

2009 LCRD INCREDIBALL RULES

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The ASA Softball rule book shall be applied with the exceptions listed below:

I. The Field

A. The bases shall run 60 ft. between Home plate and first base. 60 ft. between first and second base, 60 ft between second base and third base 60 ft. between third base and Home plate

B. The pitcher shall pitch from a mound 40 ft from the back of Home plate

C. A boundary line shall have been established for local league play of 75 feet beyond the bases that will run the course of the outfield from foul line to foul line.

II. EQUIPMENT

A, The official league ball is the cloth covered 11 inch *Easton Softstitch Incrediball”.

1. Teams must provide their own balls.

2. Balls are to be inspected by the Umpires before each game.

B. Personal Equipment

1. NO metal cleats may be worn

2. Only official softball or baseball bats may be used. Bat must have grip in place.

3. Gloves may or may not be worn. However, glove use is encouraged.

4. Shoes must be worn.

5. Shirts must be worn.

C. The Umpires have the final say on any equipment used for the game.

III. The Rules of the Game

A. The Umpires shall call the plate with the batter stance in mind. The Umpire shall be in charge of making sure the score and game statistics (i.e., Home Runs) are properly kept throughout the game.

B. Ten (10) players will be allowed to play the field during the defensive half of the inning five (5) of those players on defensive players must be female. In addition, male and female players must alternate positions (i.e., male at first and female at second, pitcher and catcher).

1. Males and females must alternate in the batting order, a male player may

. Bat at the bottom and at the top of the bating order

2 in the event of an injury. A.S.A. rules regarding substituting will be followed.

3. All players on the game roster must play two innings defensively, or their team will forfeit the game. Exceptions so this rule includes personal injury to player, a run rule (12 or 20) 12 runs after 5 innings or 20 runs after 4 innings or game called due to weather.

C. A team must have at least eight (8) players, four (4) male and four (4) female to play the game. If a. team has five (5) males and four (4) females, one of the men must sit out defensively. However, he must play defensively two (2) innings. The male may be used as a replacement for another male only. If five (5) females and four (4) males are available to play. they may all play, in the event

there are late corners, they may play if they are added before the last out of the 3rd inning.

1. A team with, less than nine (8) players (4 female /4 male) has a ten (10) minute grace period born the official league starting time (per league schedule) before the game will start. When playing shorthanded, a team may play five (5) men on offense and four (4) men on defense.

2. A player must play a minimum of three (3) league games and have their name on team roster by league deadline in order to qualify for league playoffs.

3. A player may switch to another team. ONLY if they have not played any games for the first team they “signed” to play with.

4. Free defensive substitution is allowed as long as it is a man for a man and a woman for a woman.

D. All games have sixty o’ minute time limit or seven (7) complete innings or ASA run rule (20 runs after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings) or ASA rules in the event of rain or threatening weather. Whichever applies first. ASA rules apply in the event of a tie or an incomplete inning.

E. Substitutions must follow the reentry rule according to A.S.A. guidelines.

F. All batters will begin each count with a one and one count, when a male batter walks, the female batter that follows in the line up, walks automatically. She MUST TOUCH home plate first before advancing to first base or she will be called out all batters receive a courtesy foul ball.

G. A team will be allowed ten (10) Home runs per game. Each Home run thereafter will be considered a “Double” and all base runners advance one base

H. A Courtesy runner is allowed as long as it is a man for a man and a woman for a woman. The courtesy runner is always the person who made the last out.

IV. The Integrity of the Game

A. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed in the dugouts or on the field .

B. No profanity will be allowed, This is your warning! The Umpire will issue a verbal warning to anyone who uses profanity. A second violation will bring about an automatic ejection from the game and written report of “incident” will be kept on file. A third violation of said policy would result in immediate ejection from league play FOR THE SEASON.

C. Fighting will automatically lead to ejection from the game, ballpark and league.

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