



# Adult Softball



Current NFHS rules apply  
w/the following exceptions:  
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# The City of Long Beach

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine

## Adult Sports

### Supplemental Rulebook

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#### Contact Information:

Adult Sports Office: 562-570-1734

Long Beach Field Conditions Hotline: 562-570-1738

## LONG BEACH GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

### 1. FEE DEADLINE:

In order to provide better service to the participants of the Adult Sports Leagues, all registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS. If your team does not make payment in full by the publicized registration deadline, your team placement in the league is not guaranteed. PARTIAL FEE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### 2. ROSTER/PLAYERS:

A completed official team roster is due in the Sports Office at the time of registration. Failure to submit a completed roster at the time of registration will result in a forfeit loss for the first game of the season, resulting in a nine (9) game schedule. It is recommended that teams carry a full roster to allow for injuries and players that may be out of town. Please see specific sports for roster limits. NOTE: LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE PLAYERS OR TEAMS IN MORE THAN ONE (1) LEAGUE.

### 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

All players must be eighteen (18) years old or older to participate in an Adult Sports League. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball – players must be fifty-five (55) years old or older. No active professional or collegiate athletes will be allowed to play in any league. Former professional or collegiate athletes must have been inactive for at least one year in order to participate. Teams or players found in violation of this rule will result in team forfeiture of all games in which the player(s) participated.

### 4. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS:

Each add is \$10 per player. However, each team is given three (3) free add forms (six (6) for Summer Baseball) in their managers packet at the beginning of the season. Only the free add forms provided will be accepted. No other free add forms will be available. Players may be added and dropped up until the beginning of the seventh (7) game of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and received in the Sports Office prior to participation in any league game. NOTE: ALL LONG BEACH RESIDENT TEAMS MUST MAINTAIN MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball (please see specific sports rules).

### 5. REFUND POLICY:

Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will not be available once the schedules for that particular league have been generated and printed. Any team that is removed from any league will not be refunded any portion of their league fee. Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will be processed only if the league has been cancelled. The City of Long Beach has a refund-processing fee of \$10.

### 6. PICTORIAL IDENTIFICATION:

Each player at every game must have in their possession and be able to provide a valid photo identification (CA Driver's License or other) if requested by the official to do so. Any team using ineligible players (not on the roster, no identification) will automatically forfeit any game played, if an eligibility protest is made and upheld by the Sports Coordinator. Please see rule #11 for protests.

### 7. OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER:

The umpire/referee will be the official scorekeeper for each game. Managers of both teams must initial scorecards after each game/match to confirm scores. EXCEPTION: Basketball and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

### 8. OFFICIALS FEES:

Each team is required to present the game official(s) with the appropriate fee IN CASH prior to the beginning of the game. No game will begin until both teams have paid the official(s) in full. If a team does not pay the official, that team will be charged with a forfeit loss. In sports with multiple officials, if only one official appears for a scheduled game, payment to the official working the game will be half of the regular individual team fee. EXCEPTION: Football and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

### 9. FORFEIT FEE:

Teams that forfeit any game must pay both teams official's fee for that game. Payment must be received in the Sports Office within one (1) week of the forfeited game. Failure to comply will result in the teams

removal from the league. Cash or Check are accepted forms of payment. Payment must be made payable to the City of Long Beach.

**EXCEPTION:** Teams that notify the Sports Office a week prior to their scheduled game can have game rescheduled at a later time and date (Possibility of game being played on a different game night)

EXCEPTION: SENIOR SOFTBALL (please see specific sport rules)

**10. FORFEIT RULE:**

Teams forfeiting two (2) games/matches will not be eligible for the playoffs. Teams forfeiting three (3) games/matches will automatically be removed from the league and will forfeit the unused balance of fees.

**11. PROTESTS:**

Oral protests must be made by the team manager/captain with the official(s) and the opposing team manager/captain prior to the next live ball situation. Protests will not be considered unless they are received in the Sports Office in writing within one (1) working day of the incident. A \$25 protest fee must accompany the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. Protests will be decided upon on the spot during the playoffs.

Protests for ineligible players must be made by the opposing manager/captain before the end of the game to allow the official to check the identification of the player in question. No protest fee is required at this time. Any player requested by the official(s) to show identification must do so within ten (10) minutes following the completion of the game. If the player in question does not return within the ten (10) minute time period or if the identification does not match the name and signature on the scorecard, the game will be called a forfeit. If the player in question provides identification that matches the name and signature on the scorecard and the opposing manager still feels that the player is illegal, that manager must follow the standard protest procedure outlined above. Teams cannot protest judgment calls made by officials, and umpires.

