

## Lakeside Softball League 2026 Spring Quick Reference Guide

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<i>General Rules</i>			
Min # to Start	7 girls to start, no outs against for absent girls		
Ball	11" Softball	12" Softball	12" Softball
Base Distances	60'		
Pitching Distance	35'	40'	43'
Inning Limit	6 or 5 1/2 if the home team is ahead		
# of Fielders	10 (4 in outfield)	9 (3 in outfield)	
Cheering/Chanting	Cheering/Chanting is prohibited once the pitcher is ready to pitch and steps on the mound. The umpire shall step in and warn the team if cheering/chanting continues when a pitcher is ready and steps on the mound. Cheering/Chanting during a pitch is strictly prohibited.		
Half-Inning Ends	3 outs or the maximum number of runs is scored. The maximum number of runs is 5, unless the batting team is behind by more than 5 runs. A team behind by more than five runs can score up to 10 runs to tie the game, but they cannot take the lead that inning. Run limits are in effect for the final inning. Games can end in a tie.		
Overthrows	No extra bases can be taken or awarded for overthrows out of play.	One extra base at runner's risk	Unlimited bases at the runner's risk, one if ball is out of play
Dead Ball	Ball enters the infield. Runners between bases advance at their own risk	Ball is in the possession of any player within 10' of the pitching rubber. Runners between bases advance at their own risk	
<i>Hitting and Fielding</i>			
# of Batters	Entire Team		
Bunting	No	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes
Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike	No	No	Yes
Lead-Offs	After the ball crosses the plate	After the ball crosses the plate	After the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
Stealing	No	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Only	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Home
<i>Pitching</i>			
Coach Pitch	After 3 balls. The strikes carry over, and the batter receives no more than 3 pitches until the ball is put into play or the batter strikes out.	No	No
Inning Limits	2	3 non-travel / 2 travel	
The number of innings pitched by all travel pitchers combined may not exceed 4. One pitch counts as an inning			

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Hit by Pitch, direct or 1 bounce	No base, coach pitch. If batter is hurt, move on to next batter. Hurt batter is not considered out and is not awarded a base.	Batter awarded first base
Removal of pitcher for multiple hit-by-pitch at the discretion of the umpire or fielding coach.		
<i>Weather protocol</i>		
Weather systems will determine playability at fields that have them. If a field doesn't have a weather system, the umpire will make the call for safety.		

ANY INDIVIDUAL EJECTED FROM A GAME MUST LEAVE THE PARK IMMEDIATELY AND NOT RETURN. CONTINUED INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE EJECTED INDIVIDUAL WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME. UMPIRE SHOULD NOTIFY TOWN LEADER.

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