

C. B.L.S.L. Rules of Play for 2011

The most recent edition of the Official Rules of Softball and ASA Code, except as specifically modified by the C.B.L.S.L. Constitutions and By-Laws, recorded resolutions of the C.B.L.S.L. Commission, as well as requirements the Amateur Sports Alliance of North America ("ASANA"), will serve as the ground rules for the 2011 CBLSL Season.

Time Limit

- 1 hour and 15 minutes!
- No new inning may begin after 75 minutes.
- The next scheduled game should plan to take the field and start their game exactly as scheduled.

Third Foul is an Out

- A foul hit with two (2) strikes in the count is counted as a strike and is an out.

Warm Ups –

- No infield or outfield warm up after the first inning.
- Pitchers are allowed one warm up pitch after the first inning.
- Pitchers are allowed five warm up pitches at the start of their first inning.
- No "around the horn" is allowed following an out

Grace Period

- There is a ten (10) minute grace period from the scheduled game time for a team to arrive with the legal number of players to start a game.
- The game must be completed within a 75-minute game time.
- It is important that all games remain as close to the scheduled times as possible.
- If a team forfeits their first game of the day there is NO grace period for the second game.

Tie Breakers

- If a game is in a tie after 7 innings the International Tie Breaker Rules go into effect until the completion of the game.

Slaughter Rule

- The time limit will remain in effect and no new inning may begin after 75 minutes.
- In the **Women's** Division the slaughter rule will follow ASA rules of 10 runs after 5 innings. The Participation rule does not apply to the losing team.
- The time limit will remain in effect and no new inning may begin after 75 minutes.

Minimum Number of Players

- A team must have nine (9) players to start and continue a game.
- The lineup for each team must have at least ten (10) batting positions listed
- If a team starts a game with (9) players, the tenth batting position will be an automatic out until filled by a late arriving player.
- Should no player arrive, those outs will stand and the game will play to conclusion.
- The result of the game will be final. The game cannot be replayed.

Maximum Number of Players

- Women's teams in the A Division may not have more than 20 players on their roster. If a player was on their roster prior to the start of the 2010 season they may be grandfathered in; however, no new players may be added after the 2010 season if the count exceeds 20.

Forfeits and Schedule Changes

- A game is forfeited if, after the ten-minute grace period, a team cannot field nine players.
- The opposing team will be declared the winner and the score will be recorded as 7 to 0.
- Forfeits that occur with less than 24-hour notice will result in a team fine of the umpire cost of \$40 for that game.
 - If canceled prior to 24 hours a \$25.00 fine will result.
 - Should the team notify their Commissioner 4 days in advance of the forfeit, those games will be rescheduled or forfeited at the discretion of the opposing manager. The manager of the forfeiting team must inform the Commissioner to obtain contact information of the opposing manager. Both the forfeiting manager and the opposing manager must agree on a time to reschedule and it must then be approved by the Commissioner. There will be no fine.
- A team must pay their fine prior to the next week's games
- Teams will be suspended from the CBLSL until the fines are paid.
 - A team that is under suspension will automatically forfeit their scheduled games.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, a team may be compelled to forfeit a game at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- If a team requires a particular weekend off, arrangements must be through their Commissioner to get that information, in writing, to the Commissioner, prior to the schedule being published. The Commissioner will make every reasonable effort to accommodate requests, based on the season's playing perimeters.
- Any team that forfeits two (2) games or more during the season shall be ineligible to qualify for a World Series berth.

Rainouts

- Will be called by 7:00 AM on Game Day.
- Information will be provided League website (www.cbisl.org)
- If a cell number is provided a text message will be sent to all managers as soon as the rainout is determined at 7:00AM.
- The umpires will declare rainouts, unplayable conditions, and will decide on inclement weather during games.
- The first rainout games will be rescheduled at the declared rain-out day at the end of the season. If a team cannot play their rescheduled rainout game regular forfeit rules apply.