**12. RULE CLARIFICATION:**

Only the manager/captain may approach the official(s) to clarify a call. EXCEPTION: Volleyball – please see specific rules.

**13. FIGHTING:**

Any team, player(s), or spectator(s) fighting before, during, or after any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League game will be ejected from the area immediately. The area consists of the field/court, the parking lot, and any portion of City property. If a team, player, or spectator refuses to leave the area or will not stop fighting, this will result in additional team and individual penalties. All penalties will be determined by and enforced by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

**The minimum TEAM penalty for fighting is a three (3) game suspension**, not counting the game/match in which the incident occurred. This suspension cannot be appealed.

The minimum INDIVIDUAL penalty for fighting is an indefinite suspension pending an Adult Sports Executive Committee decision. All Adult Sports Executive Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT.**

**14. TRASH TALKING/VERBAL ABUSE:**

Abusive language and/or gestures by any player(s), spectator(s), or coaches directed towards scorekeepers, officials, or other participants will not be permitted. The official will issue a warning on the first occurrence, if abusive conditions continue the individual(s) in question will be ejected from the area. Please see rule #16 for participant ejection rule clarification.

**15. ALCOHOL / DRUGS:**

Alcoholic consumption or drug use on any City property is strictly prohibited. Any player(s) or spectator(s) believed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug will be immediately ejected from the area and will be suspended for a minimum of the next City of Long Beach league game played. If the player(s) or spectator(s) refuse to leave the area, a forfeit will be called and the player(s) or spectator(s) will be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing before the Executive Committee. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

**16. PARTICIPANT EJECTION:**

Any player(s), spectator(s), or coach ejected before, during, or after any Long Beach Adult Sports League game will be automatically suspended a minimum of one (1) game, as well as the remainder of the game in which the suspension occurred. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension and until a decision is made by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties.

Following the ejection of a team or individual, the game will not continue until the ejected participant(s) vacate the area. Failure to vacate the premises will result in additional penalties.

**17. MISSED GAMES:**

In the event a game is not played for any reason, CONTINUE FOLLOWING YOUR CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING GAMES. PLEASE CONTACT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR THE SPORTS COORDINATOR FOR RESCHEDULING INFORMATION.

**18. PLAYOFFS:**

Single elimination tournament format will be utilized. The top four (4) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. In divisions with less than six (6) teams, the top three (3) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. Selected wild-card teams will be added if necessary.

When appropriate, first and second round playoffs will be played on the usual night and location of league play. Nevertheless, teams must be available to play on other nights and locations, as well as multiple nights in the same week. EXCEPTION: Weekend Leagues, Winter Softball Leagues.

**19. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:**

Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in five (5) regular season games/matches to be eligible for the playoffs. EXCEPTION: Softball and Baseball – Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in four (4) regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball (see specific rules)

**20. TIE BREAKER:**

In the event of a tie in the final standings of a league, the following tiebreaker will be used: 1. Total wins, 2. Regular season head-to-head competition, 3. Head-to-head differential, 4. Common Opponents 5. Strength of schedule, 6. Total run differential, 7. Lowest number of forfeits, 8. Coin Flip. EXCEPTION: Volleyball will use rules 2 – 7. NOTE: Total points scored during the season will determine Volleyball League standings.

**21. ILLEGAL PLAYERS:**

An illegal player is: 1. A person playing on a team whose name and signature do not appear on that team's official roster or official add/drop forms. 2. A person on more than one (1) team roster in the same league or night/day (example: Tuesday D and Tuesday D1 or two teams in Tuesday D).

NOTE: Any team found using illegal players will automatically forfeit any and all games in which the illegal player participated in. It is each team's manager's responsibility to monitor or protest illegal players.

**22. WEATHER/FIELD CONDITIONS:**

If you are in doubt of weather or field conditions possibly affecting your game, please call the Long Beach Field Conditions Hotline at 562-570-1738 after 3:00pm on game day.

Due to the large number of teams in our leagues, it is impossible for the League Coordinators to notify all team managers of cancelled game information.

Teams should be prepared to play make-up games on any night or field and on short notice.

**23. FIRST AID:**

The City of Long Beach does not provide first aid at any Adult Sports facilities. It is recommended that the managers of each team bring any first aid items that they feel are necessary. Please see specific sports rules.

