

**LANGLEY FASTBALL ASSOCIATION, LANGLEY REP FASTBALL  
TOURNAMENT RULES 2019**

**Softball B.C. rules will apply, unless otherwise noted.**

1. **TIME LIMIT:**  
**Round Robin** – No new inning will start after 80 minutes. **Time begins after the completion of the home plate conference.** A new inning is deemed to have started with the umpire's call of the 3<sup>rd</sup> out against the home team. Games can end in a tie. After the expiration of the time limit, if the home team is at bat, or comes to bat, and they are ahead, the game will end. If the home team scores the winning run after the time has expired, the game will end and the score will be final.  
  
**Playoffs and Bronze Medal Games:** No new inning after 90 minutes. The game is over when a winner is decided. After time or 7 innings the game will revert to international tie breaking rules with the batter furthest from being up starting on 2B.
2. **Gold Medal Games:** All gold medal games will have no time limit. **EXCEPTION:** U12A, U12B, and all C level tournaments will have a time limit of 90 minutes. No new inning will begin after 90 minutes. After time or 7 innings the game will revert to international tie breaking rules with the batter furthest from being up starting on 2B.
3. **Mite:** All Mite levels and below will have a maximum of 5 innings for all games (round robin, playoff and final).
4. **RUN AHEAD RULE:** 15 runs after 2½, 3, 3½, 10 runs after 4, 4½ innings, and 7 runs after 5 innings will apply to U12 and above, during round robin and playoffs. Note: In Icebreaker Tournaments the Run Ahead Rule can be waived by the losing team in order to continue playing until the drop dead time.
5. **BAT NINE RULE:** Will be at the coach's discretion at all U14A & B, U16, U18 and Open / Junior. Coaches must declare their choice at the plate conference. Re-Entry Rule is waived in the event of injury. **All other levels will bat all players in their line up with unlimited defensive substitutions.**
6. **DESIGNATED PLAYER RULE:** As per Softball Canada, the **DESIGNATED PLAYER RULE** will be in effect at all level tournaments from U14 and above.
7. **HOME TEAM:** For all round robin games, the home team will be decided by the flip of a coin prior to the start of the game. For all playoff games, the higher seeded team gets to choose Home/Away.
8. **EJECTIONS:** Any player, coach or official team representative ejected from a game may be subject to further disciplinary action to be taken at the discretion of the tournament committee.
9. **PROTESTS:** All tournaments are no protest tournaments.
10. **TEAM ROSTERS:** Teams can play with 8 players—the 9<sup>th</sup> batter will be automatically out.
11. **SCHEDULES:** Coaches and/or team officials are responsible for checking schedules.

12. **SCORES:** If you are the winning team you are also responsible for bringing scores to the Tournament Director within 10 minutes of game completion. Both teams are responsible for keeping score, and are encouraged to check-in with each other throughout the game to ensure accuracy. In the event of a score discrepancy, teams will be asked to compare scorebooks to see if a consensus can be reached. **Failure to reach consensus on score will result in the home team's score being used as the official score.**
13. **RUN LIMITS:** For all Junior / Senior Tournaments and all Rep "A" tournaments except Squirt, there will be no run limit per inning. **EXCEPTION: For U19A Open tournaments there will be a 5 run limit for the first three innings only.** For Rep "A" Squirt, and all "B" and "C" tournaments, a 5 run limit per inning will apply. 3 run limit will be in effect for U10 and below.
14. **PICK UP PLAYERS:** All pick up players must be declared to the tournament coordinator in advance. No A pitchers can be used as pick up's for B tournaments or B pitchers for C tournaments. Teams can play with 8 players – the 9th batter will be automatically out. For Open tournaments players can be picked up from any division within the same classification or lower.
15. There is **no infield warm-up** while the field crew is preparing the diamonds.
16. Only coaches can approach tournament officials. Parents or individuals associated with any team Approaching a tournament official will not be tolerated and can lead to team disqualification.
17. In the event of rain outs teams will be reimbursed the entire registration fee if all four games are cancelled. Half the fee will be reimbursed if three games are cancelled. Once two games are played there will be no tournament registration fees reimbursed to teams.
18. **TIE BREAKERS:** First tie breaker will be head-to-head. Second is Runs for and against. Third is Bases touched. Fourth is a coin toss. Runs for and against are maximum 7 and bases touched maximum 30.