

LCYBA 2010
Standing Rules
TEE-BALL

The following rules are in addition to the 2010 LCYBA General Standing Rules. These rules are designed to cover special circumstances in Tee-Ball, 5U-6U.

Four-year-olds, (those players NOT turning 5 before May 1, 2010), will not be placed on teams, unless their parent(s) coach the team. Any coach accepting a four-year-old will need to sign and have the parents sign a Hold Harmless Agreement.

A COACHES

- 1) Each team will be limited to one manager and up to three rostered coaches.
- 2) One coach will be allowed on the field on defense, and must be positioned beyond the infield dirt. He/she may touch and position players only while the ball is dead and not in play.
- 3) One parent representative will be allowed in the dugout.
- 4) Coaches should be positioned in official coach's boxes or behind the batter's box on offense.
- 5) The batter/base runner will be called out if they are touched by a coach/manager while the ball is in play, starting at the tee.
- 6) A coach will place the ball on the tee. He may position the batter before putting the ball on the tee.

B. ROSTERS

- 1) Each team will have a minimum of 13 players.
- 2) When a child is placed on your official team roster, that child will remain on your team until he/she voluntarily removes themselves off the team. Contact VP in case of problems.
- 3) No player try outs. Once a player practices once (1) with your team he/she is on your team.

C. GAME TIME

- 1) The manager will report all substitutions to the plate umpire and scorekeeper. A team will consist of 10 players, six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders (left, right, center, and rover). Rovers will be positioned behind the infielders. Outfielders will play no closer than the edge of the outfield grass.
- 2) Games need not be forfeited due to lack of players. If the manager of the team with insufficient players is willing, game may start or continue with a minimum of nine (9) players. Missing player is an automatic out and will be placed 10th on the line-up.
- 3) Time limit will be one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes, or six complete innings for each game regardless of the score.
- 4) Ties: International tie breaker rule will be used. (A runner starting on second base)
- 5) If an inning is started it will be completed unless the home team is ahead.
- 6) The ball will be hit off a tee, which will be ***centered*** on home plate.
- 7) The batter must swing the bat within a reasonable length of time.
- 8) The player who occupies the defensive position of the pitcher must be either on the pitching rubber or on the back of the circle directly behind the pitching rubber until the ball is hit. (For safety of the kids, coaches please advise the opposing team when your power hitters are up, so coaches can take precautions of moving their pitcher to the rear of the circle)
- 9) A batter will be allowed four (4) swings at the ball. If on the third strike the batter does not hit the ball, he/she will be called out. If on the third swing the ball is fouled, the batter will be allowed one and only one more swing.
- 10) Throwing a bat. Warning will be issued the first time to a batter. Repeated violation are subject to being called out, at the discretion of the umpire. Third time in same game by same batter is an out.
- 11) No bunts are allowed. The batter must take a full swing. Violation of this rule results in the batter

- being called out and the base runners will not be allowed to advance.
- 12) Each player in the line-up **MUST** qualify two (2) complete innings. Violation - Forfeit.
 - 13) Foul ball. If the ball fails to travel nine feet from the home plate in fair territory it will be called a foul ball. The ball has to go past the nine-foot arch in front of the batter's box.
 - 14) Infield fly rule does **NOT** apply.
 - 15) No leads. No base stealing. The base runner must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If the base runner leaves early, they will be called out.
 - 16) Play is stopped and the ball is dead when the pitcher has possession and control of the ball and has one foot inside the pitcher's circle. Runners that are halfway to a base, in the umpire's opinion will be awarded the next base.
 - a) If a pitcher has possession of the ball and runs through the circle and does not stop in the circle in an attempt to make a play the ball will remain in play. A pitcher must stop in the circle for it to be a dead ball.
 - 17) Teams are limited to two, one-minute time outs per game.
 - 18) We strongly recommend complete catchers gear. **Helmet with face guard -MANDATORY.**
 - 19) Any offensive player out of the dugout must have a batting helmet on.
 - 20) Home team sits on the third base side, and is listed last on the schedule.
 - 22) An offensive inning is completed when three outs are made or 10 players bat, whichever comes first.
 - 23) Regular baseball will be used.

Score keepers and umpires will generally be the youth of our city. Errors may occur. However, the LCYBA will absolutely not tolerate profane or abusive language directed toward them, by any parent/spectator/coach attending competition.

In the interest of good sportsmanship, it is required that parents and/or/spectators abide by the following:

Do not harass coaches or players on any team.

Do not make any vulgar or suggestive remarks to members of any team.

Cheers will be limited to encourage teams and not directed against opposing teams.

Coaches are responsible for their respective crowd/fans.

Umpires have the right to eject unruly parents/spectators/coach.

A minimum of one parent/guardian will participate in the City of Las Cruces Pays Program.

A minimum of two managers/coaches per team will attend a mandatory coaches clinic.

Teach the players the fundamentals of the game of baseball, emphasize the importance of good character and good citizenship, and encourage conduct which will develop an attitude of good sportsmanship among players.