

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL SLO-PITCH LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS (REVISED 2022)

IMPORTANT: Unless granted prior exception by the LAPRAAC Board-Appointed Athletic Committee, Players must be sworn members of the Department and be members of the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (“LAPRAAC”). LAPRAAC will verify membership through the Athletic Director. Players must sign in with their name and serial number at the start of every competition and captains must submit the sign in sheet to the umpire.

RULES OF PLAY

The United States Slowpitch Softball Association (USSSA) rules have been adopted. Deviations from these rules are as follows:

1. A mat will be used. Both the mat and the plate are a strike.
2. **TYPE OF PITCH THAT IS PERMITTED:** The pitched ball must arch at least three (3) feet after leaving the pitcher’s hand and before it passes any part of home plate.

The pitched ball shall not rise higher than twelve (12) feet above the ground.
The umpire will call an illegal pitch as soon as he determines the pitch is illegal.

The pitcher will be allowed to stand no more than 6 feet behind the 50-foot rubber on release, to give him a greater distance to field the ball.

3. The game shall consist of seven (7) innings. The time limit for any game is seventy (70) minutes. No new inning may start after the allotted time.
4. **TIE GAMES:** If a game is tied at the end of 70 minutes, one extra inning of play will be allowed to resolve the tie. If the game is still a tie after the inning is over, then it will count as 1/2 game won for each team.

If the umpire calls the game due to bad weather, then 1/2 game won for each team will apply.

5. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:** The overall win, loss, or tie record will determine standings.

6. TIE BREAKER SYSTEM: In the event of a tie in the standings, the tie will be resolved by the following:
- A. Head to head competition of teams involved.
 - B. A one (1) game playoff for final league standings and tournament seeding if section A does not apply, when practical and time permitting.
 - C. If time does not permit, teams with the:
 - 1. most runs scored -vs- each other, or
 - 2. most runs scored against -vs- each other, or
 - 3. total season runs scored -vs- each other, or
 - 4. total season runs scored against -vs- each other, or
 - 5. coin toss.

NOTE: Following the games, the score will be reported by the team captain of the home team via text sent to Joe Oliveri (818-439-9469). Joe is LAPRAAC's Head Umpire. He works the Valley League (Sepulveda Basin).

7. CANCELLED GAMES: In case of a cancelled game due to weather or any other UO, games will be rescheduled by the LAPRAAC Athletic Director. Games can only be canceled by the Head Umpire or LAPRAAC Athletic Director.

8. ROSTERS

- A. Team rosters shall be submitted on the Quickscores website. Rosters must include each player's name, serial number, phone number, and email.
- B. Team rosters can be unlimited. Additions or deletions need to be made by the team captain on Quickscores, and must be communicated via email to the LAPRAAC Athletic Director (jhoffman@lapraac.com). No changes will be accepted over the phone. Eligible players may be added to the roster throughout the year. **However, for a player to be eligible to participate in the playoffs, he/she must have played in at least two (2) games during the regular season.**

Exception: Probationers just out of the Academy, lateral transfers, and rehires.

9. LEAGUE FEE:

- A. All league fees shall be submitted to the LAPRAAC Athletic Director. Failure to submit team fees in a timely manner may result in the team being dropped from the league.
- B. Each team shall submit a check for \$400 payable to LAPRAAC prior to the second date of competition.

10. HOME TEAM WILL:

- A. Sit in the third base dugout
- B. Report the score of the game to the Head Umpire

11. GAME BALL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. LAPRAAC will supply game balls.
- B. Home team will retrieve foul balls down left field line.
- C. Visiting team will retrieve foul balls hit down right field line.

