

Lampasas Adult Softball League Bylaws - 2026

Article I – General League Information

Section 1.1 – League Overview

The Lampasas Adult Softball League is a recreational slow-pitch league consisting of men's and women's divisions. All participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Section 1.2 – Umpire Fees

Each team must pay \$20 to the umpire (PAP) before every game and \$25 per team during playoffs. Payment may be made in cash or via Cash App if the umpire accepts it. Failure to pay may result in a forfeit.

Section 1.3 – Game Length and Grace Periods

Games are 50 minutes long. A 5-minute grace period is allowed for the first week of play only. All games will start at their scheduled time unless both teams and the umpire agree to begin earlier.

Section 1.4 – Governing Rules

The official rules of this league shall be the current USSSA Slow-Pitch Softball Rules, except where modified by these bylaws. In the event of any conflict between USSSA rules and these bylaws, these bylaws shall take precedence.

Article II – Gameplay Rules

Section 2.1 – Game Format

- All games start with a 1-1 count.
- No courtesy foul is allowed.
- The Texas Tie Breaker rule applies to extra innings, starting the inning with a runner on second base and two outs.
- Games may end in a tie during the regular season if time expires after a reasonable extra inning effort. Playoffs cannot end in a tie.

Section 2.2 – Mercy Rule & Flip-Flop

- If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, or 10 after 5, the game ends via mercy rule.
- Flip-flop rule applies in the final inning if the team is down by 10 or more runs; they must bat first instead of last.

Section 2.3 – Home Run Limit

A maximum of five (5) home runs is allowed per team per game. After the fifth home run, any additional home run will end the current half-inning regardless of the number of outs.

Article III – Team Rules

Section 3.1 – Player Eligibility

Players must be 18 or older. Men may only participate in men's divisions and women in women's divisions.

Section 3.2 – Rosters and Pickups

- Lineup cards will be issued off Sports Ninja to the umpire and opposing team at coin toss in case of a protest (e.g. batting out of order).
- No roster submissions are required to be turned into board until playoffs where rosters will be locked.
- A pickup player may not play for the team on the opposing roster.
- A protest on player eligibility must be raised before or during the game.

Section 3.3 – Forfeits

- A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game.
- If a team has only 8 players, the 9th and/or 10th batting spots are automatic outs.
- If a team has only 9 players, the 10th batting spot is an automatic out.
- Teams may bat up to 12 players per game.
- A forfeiting team must pay the full \$40 umpire fee before their next scheduled game.

Article IV – Equipment Regulations

Section 4.1 – Bats

- All bats must have a valid USSSA stamp.
- Altered, cracked, or illegal bats are prohibited and will result in immediate ejection and potential suspension.
- If a ball is hit at a defenseless pitcher and the pitcher has no time to react, the bat will be removed for the next game (not including the current one) and the play ruled an out.
- No compression tester will be present; enforcement is at the umpire's discretion.
- A bat may be protested; if upheld, suspension applies as above.

Section 4.2 – Balls

- Men's divisions shall use a 12" Worth Super-Duper softball. During the first week of league play only, teams may mutually agree to use an alternative softball if a Worth Super Duper is not available. Beginning after the first week of games, all men's division games must be played with the 12" Worth Super-Duper softball.

- Women's divisions shall use a 11" Worth Super-Duper softball. During the first week of league play only, teams may mutually agree to use an alternative softball if a Worth Super Duper is not available. Beginning after the first week of games, all women's division games must be played with the 11" Worth Super-Duper softball.
- All balls must be readable and approved by the umpire at the pregame coin toss.
- Teams are responsible for supplying their own balls.

Section 4.3 – Uniforms

Uniforms are not required. Players may wear comfortable attire appropriate for play. No metal cleats allowed.

Article V – Scoring and Protests

Section 5.1 – Scorekeeping

- Umpires will maintain the official score.
- Both teams may provide scorecards to track the game in case of protest or dispute.
- Scorecards are optional but both teams must have them present for them to be used in a protest.

Section 5.2 – Protests

- Protests must be declared to the umpire immediately and followed by a \$100 cash deposit.
- If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If denied, the league retains the deposit.
- All protest decisions will be made by the league board in conjunction with the umpire's report.

Article VI – Game Conduct and Field Responsibilities

Section 6.1 – Alcohol Use and Umpire Ejections

- This is an adult recreational league, and alcohol is permitted at the fields unless otherwise restricted by local park or facility rules. However, any player, coach, or spectator showing signs of intoxication, unsportsmanlike behavior, or impaired judgment may be ejected at the sole discretion of the umpire.
- If a player is ejected due to alcohol-related conduct, they are immediately disqualified from that game and may be subject to additional suspension as determined by the League Board.

- If an umpire feels that alcohol is interfering with the integrity or safety of the game, they have the full authority to call the game as a forfeit in favor of the opposing team.
- Any physical altercations, aggressive behavior, or threats toward the umpire, opposing team, or spectators will result in immediate ejection and possible ban from the league.
- Teams must keep all beverages in designated spectator or sideline areas. No alcohol is permitted on the field during play (e.g. a beverage on the ground behind you at second base).

Section 6.2 – Dugout Cleanliness and Field Maintenance

- Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout area and sidelines immediately following the conclusion of their game. This includes the proper disposal of all trash, empty bottles, cans, and team gear.
- Failure to clean up after your team may result in a \$20 team fine and/or loss of future field privileges. Repeated violations may lead to further disciplinary action, including possible forfeiture of future games.
- If a dugout is left in unacceptable condition, both teams may be held accountable unless evidence clearly identifies the responsible team.
- League officials, city staff, will perform random spot checks. Photos may be taken to document violations.

If any issues should arise you may contact the below listed personnel at any time.

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Justin Maldonado - Board Member
Julian De La Cruz III - Board Member
Roger Hill - Board Member
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