

# *Le Mars Youth Softball Tournament*

## **2022 Youth Softball Rules and Regulations 10U & 12U**

1. Games will be 5 innings or one hour and 15 minutes. No new inning shall start 65 minutes after the first pitch. (A new inning begins after the last out of the previous inning.) **We will use International Rule for one inning if official game ends in a tie. After one inning of International Rule game could end in a tie.** The Umpires will have the official timer and they will take precedent over any other means of determining the game. **We will play ahead if possible so be ready to play 15 minutes before your scheduled games.**
2. There will be a five run limit per inning. Eleven run rule after three innings or Six run rule after four innings.
3. The game is over if the home team is ahead going into the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or is ahead in the bottom of an inning when the 65 minute time limit is up. Home team determined by coin flip.
4. Teams will bat 9 players, but may bat the entire roster. Free substitutions **defensively** except for pitchers. (Once the pitcher is removed from the mound they are not allowed to re-enter as a pitcher.)
5. Courtesy runners may be used and are encouraged for the pitchers & catchers. The player making the last out will be used as the courtesy runner.
6. Pitchers innings are **NOT** limited. Pitchers mound : 10U 36' 12U 40'
7. 10U will use an 11" softball. 12U will use a 12" softball.
8. **10U** Batter may **NOT** run on dropped third strike. **12U** dropped third strike is a live ball except when first base is occupied. With two outs and first base occupied, the ball is live.
9. Stealing: 10U may leave when the ball crosses the plate and Home Plate is **CLOSED**. Even on a passed ball.
10. Stealing: 12U may leave when the ball crosses the plate and Home Plate is **OPEN**
11. All umpire decisions are final. There will be no appeals on the calls or arguments from coaches.
12. The Le Mars Little League Board of Directors are **NOT** held responsible for any injury incurred. All players, coaches, and fans must have their own insurance.
13. Pitcher must be removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound. Crossing the foul line is considered a trip.
14. **No metal cleats allowed.**
15. Players must slide on all playable plays.
16. All extra players must remain in the dugout.
17. The Complex is an alcohol & tobacco free facility. We will not tolerate anyone using these products on the grounds. Please pick up your trash. **Concession Stand will be available ALL DAY**
18. **A coach from each team is responsible to report the score to Heath Husk or a Little League Board member upon completion of the game.**
19. Zero Tolerance Rule is in place for all coaches, parents, and fans. If an umpire or tournament official indicates to a team coach that a parent, coach or team fan has to leave the area, the individual must leave the John Britton Complex and be at least 5 blocks away. The responsible coach has 5 minutes to make this happen or the team will forfeit the game.
20. Individual medals will be awarded for 1st place & 2nd place (for 12 players). Criteria to determine placement in pool are as follows: Win/Loss, Head to Head, Total runs allowed, Total runs scored and Coin Flip

Entry fee: \$200.00 (Payable to Le Mars Little League PO Box 1014 Le Mars IA 51031) **Softballs are provided and No Gate Fee**

If you have any questions please contact Heath Husk 712-540-9852 lemarslittleleague@premieronline.net