**24. SCMAF BLOOD RULE:**

Any player, coach, or official who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his/her body or clothing, is prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered.

If first aid is required for a player, the player must be immediately removed from the game, unless treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time.

A player, coach, or official will not be allowed to participate unless:

1. All bleeding has stopped
2. Any exposed cut/scrape, which has bled, is completely covered
3. Bloody clothing is removed

It is recommended that teams have spare clothing available at the game site to be used if necessary.

#### **25. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS COORDINATOR:**

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is the final authority for all on field/court and off field/court decisions (INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS) on any City of Long Beach Adult Sports League. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator has the authority to see to the safety of the participants, officials, spectators, and equipment at any City of Long Beach site or any site being used by any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League.

**If necessary, the City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is authorized to warn individuals of actions CONTRARY to the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook and eject any participant(s), spectator(s), or anyone else who does not comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook. This authority does not affect the official of the match in any way. It is in addition to that authority.**

No rules or regulations dealing with a team's right to protest are changed by this supplement. Please see rule #11.

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines schedule changes, league relocations, and team reclassification as necessary.

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines whether any games/matches are subject to suspension, replay, or forfeit as determined by the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook.

#### **26. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports Executive Committee is the final authority for all clarification and interpretation of rules and regulations as outlined in the City of Long Beach Supplemental Rulebook and the Participant's Code of Conduct.

## **SOFTBALL**

**Current Official SCMAF Rules as well as these supplemental rules will be the official rules for this league.**

#### **1. ROSTER/PLAYERS:**

Fast-pitch and Slow-Pitch teams will defensively consist of nine (9) and ten (10) players, respectively. Games may be played without a forfeit with eight (8) or nine (9) Roster players present at game time.

Maximum roster size is fifteen (15) players. Coed is sixteen (16) players.

Once the game has begun, a team may not play with eight (8) players resulting from ejection, injury, etc., resulting in a forfeit.

#### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

A participant may play for more than one (1) slow-pitch, one (1) fast-pitch, and one (1) coed team organized by the City of Long Beach, but NOT more than one (1) team in any specific division or league.

#### **3. GAME SHEET:**

The umpire will present the scorecard to the teams, which are to have players listed in batting order. No game may begin until a completed scorecard with signatures is submitted to the umpire; however, time limit for game will begin as scheduled. NOTE: the longer you delay, the less you play. Late players must sign the scorecard before entering the game. Names on score sheet must provide first and last name as well as a signature; writing must be legible (Failure to provide full names on score sheet may result in player not given credit for game played)

#### **4. FORFEIT TIME:**

There is a ten (10) minute grace period for the first game only. All other games will start on time as scheduled.

#### **5. LENGTH OF GAME:**

Slow-pitch games will last seven (7) innings or 65 minutes, whichever occurs first. Fast-pitch games will last seven (7) innings or 80 minutes, whichever occurs first. An inning that begins within the time limit will be completed unless it is the last half of an inning and the home team is ahead. All games are considered an

Official game after four (4) completed innings. Semifinal playoff games will follow the above rulings. All final playoff games will be played out fully, without time limit.

#### **6. HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM:**

The home team will occupy the third (3rd) base dugout. The home team will bring one (1) new, approved softball and one (1) good, approved back-up softball. The umpire will be the sole judge on the quality of game balls. Failure to provide a new approved softball will result in forfeiture of the home team status. NOTE: It is suggested that both teams bring one (1) good, approved back-up softball. NOTE: Adult Sport program will provide playoff games with (1) new game ball.

#### **7. PERSONAL CONDUCT:**

No player or coach may address any official while in possession of a bat. This applies to all participants, spectators, and coaches before, during, or after the game. Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the game and indefinite suspension from the league until further review by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

#### **8. GAME TIME:**

Slow-pitch games will be regularly scheduled for 6:30, 7:45, and 9:00pm. Fast-pitch games will be scheduled for 6:20, 7:45, and 9:10pm. NOTE: The aforementioned times are subject to change.

#### **9. PITCHING DISTANCE / PITCH HEIGHT / BASE LINES:**

The pitching distance will be 50 feet and the base lines 60 feet for all leagues. Pitch height cannot exceed 16 feet.

#### **10. SLOW-PITCH MERCY RULE:**

A Slow-pitch game may end any time after four (4) innings when a team is behind by fifteen (15) runs or more and has completed its turn at bat.

