

GIRLS LOB BALL RULES

1. Three (3) outs per inning.
2. Batters shall get six (6) pitches, or three (3) strikes, if the sixth (6th) pitch is a foul ball, the batter shall receive an additional pitch or pitches until the ball is hit fair or the batter's turn at bat is completed.
3. Time limit of 65min. per game or 6 innings whichever comes first. Anytime remaining time needs to be played as required to finish the inning.
4. Time limits: **NO new inning will start with 10 min. left.**
5. If the batter is physically challenged they can use the tee.
6. Home team keeps score.
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Batters may not bunt or half-swing at the pitch
 - a. *PENALTY: *Ball is declared a foul ball and counts as a pitch.*
9. Batters may not indicate a "fake bunt" then pull back and swing.
 - a. *PENALTY: *A strike will be called and if the third (3rd) strike the batter will be declared out.*
10. Each team on defense will field ten (10) players consisting of the regular six (6) infielders (1B, 2B, SS, 3B, catcher and pitcher) and four (4) outfielders who must stay in the outfield until the ball is hit. Teams may start the game and play with eight (8) players. If there are only 8 players then there is an automatic out for the 9th player. If a team drops below eight (8) players the game will be forfeited.
11. **Play will be stopped and "Time" will be called, when the pitcher has made an attempt to get the ball, the ball must be inside the circle.** Umpire will award bases based on where the runner(s) are at when "Time" was called. Any runner(s) that pass the halfway point in the base path will continue to the next base that is unoccupied. Any other runner(s) not to the halfway point on the base path will be back to the previous base. Halfway will be marked on the field.
12. Teams must have an adult pitch to the batters.
13. Coach pitcher must pitch with one (1) foot inside the circle. Pitches are to be thrown under hand. The pitching coach shall not verbally or physically coach while in the position (shall not tell the batter to swing or not to swing). Umpire will give warning, after warning has been given, the umpire will declare the pitch as a strike. If the batted ball hits the adult pitcher, the ball becomes dead. An adult pitcher must make an effort to keep from being hit by the batted ball (umpire's judgment), and if no effort is made, the batter shall be declared out.
14. Any coach assisting a base runner(s) while the ball is in play will result in the runner(s) being declared out. Other runner(s) may advance at their own risk there will be NO physical contact
15. The defensive player listed as the pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit.
16. Each team will bat all players that are present at game time. Any player(s) arriving after the beginning of the game will assume the last position in the batting order.
17. The catcher must take a position within the catcher's box in order to receive each pitch.
18. A tie is a tie
19. Two Coaches will be allowed on or in the field of play while a team is on defense.
20. Offensive team will be allowed three (3) coaches on the field and should be position as follows; one (1) first base coach, one (1) third base coach and one (1) coach serving as the pitcher for their team.
21. Base runner(s) may not leave their base until the ball is hit. If the ball is hit, the play will continue and the penalty will be enforced after the play is completed.
 - a. *PENALTY: *Runner(s) will be called out for leaving the base early after May 20.*
22. Run Rule: 5 runs per innings.
23. 1 base advance on an over throw. Once the play is complete, defensive team as attempted to throw or tag a baserunner out, regardless of the outcome, and the defensive team is throwing the ball back to the pitcher to begin the next at bat. At that point "Time" is called and runners can no longer advance. **NO advancing on a second attempt.**
24. Players in the outfield need to be behind the line. (there will be a line half way between the baseline and the grass line)
25. Players must play both infield and outfield every game.
26. Tournament time ONLY: The last declared inning will have a 7 run limit. International tie breaker will go into effect in the event of a tie (1 out and a runner on 2nd base)

THE INTENT OF LOB BALL IS TO INSTRUCT & LET THE YOUNG BALL PLAYERS LEARN THE GAME. THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND BY PARENTS, COACHES & THE PLAYERS. EXCESSIVE ARGUING & PROBLEMS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.