

Leff's Wiffle Ball League (LWL) Rules 2024

- **7 innings, 3 outs per inning**
- **5 players in the field (3 outfielders, 1 pitcher, 1 catcher)**
- **7 runs max per inning** (unless trailing by more than 7)
- **Extra innings:**
 - 8th inning played as normal
 - If nobody wins in the 8th inning it becomes sudden death
- **An out for a batter can be made 3 ways:**
 - The batter can strike out only if he/she swings at a pitched ball and does not foul tip the third strike (foul tips count as strikes for first two strikes only).
 - Fly balls caught in fair or foul territory.
 - Ground balls grabbed in fair territory and a play made either at 1st base or pitchers hand (see pitchers hand rule).
- **Bunting:** Bunting is not allowed
- **Pitching:** All pitches must be at slow/medium speed. The batter cannot obtain a base on balls. We will be moving on from camping chairs as strike zones and on to a free standing zone, any ball that hits the strike rectangle will be a call strike.
- **Umpiring:** Teams will umpire their own game. Captains will settle all disputes over calls.
- **Pitcher's Hand:** All force plays on the going to first base may be made to the pitcher, pitcher must be inside or on the line of pitcher's circle. The runner may also be forced out at first base. All other force plays must be made to the bases or home plate.
- **Stealing and Leading off:** Baserunners may not leadoff of any base and stealing of bases is not allowed.
- **Pegging:** Fielder may throw the ball at runners. Runners struck with the ball below the neck will be ruled out. Runners hit below the neck with a thrown ball which first hits any player, a base, the ground, or strike zone structure will be ruled out. IF A PLAYER SLIDES, DIVES OR DUCKS, THE HEAD/NECK RULE DOES NOT APPLY AND ANY PEG WILL BE CONSIDERED AN OUT.

- **Home Runs:** All batted balls landing over the designated home run fence will be a home run. This includes balls that are dropped, bounce off, batted or assisted over by a fielder. The batter and all runners must touch all bases, in proper order, after a home run. If a defensive player catches a fly ball outside of the field of play (ie over the fence), it is a home run.
- **Rosters:** You may have unlimited number of players on your roster: note that it is mandatory for at least one female to be on the field at all time (CO ED LEAGUE).
- **Cleats:** Rubber cleats or turf shoes may be worn, NO METAL CLEATS.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE FEMALE IN YOUR LINEUP YOU WILL BE FORCED TO PLAY WITH 2 OUTS TO START EVERY INNING!