#### **11. FAST-PITCH MERCY RULE:**

A Fast-pitch game may end any time after five (5) innings when a team is behind by seven (7) runs or more and has completed its turn at bat.

#### **12. FAST-PITCH PITCHERS AND PLAYERS:**

Any pitcher appearing on the SCMAF "A" or "B" pitcher's list must pitch in that classification or higher or will be declared ineligible. Active Congress/PCL players within preceding twelve (12) months may not play on any team below "B" classification.

Teams are allowed no more than three (3) players of this caliber on their roster. Violation of this rule will result in forfeits for all games in which these players participated.

#### **13. HELMETS:**

Although it is not mandatory, the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine recommend that all Adult Fast-pitch offensive players (including the on-deck batter) wear helmets with double earflaps.

#### **14. CALIFORNIA TIE BREAKER:**

**SLOW PITCH AND FAST-PITCH PLAYOFFS ONLY!** A tiebreaker rule in which would place a runner at second base each successive extra inning. Runners placed at second base will be the last out from the previous inning.

#### **15. APPROVED SOFTBALLS:**

The Sports Office will provide six (6) game balls. The balls provided will be the only acceptable balls. If a team misplaces their softballs, they must replace them with the same brand provided by the Sports Office. NOTE: If the home team does not provide a new unused softball on game day the game may be declared a forfeit. Each team must bring one new unused ball to the first league game. It is recommended that teams carry their used game softballs with them in case additional back-up softballs are needed.

#### **16. APPROVED FOOTWEAR:**

Metal cleats are not allowed in any City of Long Beach Adult Softball League. Rubber-soled soccer style cleats are the recommended footwear for all leagues. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will be asked to change. If a player refuses to change cleats, does not have another pair of legal cleats, or is not legally substituted out of the game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.

#### 17. RECLASSIFICATION:

Teams **may** be reclassified after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) game played and should be prepared to switch nights of play, if the need arises. Teams moved to higher classifications are assured of a playoff spot. Subsequent playoff classification will be determined by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) half results.

#### 18. COURTESY RUNNER:

There is no limit to courtesy runners allowed in an inning. However, a player may be a courtesy runner only once per inning.

#### 19. PLAYOFFS:

The standard playoff formats are listed in the General Supplemental Rules. These formats will be used for all Adult Softball leagues. Final standings at the conclusion of the regular season will determine the playoff seeds. Please note in playoffs games, if a lower seeded team defeats a higher seeded team in the playoffs they do not become the highest seed.

#### 20. ONE-AND-ONE COUNT:

All Women's, Men's, and Coed Slow-pitch Adult Softball league participants will start each at bat with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count.

#### 21. ONE-UP HOME RUN RULE:

**ONLY AT ALL FENCED FIELDS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. THIS APPLIES TO ALL MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND COED LEAGUES!** The first team to hit an over-the-fence home run cannot hit another home run until the opposing team hits an over-the-fence home run. Then either team can hit the next over-the-fence home run. If a team hits an ineligible home run, it will be ruled a single. Any ball that is touched on-the-fly and consequently goes over the fence will be ruled a four-base error, not a home run. It will not apply toward the one-up home run rule.

#### 22. THREE STRIKE RULE:

The batter is out when after having two strikes; the batter hits a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) foul ball.

#### 23. OFFICIAL BATS:

ALL FULL COMPOSITE AND TITANIUM BATS ARE BANNED/ILLEGAL. This includes, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, All Mikens, Easton Synergy, and Mizuno Techfire. This Includes ALL MENS, WOMENS AND COED LEAGUES. Bats shall have a bat performance factor (BPF) not exceeding 1.20. A bat with a composite handle is legal as long as the barrel is made up of an alloy. Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Coed Leagues: Women may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle / aluminum barrel). Men may use any single wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle / aluminum barrel). Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Men's Leagues: Men may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (Composite handle / aluminum barrel). If a team is found to be in violation of this rule, the player in question will be ejected from the game and a one (1) game suspension will be assessed. The batted ball will be ruled an out and any base runners must return to their original position on the base paths. **ILLEGAL BAT ISSUES CANNOT BE PROTESTED AFTER A GAME.**

#### COED SOFTBALL

##### 1. BATTING ORDER:

A team will have the option of batting their entire team's legal roster or any number of players from 8 – 16 that are present at the time of the game. The batting order must be established prior to the start of the game and must be followed accordingly. Players must bat in alternating order by sex. The SCMAF rules on coed batting order will be followed.

