

NSA Softball rules will govern play with the following exceptions:

Rosters:

1. Maximum roster size - 25 players. (Maximum awards per team - 15 players)
2. A roster with names, signatures, driver's license, and phone numbers must be completed and turned in to the site supervisor **at the first game**. No additions can be made to the roster after your team's 6th game (Monday, September 20th) without permission from the Recreation Coordinator (requests after the 6th game will be granted on very rare instances). The penalty for using an illegal player is that the said game will be a forfeit if recognized and reported by either the recreation department or the opposing team. If an unregistered player plays under the name of another player on the roster, both the registered player and the unregistered player become ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season.
3. Players may only play on one team in the Lehi Recreation Men's Softball League each season.

Eligibility:

1. Players must be 18 years of age as of August 30, 2021 to be eligible to play. A player must play four (4) regular season games to be eligible for post season play. You can check on player eligibility by checking at the score tower prior to any regular season game.
2. Captains are responsible to have their players read and understand the "League Rules" and the players "Code of Conduct." Your team will be held accountable for the information contained therein.
3. Only players on the roster will be allowed in the dugouts. No exceptions!

Uniforms:

1. Each team must have and provide their own matching jerseys with legible numbers (please, no duplicate numbers) on the front or back by your first regular season game. The use of taped numbers is not allowed.
2. Cold weather clothes must be worn under the team shirt when batting and/or running so that the jersey number is visible.
3. No metal cleats allowed!

Protests:

1. All protests must be registered with the site supervisor prior to the conclusion of the night. To be considered further, the protesting team must submit a written protest to the Lehi City Recreation Department, no later than the close of business the next working day following the protested game. The written protest must include the names of the teams and players involved. Include the name(s) of the officials, describe the situation, and cite the rule on which the protest is based.
2. A **\$25 protest fee** must accompany the written protest. The fee will be refunded if protest is upheld.
3. **Protests cannot be made on a judgment call, only on rule interpretations.**

Park Rules:

NO Alcoholic Beverages are allowed at the Parks. There is also NO SMOKING at the park, including E-Cigarettes. NO Scooters, Bikes, Skateboards, or Roller Blades are allowed at the Softball Fields

Team Standings & Awards:

1. Regular season records will determine post-season tournament seeding. Awards will be given to the first and second place teams at the end of tournament play.
2. Tie Breaker Rules will be in the following order: 1) Head-to-Head match-ups. 2) Margin of Victory over teams that are tied (total points scored minus total points scored against). 3) Best overall win (beat the team with the highest record). (These are subject to change depending on number of participants).

GAME RULES

Game Time:

1. Each captain must turn in a line-up to the tower 10 minutes prior to game time.
2. Games will be played as close to the scheduled time as possible. A minimal warm-up period of five (5) minutes will be permitted when available. The five minute warm-up starts immediately following the previous game. The warm-up period may be shortened by the site supervisor if time does not permit a 5 minute warm-up period. When the umpire indicates the game is ready for play, the game will begin.
3. Game times will be 6:30pm and 7:30pm each week. All games will be 7 innings or 55-minute games, whichever comes first.
4. **RUN RULE:** 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings.

Extra Innings:

1. During regular season play and in post-season play, if a game is tied at the end of regulation (7 innings or time) the *International Tie Breaker rule* will be in effect and play will continue until there is a winner.

Forfeits:

1. An official team is composed of 10 players. A team can play with no less than 7 players. If a team has 7 players at game time, they must start the game. As players arrive they may be inserted into the game by checking in at the score table. Each team will be given a five (5) minute grace period starting at the scheduled game time before a forfeit is declared. If the 7th player arrives before game time or during the grace period, the game will then begin at the scheduled game time or as soon as the 7th player arrives during the grace period.
2. **Forfeited games will not be officiated.**
3. Any team forfeiting 3 or more games during the season will not be eligible for post season play.
4. Teams that play with illegal players or players under assumed names will forfeit the game, and will be put on probation for the remainder of the year. Illegal players will be suspended from all sports in Lehi City for a period of one year. The team captain of the offending team will also be suspended for two games. Cheating and the use of illegal players will not be tolerated in Lehi City Adult Softball.
5. The postponement of games will not be considered. All games must be played as scheduled.

