2027 Lady Legends "Swing into Summer" 14th Annual Fastpitch Tournament Rules

- Our Lady Legends Tournament is based on a (4) game minimum format, weather depending. There will be two pool games with double elimination bracket. 8U will be three pool games with a single elimination bracket. The championship game in all divisions will only be played ONCE. USA rules shall govern with exceptions as noted below.

- Upon arriving at the tournament for your first game, check in at the concession stand to submit your tournament roster and certificate of insurance. This must be done PRIOR to your first game. At this time you will be given your MVP medals.

- MVP medals will be awarded at each pool game. Upon completion of the pool game, gather your gear to clear the dugout and meet the opposing team along the third baseline. This way we can get the new teams in the dugouts and the field prepped quicker. Each team meets quickly on the field along the 3rd base line and selects a player from the other team to be awarded MVP. This can be a winning pitcher, awesome defensive play, clutch hit, etc. No player can win twice. These medals will be available during check in at the concession stand.

- Each team shall submit a Tournament Roster prior to the first game. It is not necessary to get the parent's signature. Players in the tournament can only be on one (1) roster. Players can not substitute or roster on other teams in our tournament. To maintain integrity of each team - players rostered with any class A team or class B academy team with another club are disqualified from this tournament unless approved by tournament director prior.

- Reporting scores – for each pool game there will be a score card at the field. The score will be written on the card and BOTH coaches will sign the card. That card will represent the official score for pool games. These cards shall be left at the field and staff will pick them up. The winning team shall text Marcus (262-894-1788) include team name, age level and score. BOTH reporting methods need to be done to ensure accuracy and timely posting. One year there was a massive issue with cell service hence the two step process.




- Bracket play shall be time limit or a modified International Tie Breaker. Time limit will begin at the end of the home plate conference when the umpire announces the home team to take the field for all games.
    - Pool play, each game will be 1 hr 0 minutes. Drop Dead time at 1 hr 5 minutes.
    - Bracket play, each game will be 1 hr 15 minutes. Drop Dead time at 1 hr 25 minutes.
    - Championship games will be 5 innings (8U), 6 innings (10U), and 7 innings (12U,14U) in length with no new inning after 1 hr 30 min – no drop dead. Run rule does apply to Championship game. Championship game will be played only once even if it is a team's first loss in a double elimination bracket.

- Revert Back Rule – ELIMINATED from previous years at the 12U and 14U level- At the drop dead time, the team ahead is the winner; the game ends at that point and is considered complete. Report the score as of that moment.

- Complete Inning – For this tournament a complete inning is where the visitors/away team and home team have both had 3 outs – OR – the home team is ahead at the drop dead time or run rule conditions met.

- Run Rule- (12) runs after 3 innings, (10) runs after 4 innings, (8) runs after 5 innings shall be in effect for pool and bracket play. Modified International tiebreaker shall be implemented for all Bracket play. If a team is ahead by 15 runs at any point of play, the run rule shall immediately be applied if there has been one complete inning.

- Modified International Tie Breaker – For this tournament, Last batter of the last completed inning will take 2nd base with no outs. Each batter will start with a 2 balls -1 strike count.

- Mound Visit – Unfortunately fastpitch tournament play is a timed game. During the time period between no new inning and drop dead, mound visits are limited to one (1) minute. One (1) minute from time out call to play ball. During this time period

an umpire shall attend any meeting. It is up to the umpire's discretion to validate the necessity of the meeting and move the game along. If an injury should occur during this period of time, the clock will stop and resume when the umpire deems it appropriate. The spirit of this rule is to maintain fair game play. Umpires will encourage pace of play.

- Bracket games can NOT end in a tie.

