

**LUBBOCK YOUTH SOFTBALL
BY-LAWS**

1. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE DULY REGISTERED AND BE LISTED ON THEIR TEAMS OFFICIAL LYS ROSTER.**
2. **Coaches must have a copy of their players birth certificate turned in to their league commissioners no later than 1 day prior to the start of the season. Coaches or parents found to be attempting to alter any birth certificate will have the player in question immediately disqualified and no refund will be issued. Coaches found to be responsible for any alteration of birth certificates will be suspended and reviewed by the LYS board of directors for a league ban from participation.**
3. All 10U, 12U and JR Girls fastpitch games will be played under a 75-minute time limit, finishing after the current batter up at the plate if time expires.
4. 6U/8U (Coach Pitch) games will be played under a 55-minute time limit, finishing after the current batter up at the plate if time expires.
5. There are no assigned dugouts, the 1st team/coach to arrive can take their choice of dugout.
6. **COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE ALL PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER IN THE BATTING ORDER.**
7. **IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS TO BE IN THEIR LYS TEAM SHIRTS/JERSEYS FOR ALL GAMES.**
(CUSTOM SHIRTS/JERSEYS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED DURING LYS GAMES)
8. Game time is forfeit time if either team cannot field a team of at least 7 players. Coaches are allowed to pick up **ONLY** 3 other players from **ONLY** other LYS teams in the case they need to meet that 7-player minimum. Those pick-up players must be placed at the bottom of the lineup. Those players must also be in their LYS team shirt/jersey and registered with LYS. *****IF A PITCHER IS ONE OF THE PICK-UP PLAYERS, SHE MAY NOT PLAY THE PITCHING POSITION FOR THE TEAM PICKING THEM UP***** **Should the teams original players arrive, they must be put into the batting order replacing the pick-up players. (COACHES CAN NOT PICK UP PLAYERS IF THEY ALREADY HAVE THE MINIMUM OF 7 PLAYERS READY TO PLAY).**
9. Teams can begin and end a game with 7 players in LYS with no penalty.
10. Maximum of 7 runs per ½ inning cumulative allowed per offensive outing, may be scored. (Fall-Ball is non-cumulative scoring)
11. It will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct for any team, player, coach, or fan/family member to direct any comments derogatory or demeaning to the opposing players/teams. For example: yelling at opposing batters to swing, or coaches instructing their players to “run over” the opposing players. It is the responsibility of the team manager/head coach to prevent this type of behavior. Should a player or coach commit this type of conduct, they will be warned 1 time by the on field official. If they commit a 2nd infraction, the player and/or coach will be ejected from the game and possibly be instructed to depart the facilities.
12. Team managers/head coaches are expected to inform/remind their parents/player family/fans of proper game time behavior. Any parent/fan guilty of improper/unsportsmanlike conduct at any game will be asked to leave the sports facility by the game officials and or league officials and possibly be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.
13. ALL USSSA & LYS By-Laws, rules and regulations for league play will be enforced by officials on the field of play.
14. Also consider the third team on the field – the umpires. Whether a one or two-person crew, umpires recognize and appreciate managers and coaches that have a grasp of the rules, because it contributes greatly to the pace of play and management of the game.