**Lake Country Mixed Spring Softball League Tournament Rules**

1. **Equipment**
   * 1. Only balls marked with gold dot will be used.
     2. Single wall aluminum only. No two piece or double wall bats (composite). No cryogenic, scandium bats. Wood bats are ok.
2. **Field Rules**
   1. Out of bounds- out of bounds areas will be outlined by the umpire and agreed upon by team captains prior to first pitch.
   2. Rankings will determine home team for playoffs. Final game will be a coin toss.
   3. League games- home team will be decided by coin toss
3. **Batting**
   1. Maximum 6 males @ 9 or 10 on field. Must have 9 to field a team.
   2. Should a team require substituting a player due to injury or illness it must be brought to the attention of the other team.
   3. All players must bat. All players must play on the field at some point during the game. If a player arrives late, that player will be placed at the bottom of the order
   4. Alternating batting order and must have no more than two guys in a row.
   5. There is an auto out if playing with only 8 players
   6. If a team fails to field the minimum 8 player, team defaults the game.
   7. Strike zone is based on natural stance of a batter as he enters the batter’s box
4. **Pitching**
   1. Orthodox and Slingshot pitching only. Girls can sling or pitch orthodox. Guys can only pitch orthodox.
   2. Slingshot pitching rules- No complete revolution- two feet on rubber to start, hips must open to third base (first base if lefthanded), arm/ball cannot go past head.
   3. **In case of illegal pitch**: the umpire will give a delayed dead ball signal

* If the illegal pitch is not hit:
* A) an extra ball is awarded to the batter (first base if ball four); and
* B) Runners are advanced one base

**Orthodox pitching rules-On backswing arm must not go above shoulders.** Two feet to start on the rubber.

**Motion from the start must always be forward. No rocking back and then forward.**

**On backswing arm must go straight back or behind the body as in a figure 8. Not outward away from the body.**

1. **Roster**
   1. Player must be registered with Softball BC and on the team rosters filled out at beginning of season.
   2. You can use players from other teams if you are short in LEAGUE PLAY ONLY. Those players must be registered in the league.
2. **Innings played**
   1. First 3 innings will be capped at 5 runs. Each inning after is open
   2. No new inning after 1 hr and 20 mins. In TOURNAMENT PLAY
   3. Mercy rule in effect. At end of 5 innings if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs, they will win the game.
   4. In the event of a tie at the end of 7 innings or time limit games will go to international rules. Last available runner starts at second base. IN TOURNAMENT PLAY
3. **Leading off/stealing**
   1. The runner may not leave the base until the pitcher has released the ball. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out.
   2. COMPETITIVE LEAGUE: You can steal home
4. **Infield fly rule**
   1. The batter will automatically be called out if there are runners occupying 1st and 2nd and or third and there are less than two out.
5. **Special rules-**

**REC LEAGUE**

* 1. No dropped third strike.
  2. No stealing home.
  3. No bunting.
  4. Girls may ask a guy to slow down a pitch.

**COMP LEAGUE:**

1. **Running is allowed on dropped third strike- Rule is if the third strike is dropped by the catcher, the batter may run to first if it is unoccupied and there are less than 2 out; or if first base is occupied provided there are 2 out.**
2. **Stealing home on a passed ball is permitted**
3. **Bunting is allowed**
4. **Substitute runner Rules**
   1. If injured during the game a player may use a runner.
   2. If a player runs to second, they cannot get a runner unless injured on that play.
   3. Teams must use “last available” as substitution runner (ie: last runner out or player home, unless the player is the catcher or an injured player.
   4. Catchers are exempt from this rule to give them time to dress for next inning.