

Legacy Winter League Rules 2023-2024

Tournament Note:

League Field Diagrams, Batting Cage Diagrams, Warm-up assignments, and Rules can be found at :
<https://www.legacycentermichigan.com/friday-night-softball-league/>

2023-24 LEGACY FRIDAY WINTER LEAGUE RULES AND POLICIES

Entrance Cost: \$5/person or \$15/family per night (no charge for ages 6 & under and 66 & over)

Coaches will pay \$25 cash to the umpire at the pre-game meeting

Time Limit: 70-minute (drop dead)- If the inning is incomplete, the score will revert back to the end of the previous inning, unless the home team is up to bat and is leading when time expires. The at-bat does not finish when the clock expires. All games will start and stop on time. Additional time will not be put on the score clocks if a game begins late.

A pitcher will be given three warm-up pitches for the first inning and one pitch every inning after.

Mercy Rule: 12-run lead after the 3rd inning, 10 after the 4th, and 8 after the 5th

Unlimited substitutions will be allowed

If a batted ball hits the dome or fieldhouse ceiling it will be a foul ball (see below regarding umpire's discretion)

NFHS Rules will be used

Teams may play with 8 players. A player may exit a game at any time for an injury without penalty.

For 12U/14U/HS, the infield fly rule will apply unless it hits the ceiling. 10U will not use the infield fly rule.

The maximum allowed runs per inning will be six for all age divisions. This is to try to get all teams ample offensive and defensive experience this winter.

The awarding of a home run is at the umpire's discretion. If the ball touches the dome or fieldhouse ceiling and the umpire's judgment is that the ball would have cleared the outfield fence without the interference, he/she may award a home run. Make sure your players get one of our Home Run "Dinger" bracelets from the supervisor on duty!

Stealing and Delayed Steals:

HS/14U/12U -Stealing on a passed ball and delayed steals are allowed at every base

10U- Stealing home on a passed ball and delayed stealing home are not permitted.

If a catcher or pitcher makes an attempt to pick off a runner at 3rd base leading off, the runner is allowed to steal home. If a catcher overthrows the pitcher, the runner is allowed to steal home.

10U is allowed to steal and delay steal 2nd and 3rd base.

Five-Minute Rule:

With five minutes or less remaining in a game, there will be no time outs awarded. Pitching changes are allowed under five minutes, but only one practice pitch will be given. Coaches are to announce the pitching change to the umpire and not enter the field to make the change, in the interest of time.

Hustling and Time-Saving:

After outs take place, there will be no huddling or meeting at the mound amongst players. Please have the players hustle in and out of the entire game to maximize play.

Facility Use Standards and Expectations for our League

ALL PLAYERS/COACHES/SPECTATORS will be sent up the stairs beyond the concessions stand. Coaches and players will ENTER AND EXIT the fields by walking up/down through the bleachers.

EXCEPTIONS: Coaches with large equipment bags/wagons and catchers with gear will be allowed to enter at the field. EVERYONE else must enter and exit through the bleachers.

Home/Away team designation – This is listed on the Tourney Machine schedule when it's viewed on a computer. If you are looking at the app, the AWAY team is listed first, the HOME team is listed second.

We have a very limited amount of time scheduled between games. At the conclusion of your game, please clear the field and your bench area as quickly as possible to allow the next teams to come in. DO NOT hold a team meeting on the field after the game. If you would like to address your team, please do so in the bleachers or in one of the mezzanines after your game.

All game scores will be changed to only allow a 7-run differential. If the final score is 13-1, it will be recorded as 8-1. If your team forfeited for any reason, the score will be recorded as a 7-0 loss.

Playoff brackets will be communicated later in the season

In the Baseball/Softball Training Center, Please DO NOT tie the netting that divides the cages on the sides to the netting at the back of the cage. This can damage the netting. Netting can be pulled further to divide cages. We appreciate your cooperation.

REPORTING SCORES: Umpires will fill out scorecards and hand them in to the supervisor after games. Rosters will be LOCKED as of 2/24. NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS can be added to your roster after 2/24. If a team is eliminated from our bracket play- A PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY WITH ANOTHER TEAM AFTER HER ELIMINATION. Double rostering is not allowed and if appeals are made the player may cause the team to forfeit or the player will be counted as an out every time she is up to bat. If you have any players that may have played/subbed with other teams, please check that they aren't rostered with that other team. They should only be rostered in one spot.

TEAM WARM-UP DIRECTIONS:

-All teams will be scheduled for a warm-up time prior to their game. In general, these warm-up times range from 30-55mins based on where/when your team is scheduled to play.

DOMESPECIFIC Reminders

ABSOLUTELY NO TEAMS are permitted to enter the DOME until 7:10PM. We have a large youth flag football program on the field until that time, and we need to allow our staff time to change-over the field set-up and let those participants/spectators exit the facility.

ALL teams scheduled for the 8:10 PM game will warm-up on the empty dome field until flag football finishes and clears their field. At that point, teams scheduled on the other field can shift over.

DO NOT warm-up right by the entrance of the dome (we need to allow for safe passage in and out of the facility).

Teams scheduled on dome fields will warm-up in the designated area beyond the outfield fence of their game field prior to each game. Spectators must place their seats right behind the outfield fencing in order to give the players warmup space behind them.

ALL pitchers and catchers will warm-up in the designated area to the south-end of the DOME adjacent to the trampoline. NO SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS AREA AT ANY TIME.

OFF LIMITS – ALL Weight equipment and Trampolines

Please be hyper-aware of where/how your team is warming-up in relation to your spectators. Make adjustments if needed to avoid any possible injuries.

FIELDHOUSE SPECIFIC Reminders

Teams scheduled for the 5:30p games will warm-up on their game field.