##### 2. DEFENSIVE PLAY:

- If nine (9) players are present (4 of one sex and 5 of the other), a team may use all nine (9) players.
- The SCMAF 180 foot rule will apply in all City of Long Beach Adult Coed Softball Leagues Three (3) outfielders must play behind the 180 foot line at all times. The fourth outfielder/rover may play within outfield area, and cannot play on the infield dirt at any time.

##### 3. INTENTIONAL WALKS - MEN:

A male batter who is intentionally walked on three (3) consecutive balls, without a strike called during the at bat will be awarded second (2<sup>nd</sup>) base. Base runners will only advance if forced to do so.

#### 4. OFFICIAL BATS:

ALL COMPOSITE AND TITANIUM BATS ARE BANNED/ILLEGAL (please see Softball rule #23 for clarification).

ALL MULTIPLE WALL/LAYER/WRAP/SHELL/CHAMBER BATS ARE BANNED/ILLEGAL IN COED LEAGUES FOR MEN ONLY.

Coed League approved bats for women: any single wall, double wall, or half & half bats are allowed. Half & half bats are defined as having a composite handle and aluminum barrel.

Coed League approved bats for men: any single wall, or half & half bat will be allowed for men.

Men's League approved bats: any single wall, double wall, or half & half bats are allowed. NO FULL COMPOSITE BATS!

Women's League approved bats: any single wall, double wall, or half & half bats are allowed.

Please see Softball rule #23 for penalties.

#### SENIOR SOFTBALL

Current Official SCMAF Rules, as well as these supplemental rules will be the official rules for league play.

##### 1. ROSTERS/PLAYERS:

Maximum roster size is twenty (20) players.

Any team in the "B" and "C" division with only eight (8) or nine (9) players at game time may pick-up two (2) substitutes from within their division, but those substitutes must be on an official league roster. Substitutes must bat last and play catcher or right field.

EXCEPTION: A team in the "A" division with only (9) players may only pick-up one (1) substitute from within their division.

##### 2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for this league, players must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older during the calendar year in which they are playing.

##### 3. GAME SHEET:

The umpire will present the scorecard to the teams, which are to have players listed in batting order. No game may begin until a completed scorecard with signatures is submitted to the umpire; however, time limit for game will begin as scheduled. NOTE: the longer you delay, the less you play. Late players must sign the scorecard before entering the game.

##### 4. LENGTH OF GAME:

*There is no mercy rule!* Games will be seven (7) innings or eighty (80) minutes in length, whichever occurs first. An inning that begins within the time limit will be completed unless it is the last half of an inning and the home team is ahead. A tie game will be played into extra innings only in Playoff and Championship games.

##### 5. HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM:

The home team will occupy the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base dugout. Each team will bring one (1) new, approved softball and one (1) good, approved back-up softball. The umpire will be the sole judge on the quality of game balls. Failure to provide a new approved softball will result in forfeiture of the home team status.

##### 6. PERSONAL CONDUCT:

No player or coach may address any official while in possession of a bat. This applies to all participants, spectators, and coaches before, during, or after the game. Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the game and indefinite suspension from the league until further review by the Sports Office Committee.

##### 8. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS:

Each add is \$10 per player. However, each team is given three (3) free add forms. Only the free add forms provided will be accepted. No other free add forms will be available. Players may be added and dropped up until the beginning of the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) game of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and received in the Sports Office prior to participation in any league game.

##### 7. GAME TIME:

Game times will be regularly scheduled between 8:30am and 3:00pm on Saturdays.

**8. PITCHING DISTANCE/BASE LINES:**

The pitching distance will be fifty (50) feet and the base lines sixty five (65) feet for all leagues.

**9. SENIOR SLOW-PITCH RUN RULE:**

When a team batting has scored five (5) runs in one inning, that half inning will be declared over and that team must take the field. This rule does not apply in the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning, which will be considered an "open" inning.

**10. APPROVED SOFTBALLS:**

DeBeer #212, DBX #212, DB #202, DB #290-D, WC #112, Diamond-D 100 ND, Diamond-D 100-C ND, Diamond-D 100, DudleySB-12, WT-12.

It is recommended that teams carry their used game softballs with them in case additional back-up softballs are needed.

**11. APPROVED FOOTWEAR:**

Metal cleats are not allowed in any City of Long Beach Adult Softball League. Rubber-soled soccer style cleats are the recommended footwear for all leagues. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will be asked to change. If a player refuses to change cleats, does not have another pair of legal cleats, or is not legally substituted out of the game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.