Rainouts:

1. Before the Game: If a game is cancelled due to inclement weather before game time, all captains will receive and email from the recreation coordinator to notify the teams of the cancellation.
2. During the Game: If less than 3 complete innings have been played, the game will be resumed at the exact point where the game was stopped.
3. During the Game: If at least three complete innings have been played and the game is tied, the game will be rescheduled and play will resume from the point where it was called (as much as possible). If the home team is ahead, they will be declared the winners.

General Rules:

1. We will be using NSA for our umpires this year and will be following NSA rules. All bats must have the NSA 2012 stamp or they will not be allowed to be used.
2. A pitch must have a legal arc minimum of 6' from the ground and shall not exceed 10' at its highest point while in the air. Pitching distance is 53' - pitcher must have foot on rubber at the time of the release of the pitch. If a pitcher fakes or is not in contact with the rubber it will be a "Dead Ball" and the pitch will be determined a ball.
3. Three balls, two strikes. A 12" ball will be used.
4. Home team is the first team listed.
5. Home runs will be played with both teams allowed to hit up to 3 before the one up rule applies. There will be a maximum of five (5) home runs per team per game! Any more than five (5) will be considered an out. If a team is one up, any more will be considered out.
 - a. Home Runs will be a hit and sit. No need to run the bases. If you hit the home run you get it!
 - b. The team at bat is responsible for their home-run and foul balls.
6. All players must peel off or slide for all bases (except first) when there is a close play. This will be up to the Umpire's discretion.
7. Courtesy Runners - 1 courtesy runner per team, per inning for the batter only. Courtesy runner does not have to be the last out in that inning or previous inning. The courtesy runner must occupy the base, once time has been called, prior to the next pitch. If their turn to bat coincides with being on base, the at-bat will be an out.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The following "Player Code of Conduct" has been adopted by the Lehi City Recreation Department. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced during the coming season. ***It is the captains' responsibility to ensure all of his players know and adhere to these rules.***

All Code of Conduct rules are enforced before, during and after the game.

Physical & Verbal Abuse (Fighting)

1. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, threaten or be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor or in retaliation upon any official, player, or spectator anywhere on the premises. Officials are required to immediately suspend the player from further play and report such player to the Recreation Coordinator. Such player shall remain suspended until his case has been considered.
Minimum Penalty: Suspension from two (2) games and placed on probation for the rest of the season.
Maximum Penalty: Lifetime suspension and/or assault charges filed.
2. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of verbally abusive behavior, using profanity or swearing before, during, or after a game. Use of the "F" word will be an automatic ejection and a one game suspension. Player will not be allowed to complete game in progress.
Minimum Penalty: Ejection and may be put on probation.
Maximum Penalty: Suspension from two (2) games and probation for the remainder of the season.
3. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics (before, during, or after a game) against the body or person of an opposing player. Umpires are required to immediately suspend players from further play and report such player to the Site Supervisor.
Minimum Penalty: Removal from the game and placed on probation.
Maximum Penalty: Suspension for two (2) games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

Drugs/Alcohol:

1. Players are prohibited from the use of drugs or alcohol anywhere inside the Lehi Sports Complex or any playing area. Players who in the opinion of the Umpire(s), Site Supervisor, or Recreation Coordinator appear to have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs, shall be removed from the game and premises.

Conduct Violation Penalties:

1. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in forfeiture to the offending team. This includes controlling children from running around the playing area. Players are not considered appropriate supervision for children.

Final Authority:

1. Any game may be stopped at any time by the Umpire(s), Site Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator, or Program Management staff at their discretion.
2. The Recreation staff has final authority over all disputes!

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Thank You and Have a Great Season!**