12. SCOREKEEPER:

The umpire will keep the official score. However, each manager is required to keep score as well to confirm with the umpires the running score after each inning.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. *The umpire is in complete charge of the game!* Any unprofessional conduct by the players or manager shall necessitate ejection from the game. Any participant from the game shall leave the facility (manager's responsibility). Failure to do so will result in the ejected player being suspended for the next scheduled game and the team he or she is playing on forfeits the game from which he/she was ejected.
- B. Any player ejected for fighting will be suspended for the next two (2) league games. If ejected a second (2nd) time for fighting, the player ejected will be suspended from league play for one (1) year.
- C. This league is sponsored by LAPRAAC. Sportsmanship rates high in our leagues, even above winning! Any player, manager, sponsor, or official representative of a team who is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field is liable to immediate suspension. Like it or not, we have an image of conduct that we must project to the eyes of outsiders.
- D. Managers will be responsible for the conduct of their players and shall:

1. Do everything possible to assist the umpire in keeping the game conducted in a professional manner.
2. Keep the batting line up in the proper order.
3. Do everything possible to **keep IOD to a minimum**. *This includes discussing with your team the appropriate use of IOD time. In other words, if your injury is minor, return to work on restricted duty. Do not use this as additional vacation time or the department will cancel the valuable benefit!*

E. PROFANITY OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE:

Any player using profane language will be ejected from the game. Umpires have been instructed to eject the player the instant the profanity occurs without any prior warning to the team players!

F. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

A person shall not enter, be, or remain in any park while in possession of, transporting, purchasing, selling, giving away, or consuming any alcoholic beverage (LAMC SEC.)!!! Failing to adhere to this rule will cause a team or teams to forfeit the rest of the season, including the year-end tournaments.

- G. Any player whose actions may endanger the safety of others will be ejected from the game without prior warning, i.e. throwing a bat, ball, or equipment in anger or frustration, or intentionally spiking an opposing player.

14. PROTESTS

- A. Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy or judgment on the part of the umpire.
- B. Any protest must first be lodged with umpire prior to the next legal pitch or the protest will not be received.
- C. All protests must be filed with the LAPRAAC Athletic Director, in writing, by 1700 the occurring day.
- D. Any protest involving eligibility of player(s) may be lodged at any time up to the last inning. No protest involving eligibility will be received after the game has concluded.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM

1. If a team withdraws from the league, players will be free agents, and select the team to continue playing with, as long as the team does not already have 3 outside players.
2. The remaining teams will be notified by e-mail.
3. Teams with three additional players from outside divisions will not be allowed to draft a player from a dropped team (adopted 2-13-92).
4. In the case of a tie for games lost. Refer to Tie Breaker System, page 1.
5. Each team remaining may pick up one (1) player only.
6. A player will be dropped from the league if she or he refuses to play for a team.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

1. All teams may pick up to three (3) additional players from outside divisions (but only from divisions that do not have teams; adopted 23-13-92). If a player cannot locate a team to play for, then he or she should contact the LAPRAAC Athletic Director. Combo teams or entire building teams are not allowed to pick up any additional players.
2. Each player listed on the roster may play in any league game. **To be eligible for year-end tournaments a player must play a minimum of two (2) league games.**
3. Teams must have no less than eight (8) players to start and finish a game. Teams will forfeit if seven (7) or less players are fielded at any time.
4. There will be free substitution. A player that is removed from the game may return, but cannot bat until all other team players have batted before him or her.
5. A player appearing on an official roster shall play only for that team throughout the season, unless:

- A. The team withdraws from the league.
- B. A transferred player may play on another team if he/she obtains a release, in writing, from his/her manager. (15.7), (as of March 22, 2007.).

6. 1 BALL - 1 STRIKE TO START: Each player after having two (2) strikes will be allowed only one (1) foul ball. On the second foul ball after two strikes, the player will be out.

7. Use of metal spikes on shoes is prohibited on LA City fields and in our league.

8. No warm up period on infield. A team must warm up in the outfield at game time.

9. THE PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

(USSSA RULE SEC. 3(H) Additional Hitter (AH))

The AH rule can be used throughout the entire program. A team may insert an AH into its line up. The batting order must remain constant; however, any ten (10) of the eleven (11) players can take a defensive position throughout the game. The umpire must be notified prior to game play.

10. TWELVE RUN RULE

The game shall be declared official when after five (5) innings of play a team is ahead by **twelve (12) or more runs**.

11. HOMERUN RULE: 3 HOME RUNS AND THEN 1 UP

Each team has three home runs to hit at the start of the game. Once a team has hit their three home runs, they cannot hit another home run until the opposing team has reached three home runs. Once each team has hit their three home runs, they can then go one up on their opponent for the remainder of the game. If at any point a team is out of home runs and the batter hits a home run, that batter will be ruled out.

