and every player will be required to play in the field at least 2 innings per each regulation game.
12. No inning will start 1 hour and 15 minutes after the game starting time unless the score is tied.
  - *If teams are tied after the time limit ends, an additional inning will begin with the last batter of the previous inning on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. This inning will start with 2 outs. Both teams get this opportunity.*
13. Each batter will have an unlimited amount of foul balls.
14. The infield fly rule WILL NOT be used for these leagues.
15. Tie Breakers: 1) Head to Head. 2) Records against lower finishing teams (starting at the next lower finishing team down to the last place team). 3) Last resort is a coin toss.
16. Winning team is responsible for calling the scores into the News-Herald, 3 names from each team.

### Game Cancellations:

When rain has created doubt as to whether the game will be played, the Leroy Softball League Directors will determine if conditions permit the games to be played.

In case of inclement weather, whenever possible, game field conditions will be determined 2 hours before start of first schedule game that day. League Coordinators will be notified and they will contact Coaches to update them regarding field conditions and cancellations. Coaches are responsible for calling players.

**Lightning:** If lightning is present in the area, the game shall cease immediately. Teams can wait 30 minutes to see if conditions clear. If not, the game is concluded. Make sure all players are accounted for.