

## LHYL SOFTBALL EOS TOURNAMENT RULES



- Brackets will be posted one week prior to start date, EOS tournament will begin the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> and end with the championship game on Sunday, October 26th. 6U will be a single elimination, 8/10U will be a double elimination.
- Roster submission will be sent via Game Changer the week prior to the first game. Players must be on the team's 2025 Fall roster to play. There will be NO pool players during the tournament.
- A Roster and/or an official lineup card cannot have double numbers on it unless approved by the Softball VP. For example, there cannot be two number three's on a roster and/or official lineup card.
- 8/10 U Teams will be guaranteed 2 games (2 Bracket), 6U will have one guaranteed game. Schedules will be posted at LHYL.org, Softball-EOS tab, and scores will be updated throughout the tournament.
- The tournament will follow season rules and the following rules below will also apply.
- The home team will be determined by a coin flip at the plate in the pregame meeting during pool play and bracket games, except in the Championship game.
- The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook. Teams need to provide their own score book. (GAME CHANGER)
- Teams must bat the entire roster. No player can sit two consecutive innings unless due to injury, disability, or mutual agreement with player and coach, or a discipline issue. Coaches should notify the other team and parent if this is in effect.
- All players must play at least ONE inning in the infield in each game. If the coach does not give each player at least one inning in the infield the team will be penalized by a forfeit of the game. This means the game will be recorded as a loss for the team, regardless of the score at the time.

- Teams must turn in an official line up for pool games and bracket games. Jersey numbers and names must be the same on the line up and roster. (Game Changer)
- Runners should avoid contact, if at the umpire's discretion there is intentional contact or malicious contact it will result in the player being called out.
- Throwing the bat will result in a warning to the player unless it hits the catcher or the umpire in which the batter will be called out. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence the batter will be called out.
- There will be no combined teams, all exceptions must be approved by the Softball VP in advance of the roster submission deadline.
- There are no outside players allowed.
- A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the start time if a team cannot field the required number of players. For 6U & 8U the required number of players is 10 but teams can start the game with 8 players and will take an out at the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> batter. For 10U, 12U & 14U the required number of players is 9 but teams can start the game with 8 and will take an out for the 9<sup>th</sup> batter.
- Each team must supply a game ball. Softball must be:
  - 6U/8U/10U Optic yellow 11" balls with a maximum compression of 375 lbs and max COR of .47
  - 12U/14U Optic yellow 12" balls with a maximum compression of 375 lbs and max COR of .47
- Teams are allowed 5 runs per half inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
- Run Rule; 15 run lead after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 10 run lead after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or the team is mathematically out.
- Tournament Game Times:
  - All Pool games will be 55 mins, drop dead finish the batter (Spring)
  - Bracket games:
    - 6U & 8U: 60 minutes no new inning after 55 mins
    - 10U/12U/14U: 75 minutes no new inning after 70 mins
- Tie Breaker is in effect for bracket games only. Inning will start with the bases loaded and 2 outs. The last 3 batters from the prior inning should be on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup>. After the third tie breaker, a coin flip will determine the winner.

- Players that arrive late may be added to the bottom of the batting order if the team has not gone through their lineup yet. The umpire and opposing team need to be notified at a plate meeting.
- Teams need to be ready to play 20 minutes before the original start time.
- If a player gets hurt during the tournament the team will not be required to take an out even if it puts them under the required number of players. Ex. If a 10U team only has 9 players and 1 player gets hurt during the tournament that team will not take out for the 9<sup>th</sup> batter.
- If a Championship game begins and is unable to finish due to weather conditions, there will be a coin toss to determine which team is 1st place and which team is 2nd place.
- How to Protest: A coach can protest anytime during a game if he/she determines the other team is playing illegally. A coach can protest anytime the game has officially started (6U-after the first hit, 8U-14U after the first pitch). However, once the game has ended and the coach has walked off the field, he/she can no longer protest.
- First and second place tournament rings will be given to all players and the end of each championship game.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY IS IN EFFECT AT THE LHYL FIELDS. Any player, manager, coach or fan ejected from a game must leave the facility immediately. During the suspension the ejected person may not be at the ballpark.