

# LYBA LOCAL LEAGUE RULES: DARLINGS: TRADITIONAL

## I. RULES

- (a) LYBA Darlings division plays traditional rules
- (b) Local league rules supersede Dixie rules
- (c) Official Dixie Girls Softball Rules and Regulations will be followed for any rules not covered by these local league rules

## II. THE GAME

- (a) A complete game will be 5 innings or 75 minutes. No inning will start after 75 minutes. If an inning has started when the 75 minutes are up then it will extend to 90 minutes. At 90 minutes the game will be over. If the inning was not completed the game will go back to the last completed inning to determine a winner. If the game ends in a tie, each team will receive a ½ win and a ½ loss
- (b) An inning shall be ended with the play of the 10<sup>th</sup> batter rule in that inning or 3 outs.  
**Note:** When the 10<sup>th</sup> batter steps to plate, at that point 2 outs will be called even though batting team may in fact not have any outs. The offensive team or official scorekeeper must notify umpire when the 10<sup>th</sup> batter comes to bat and make it known to the defensive team
- (c) Opening day game, even if its not the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season, will be played as noncompetitive. All other scheduled games of the season will be competitive

## III. MANAGERS & COACHES

- (a) Managers and coaches ARE responsible for their fans behavior
- (b) Control yourself and your parents. This is to be a fun game for children. If a problem arises from coaches or parents that cannot be resolved via the umpire, stop the game and contact the league commissioner, VP of LYBA Softball or any LYBA board member to assist
- (c) The home team is responsible for the scorekeeper (Early games home team should pick up 2 balls and scorebook from the storage room and the late games home team is responsible to take the scorebook back to the storage room).
- (d) Manager or coach and the umpire must sign the scorebook
- (e) Practice time may be for a **MAXIMUM** of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes per day and may not exceed (5) five days per week and **NO** practices are allowed on Wednesdays
- (f) The manager and 3 approved coaches are the only persons allowed in the dugout or on the field with the team
- (g) Only persons with current year completed background checks approved by LYBA are allowed to participate/assist during any games and/or official practices
- (h) No use of tobacco products during a game or practice
- (i) No cell phones allowed on the playing field during the game

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### **IV. GAME PLAY**

- (a) Shirts will be tucked in at all times and **NO** jewelry allowed (Including new piercings and special clamped earrings)
- (b) Coach-pitchers can only assist the batter in positioning while she is in the batters box (no other type of coaching is allowed). Once the ball is hit the coach-pitcher can not assist the batter as a base runner (See rulebook for details)
- (c) Offensive team will be made up of the entire roster. If a player arrives late and she was passed over at bat she will go at the end of the lineup if the first batter has not batted twice. (If a team has less than 10 players then both teams will play the same number for the 10<sup>th</sup> batter rule. Example one team has 8 players and the other has 11 players. The 11 player team will bat and when the 8<sup>th</sup> player comes up to bat it will be just like 10<sup>th</sup> batter you will have 2 outs.) The scorekeeper must notify umpire when the 10<sup>th</sup> batter comes to bat and make it known to the defensive team
- (d) Defensive team will field 10 players; however there is not a penalty for a team with only 8 players
- (e) You are permitted to substitute your defense players in and out every inning to allow more playing time for the players
- (f) Teams can play with a minimum of 8 players. If a team has less than 8 players then pool players will be used to avoid forfeits. Pool player is defined as any player assigned to that league. **It must be that a pool player comes from the opposing team first, if unavailable, the player must be a LYBA player from the same division or age group.** If possible, teams should play with 10 players each. No more than 2 pool players may be used in any game. If more than 2 players are needed then the game will be a forfeit. Pool players will play the entire game. A pool player will play in the outfield only and will be listed last in the batting lineup. Games that use pool players will count for league standings
- (g) Protest must be made before the end of the game to the umpire or they will not be recognized. Please note in the scorebook where protest happened in case game needs to be played from a certain point in ball game. A written protest must be given to the league commissioner or the VP of Softball within 24 hours
- (h) Safety equipment must be worn during all organized practices and games. Batters helmet does require a facemask. Catcher gear is required and the catchers mask must have throat guard attached on any style helmet
- (i) Pitcher must also wear helmet with facemask. All helmets must have a facemask
- (j) The ball is dead and all base runners must stop at the base the umpire rules when the pitcher has possession of a thrown ball inside the 8' radius circle; or with the pitcher in the circle a defensive player enters the circle with the ball in her possession

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