Courtesy Runners

- A team must declare their injured players, to the opposing manager, prior to the beginning of the game.
- In the General and Women's Divisions teams are allowed one courtesy runner per inning. In the Open Division teams are allowed three courtesy runners per game.
- Except for the Open Division, a player who requires a courtesy runner must be declared before the game starts. A player injured during the game, if left in the game, may be allowed a courtesy runner.
- If a player is injured during the game they will be allowed to have a courtesy runner. This is the only exception to the declaration policy.
- **If a player is injured and a hospital visit is required, the manager of that team is responsible for notifying their division's assistant commissioner within 24 hours of the incident (or hearing of the hospital visit).**
- A runner may be replaced, on the base where they end, by the runner who made the last out.
- No "Courtesy Runner" is allowed in league Playoff or the World Series Qualifying Tournament.

"Free" Substitution

In the **WOMEN'S** Division:

- The Women's Division will follow the ASA rules as to substitutions.
- **For B and C Divisions: Every eligible player on the roster will be entitled to play a minimum of two innings per game. The position of EP/EH will be considered valid in meeting player participation requirements.**
- **For A Division teams in A vs A games: No minimum inning requirements.**

Extra Hitters

- Teams may elect to have 2 extra batters in their lineup.

Equipment

- 11" balls will be used in the Women's Division.
- The balls in the Women's Division will be ASA approved (375/44 cor)
- All divisions will follow the ASA Guidelines for legal / illegal bats.

Safety-base

- First base is a safety base with the orange base to be used by the runner, when not making an attempt for further bases.

Moveable Bases

- The League uses moveable bags

Slide or Veer

- All players advancing a base must slide or veer to allow the defensive player a chance to throw out the following runner.
- If a player does not slide or veer both players will be called out at umpire's discretion.
- Also a player must slide to avoid collisions; intentional body contact will result in the runner being called out. (determined by the umpire)

Stealing

- No stealing is allowed
- If a runner is called by the umpire due to leaving the base before contact (bat to ball) the runner will be called out.

Unsportsmanlike Behavior

- No warnings will be given.
- Managers and players can be removed from a game.
- If a player/manager is thrown out of a game, they will be suspended for the next game (one) at which they are present.
- The Commission will review the situation to see if any further actions or penalties will be assigned that player/manager.

Alcohol and Illegal Drug Consumption

- There shall be no alcohol and/or illegal drug consumption by players, coaches or managers before, during, or between their games.
- Any violation of this rule of play shall result in the player being benched for the rest of the day.
- The manager and coach will not be allowed on the field of play (i.e. they cannot coach bases, discuss umpire calls etc.).

Smoking

- Smoking is not permitted on the field during games.

Uniforms

- All teams shall wear (on their jerseys) the logo of their sponsor's choice.
- All players, on the field, shall wear like shirts.
- All players, on the field, shall wear shirts with unique numbers on them

Fields

- By the April Commission meeting, the League Commissioner, all Assistant Commissioners and a representative from the Umpire organization shall adopt "ground rules" for each field that will be used during the season. The umpires shall go over the ground rules with a representative of each team prior to each game.
- The "ground rules" will be in effect for every game, unless special circumstances (i.e. weather, damage, etc.) require alteration.

World Series Qualifying Tournaments:

- Rules for the World Series Qualifying Tournaments will follow ASANA and ASA guidelines.

RECRUITMENT FROM OTHER TEAMS (aka Poaching)

THIS IS NOT PERMITTED.

A process needed to be implemented for when a player wishes to be transferred from one roster to another.

If a player was on an active roster for the previous season (paid player, signed waiver, did not necessarily play) they must inform their division's commissioner of the change. The commissioner will clear it with their former manager and inform the new manager of the change.

Wrong Scenario: Jane played for team BLUE in 2008. She would like to play for team RED in 2009.

Jane goes to RED manager and asks if she can play on their team. RED manager says ok and puts her on her roster.

Correct Scenario: Jane played for team BLUE in 2008. She would like to play for team RED in 2009.

Jane goes to RED manager and asks if she can play on their team.

RED manager tells Jane to email their commissioner to clear it with their old manager stating which team they would like to play for and why they are switching.

Jane emails the commissioner all the required information.

Commissioner will email BLUE manager to clear it. If BLUE manager indicates "no poaching" then the commissioner will inform Jane and RED manager the transfer is ok.

If a player was NOT on an active roster for the previous season (did not pay and did not play), but remained in good standing, they need to be reinstated by the division's commissioner. This is to assure they are in good standing and they were not an active player the previous season. When the manager hands in their preliminary rosters the commissioner will check for it.