Example #1: Team "A" has hit 3 home runs and Team "B" has hit 1 home run. Batter for Team "A" hits a home run to start the inning. He will be ruled out for hitting a home run since his team cannot hit a home run until Team "B" has hit their three home runs.

Example #2: Team "A" has hit 5 home runs and Team "B" has hit 4 home

runs, Team “A” is considered “1 up” and cannot hit another home run until Team “B” hits another home run to tie. In this situation Team “B” could hit a home run to tie, and another home run to go “1 up.”

12. If a team forfeits out of the league at any time during the season, their games, played or not, shall be considered byes: The forfeiting team will be dropped from the schedule and forfeit all reference in the standings. Teams that have played the forfeiting team shall consider said game as a practice. Teams yet to play the forfeiting teams are unaffected and will receive a bye.

NOTE: When a forfeit occurs, **always check with the Athletic Department for updated schedule information.**

13. There is a **ten (10)** minute grace period for the start of the game. (Adopted on 2-13-97, previously 20).

14. **SLIDE RULE**

Any runner is out when he/she does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

15. **BATS**

LAPRAAC will provide the bats for each and every game. Bats will be monitored by umpires.

The use of an illegal bat will result in batter out and ejected. In addition, all runners will return to the base occupied at the time of pitch.

RAIN OUT INFORMATION:

For field information (such as a rain out) please call the Athletic Department, at (323) 221-5222 ext. 228 or 219 after 0800.

EXPANDED BATTING LINE-UP RULE

A manager may, at his/her discretion bat the entire line-up. This will optimize the playing of a given team; however, if a manager opts to bat his/her entire team, he/she must do so throughout the entire game. A manager may only remove a player from the batting order due to injury, or loss of said player, to a work-related assignment.

When batting the entire line up, if a batter must leave or cannot take his/her turn at bat, the next at bat for that individual shall be considered an out. From that point on, no penalty assessed.

EXCEPTION: An injured player shall be considered an out for one time only. An injured player may not return to the line up. It is the responsibility of the manager who opts to utilize this rule to notify the umpire in charge and the opposing manager prior the start of the game.

This rule will not affect the free substitution rule. Additionally, if a player is removed from the batting order (offense) for injury or work-related reasons, he cannot re-enter the game. If he is injured in the field (i.e., hit with a bat or thrown ball, defensive team), he can reenter the game under the free substitution rule.

PAB RULE

As a result of conflict, the following rule shall apply to participation of those officers housed in the PAB Facility.

1. Due to many years of past practice, PAB may develop a competitive athletic team to play under PAB.
2. Officers housed within the PAB facility, shall be defined as a given entity or division whose commanding officer is actually located in PAB, i.e. RHD, BFD, ATD, etc.
3. Those units who are housed in the PAB facility but whose command staff is housed elsewhere are not considered part of the Parker Center facility. They shall be considered housed where their command staff sits.
4. Any division in PAB may decide to develop a team of its own and participate as that division solely, e.g., The RHD Softball team. If a given division decides to do so, officers must play for the division until other rules apply.

REPORTING THE CORRECT SCORE

Reporting the correct score is important as far as total runs scored and total runs against are concerned for the purpose of qualifying for the year-end tournaments. It will be the responsibility of the home Team Manager to verify the correct score with the umpire at the end of each game. **The Head Umpire shall forward the correct score to the Athletic Director.**

RED DAVIS TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

The top half of all teams combined will compete in the Red Davis Tournament. The second half of all teams combined will compete for the Larry Moore Title. This equates to us having an "A" and "B" bracket

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULE (LONG TERM LOANS)

(Adopted 3-11-91) - On May 5, 1989, the Athletic Committee agreed that the criteria for officers assigned to Parker Center whose Commanding Officer sits at PAB, shall play for the recognized Parker Center Team.

EXCEPTION: If an officer is assigned to PAB and his/her division has a team entered in the I/D league; the officer shall play for his/her divisional team.

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