



Rules and Regulations

The BLSL will be governed by the Canadian Amateur Softball Association's Rules, except for those listed. This will be strictly enforced.

1. All players must be 18 years of age as of May 1st of the playing season. Proof must be supplied upon request.
2. No metal cleats allowed.
3. The Executive will choose a Head Coach for each team.
4. The HOME team will be responsible for setting up the diamond.
5. Each player will pay a registration fee determined by the Executive. A refund will be given up to and including the 4th season game, barring an administration fee (which is \$25 for all those who request a refund after the registration deadline). The amount returned will be determined (pro-rated) by the number of games played and by the amount charged to the replacement player. No refunds will be given after this time.
6. Any player who joins the league after the season has started will have her number of missed games pro-rated based on the number of games left in the schedule.
7. Players on the Leave of Absence list for one year will not have to be re-rated. Players on the Leave of Absence list for a second year will have to be re-rated.
8. Official starting time is to be 6:30p.m. for all games of the season. The Friday night playoff game will start at 6:30 p.m. Playoff games will be held on a weekend or next available date.
9. Cancellation Rules:
 - a. Calling a GAME due to rain is to be left to the discretion of the Executive members prior to commencement of the game. Once the game has started, umpires and/or Executive members are in charge of calling the game.
 - b. Calling a PRACTICE due to rain or poor diamond conditions will be left up to the discretion of the Coach and the team's executive member. Missed practices due to diamond conditions will not count as missed practice on the attendance records.
10. Up to July 1st, teams MUST be brought up to a full roster. At the Executive's discretion, replacements will be made according to rating list and standing on the waiting list.
11. Five complete innings will constitute an official game. All games are to be scheduled for seven innings. No new inning will start 15 minutes prior to the end of the permit.
12. There must be eight (8) players to field a team -fifteen (15) minutes is to be allowed after official starting time before defaulting the game. Should a team face a default there is a list of available players (Call Up List), held by each executive member.
13. Players from the Call-Up List will be available to substitute for a player to bring team up to a maximum of 9 players. There will be no fee for this. Any player called up to play, must be allowed to play a minimum of 4 innings, regardless of number of players that show up for the game.

14. Players must attend scheduled practices. These practices will begin the week prior to the first regulation game.
15. Any player missing more than 6 scheduled nights of ball, including practices, will be subject to the following:
 - a. If prior to July 1st, that player will automatically be dismissed and replaced.
 - b. If July 1st or later, that player will automatically be dismissed from the BLSL. Replacing the player is at the discretion of the team.
 - c. That player will NOT receive a refund.
 - d. Absence due to injury will not be considered a true absence.
16. The Executive member of each team will be responsible for attendance. Attendance records will be provided to the Secretary.
17. Excluding instances of injury or illness: ALL players are entitled to and must complete a minimum of four (4) innings. ALL players will bat in rotation. Once through the batting order, no more players may start. *If there are eight (8) players in the game there is not an automatic out rule.
18. Pinch runner: If a player is hurt or re-injured during the game, a pinch runner may be used. This should be declared before batting, if possible. The injured person must stop at first base and a runner (being the last player out) substituted. This must be used from that point on in the game.
19. There shall be a maximum of six (6) runs per inning per team except the last inning, which shall be unlimited. If the spread between teams is greater than six (6) runs in any one inning, the lower scoring team shall be allowed to score the spread, plus one run for that inning.
20. The BLSL will NOT abide by the Pause Rule for the pitchers in the league.
21. All 1st and 2nd string pitchers and catchers must be rated and declared or they cannot play without majority approval from the executive members.
22. The following rules apply to Pitchers only:
 - a. No pitcher will be required to pitch if they are not willing
 - b. As a courtesy to the opposing team, 1st or 2nd string pitcher absences MUST be discussed with coaches and executives PRIOR to the start of the game
 - c. If no 1st or 2nd string pitchers are present, then the team may use any pitchers and as many as necessary, to complete the game
23. The criteria for breaking ties at the end of the season shall be:
 - a. Decimal average of games won divided by games played
 - b. If still tied, games won against the teams involved
 - c. If split, runs for and against the teams involved
24. The Coaches may submit a list, at the end of the season, of problem players. The Executive reserves the right to refuse registration for the following season.
25. All players must wear their jersey to all games. Each team will be given an extra jersey in the event that a player does not have their own. No player is to be on the play field without a jersey.
26. Incapacitation at/during the course of a game could result in injury to players and will not be tolerated. This will result in immediate ejection from the game on first offense and ejection from the league without refund on the second.
27. During playoff weekend, playoff rules as specified on the playoff schedule will overrule any regular season rules.

28. The following rules apply to pitching during the playoffs only:
- a. Prior to the beginning of playoffs each team is to name 3 pitchers, which they will be required to use exclusively, barring injury or excessive fatigue. If all teams are not able to declare 3 pitchers, all teams will declare only 2.
 - b. Should a pitcher become injured or suffer excessive fatigue at any point during the playoffs, they will be permanently replaced as a pitcher but may be permitted to continue to play at any other position for the remainder of playoffs.
 - c. A call-up may not be named as a pitcher for playoffs.