

**LYBA LOCAL LEAGUE RULES:
PONYTAILS: X-PLAY & BELLES: TRADITIONAL**

I. RULES

- (a) LYBA Ponytails division plays X-play rules
- (b) LYBA Belles division plays Traditional rules
- (c) Local league rules supersede Dixie rules
- (d) 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 6 innings for Ponytails and 7 innings for Belles or 90 minutes(1hr 30 min). No inning will start after 90 minutes. If an inning has started when the 90 minutes are up then it will extend to 105 minutes (1 hr 45 min). At 105 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) A game will be complete when a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after four (4) innings of play; or 3 ½ innings of play in the event the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs
- (c) There will be a 7 run limit for each inning
- (d) Opening day game, even if its not the 1st 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, scoreboard controller and scorebook from the storage room and the late games home team is responsible to take the scoreboard controller and 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 2 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) 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
- (c) Defensive team will field 9 players; however there is not a penalty for a team with only 8 players
- (d) You are permitted to substitute your defense players in and out every inning to allow more playing time for the players
- (e) 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
- (f) 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
- (g) 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