

LYBA LOCAL LEAGUE RULES: SWEETEEES: TRADITIONAL

I. RULES

- (a) LYBA Sweetees 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 60 minutes. No inning will start after 60 minutes. If an inning has started when the 60 minutes are up then it will extend to 75 minutes. At 75 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 10th batter rule in that inning or 3 outs.
Note: When the 10th 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 10th batter comes to bat and make it known to the defensive team
- (c) 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 and the tee. (Early games home team should pick up 2 balls and scorebook from the concession stand and the late games home team is responsible to take the scorebook back to the concession stand).
- (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) Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the playing field during play, but remain in the outfield
- (i) No use of tobacco products during a game or practice
- (j) 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) **No Chase Rule:** A defensive player will **NOT** be allowed to chase a base runner, exception: if the play on the ball is fielded, within a reasonable distance of the base runner being chased, taking them toward the chased base runner to be tagged (i.e a baseball move).
Outfielders are not allowed to run into the infield to tag a base runner, exception: if the play on the ball is fielded, within a reasonable distance of the base runner being chased, taking them toward the chased base runner to be tagged (i.e a baseball move)
- (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 10th batter rule. Example one team has 8 players and the other has 11 players. The 11 player team will bat and when the 8th player comes up to bat it will be just like 10th batter you will have 2 outs.) The scorekeeper must notify umpire when the 10th 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) Pitchers will stand on the rubber at 40 feet
- (h) The batter will get 3 swings to hit the ball. Unlimited fouls on the 3rd swing
- (i) 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
- (j) Safety equipment must be worn during all organized practices and games. Batters helmet does require a facemask. Catcher and pitcher must also wear helmet with mask. All helmets must have a facemask
- (k) 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