**12. COURTESY RUNNERS:**

Unlimited courtesy runners will be allowed per inning. However, the player who recorded the last out must be used as the courtesy runner. If that player is unavailable due to injury, the previous player who recorded the last out must be used as the courtesy runner. Any player who requests a courtesy runner during any given inning may not run for another player during that same inning.

NOTE: The game official will determine the injury justification.

**13. FLIP-FLOP RULE:**

If a team has fewer than eight (8) players at game time, they may bat first. The game will be declared a forfeit if the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) player does not arrive before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) out is recorded or his/her turn at bat.

**14. COMMITMENT LINE:**

A runner having passed the thirty (30) foot line from home plate must continue from home plate. Defensive players may touch home plate while in possession of the ball (force out) to record an out. A force out does not exist unless the base runner has at least partially passed the 30-foot commitment line. The base runner will be ruled out if the ball is jarred loose by bumping or physical contact. NOTE: JUDGEMENT CALLS MADE BY AN OFFICIAL MAY NOT BE PROTESTED.

**15. SCORING LINE:**

A ten (10) foot scoring line shall extend from the corner of home plate (closest to third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base) at a 90 degree angle to the third base foul line, starting at the batter's box. Any player running outside of the line through the batter's box or touching home plate or the mat will be ruled out. To score, the runner's foot must be on the ground or on, or beyond the line before the ball reaches home plate.

**16. OFFICIAL CALLS:**

The umpire will verbally say "illegal" on all high (12 foot) and low (6 foot) pitches.

**17. INFIELD PRACTICE:**

Pitchers are allowed two (2) practice pitches in between innings. Infield and outfield practice between innings is optional.

**18. ADD/DROP TIME LINES:**

Teams may add players up until their tenth played game (not scheduled game). After that time, players may only be added in case of emergency. Definition of emergency will be the decision of the Adult Sports Coordinator.

**19. OFFICIAL BATS:**

Bats shall have a bat performance factor (BPF) not exceeding 1.20. Bats containing titanium alloy and double wall bats are NOT legal. Single wall one - piece bats are the only bats allowed.

**20. THREE STRIKE RULE:**

The batter is out when after having two strikes the batter hits a foul ball.

**21. HOME RUN:** If a home run is hit, the runner only needs to tag the next base

**22. PITCHING MAT:**

Pitching mat will be 19" wide by 34" long.

**23. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:**

Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in six (6) regular season games/matches to be eligible for the playoffs

**24. UMPIRE FEE:**

Each team is responsible for \$15.00 (cash) umpire's fee prior to each game

**25. Forfeit FEE:**

Should a team fail to have at least 8 roster players ten minutes after game time, they will be responsible for the total umpire's fee of \$30 cash to be paid at the game site. The total fee is due by the following Friday in exact change to the Adult Sports Office if not able to pay at the game site. EXCEPTION: Should a team know in advance that they will not have at least 8 roster players at game time, the manager of this team must contact the league coordinator at least 24 hours before game time. The umpire fee will not have to be paid if 24 hours' notice is given to the league coordinator.

**SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND RULES**

**Specific to certain City of Long Beach Adult League Softball Fields. Questions or Ground rules not covered by these supplemental rules or the SCMAF Rulebook will be the sole judgment of the umpire.**

**El Dorado #3 and #4: 2800 Studebaker Rd.**

1. Out of play imaginary lines extend from the first base and third base dugout fences, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

**Joe Rodgers Field: 10<sup>th</sup> and Park**

1. Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the next immediate light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

**Cherry Park: 1901 E. 45<sup>th</sup> St.**

1. Out of play imaginary lines run from the first and third base dugout fences, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the sidewalks in left and right fields.  
2. Any live ball, hitting on or rolling past the sidewalks, picnic tables, barbecues, and/or trees is a dead ball, or home run, all runners' score.

**Pan American Park #1 and #2: 5157 Centralia**

1. Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the last (third) light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines.  
2. Any playable fly ball hit in FOUL territory that strikes an overhanging tree or bush is a dead ball. A strike will be issued to the batter and any runners may not advance or be called out.  
3. Any playable batted ball hit in FAIR territory that strikes an overhanging tree, bush, sidewalks, buildings, street, tables, and/or benches in the outfield is an automatic home run. All runners will score. This rule is in effect due to ensure the safety of all participants.