- 8U & 10U - no more than 8 runs allowed per half inning (8U is 6 runs), unless it is by the losing team. The losing team is allowed to score runs up until the moment the score is tied. Once tied, play for that half inning will be complete and the next half inning is started with the score tied. If an inning is not completed at the drop dead time limit, the score will revert back to the last completed inning. If the game is in pool play and the last completed inning is also tied, the game will end as a tie. If the game is in bracket play and the prior innings are also tied we will revert back to the last inning with a difference in score. If all innings are tied, the game will be decided by a coin flip with the higher seed making the call.

- 8U, 10U & 12 U Division shall have continuous batting order for ALL games. 14U shall be required to use continuous batting order for pool play. 14U is optional for continuous batting order in bracket play. Courtesy runners shall be allowed for the pitcher and catcher only. Courtesy runner shall be the last out if you are using a continuous line up. If an offensive player is injured a courtesy runner may be used. In the event a player has to leave the game before her next at bat, she shall be disqualified for the rest of the game. If the continuous batting order is used (when NOT required by rule), an out shall be recorded at the injured player's lineup position. The penalty shall not apply to the 8U, 10U and 12U play as well as 14U pool play; as it is required to use the continuous batting order in those age groups.

- 8U will be allowed 4 outfielders. Positions to LF, LC, RC, RF. The 10th player shall not be in the infield

- 8U specific rules include, no drop third strike, no stealing and Coach pitch instead of walks. If the batted ball hits the coach, a dead ball will be called. The batter will be awarded 1st base. Runners advance if they are forced by the award of 1st base to the batter. 1st base awarded and runners advance just as if catcher's interference was called.

- A team may start a game with only eight (8) players. If this is the case, there shall be no penalty for the ninth spot in the batting order. Realizing this is a youth

tournament and school is still in session for some. Players can be added to the line up card once the game has started IF the umpire is informed AND the opposing coach consents at the ground rules meeting. If continuous batting order is used, no player maybe added after one rotation of the batting order.

- 8U & 10U Pitching distance is 35' with bases at 60'.
- 12U Pitching distance is 40' with bases at 60'.
- 14U Pitching distance is 43' with bases at 60'.
- There is no limit to the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a game.
- Unlimited Defensive Substitutions
- Metal spikes allowed at 14U only.
- One umpire for the 8U and 10U. Two umpires for 12U and 14U.
- Jewelry is allowed. However, if the umpire deems the jewelry to be unsafe then it must be removed with the exception of medical bracelets/necklaces.
- Home team shall be determined by coin flip for pool play and highest seed has choice in bracket play.
- Home teams shall be considered the official scorer for that game.
- Game balls will be supplied by the Tournament Director. (11 inch for 8U &10U; 12 inch for 12U & 14U). Balls are to be returned to the umpire at the completion of the game.
- PLEASE RETURN GAME BALLS TO THE UMPIRES!!!
- Prior to the start of the game, the umpires shall determine ground rules. There will be no protests, umpire's decision shall stand.
- Each team shall clean up their bench area after their game.
- Concessions will be available. We do not charge gate fees. This is a fundraiser so please do not bring food and drink into the parks.




- Brackets posted at the Tournament Site are the Official Brackets and Schedule. Teams shall be ready to play 30 min. prior to game time in order to keep the tournament on schedule. If an opportunity arises to begin a game early because of run rule it will be at the Tournament Director's discretion to do so. In the event of inclement weather it will be the responsibility of a team representative to confirm revised schedules as posted.

- Forfeit time shall be posted game time, unless the team is playing on another field. If the tournament is running behind, forfeit time shall be when the field is ready, opposing team has taken the field or placed a batter in the batter's box and the umpire has called "play ball" if there is no team present.

- Hustle on, hustle off – Umpires shall be enforcing one (1) minute between innings.

- Seeding will be determined in the following way: 1. Record 2. Runs allowed 3. Runs Earned 4. Coin Flip

- We STRONGLY encourage the use of face masks on the infielders! Although not required by rule, we suggest that at a minimum infielders wear masks.

- Walk up/warm up music is allowed to the umpire's discretion. No other sounds or music once the game starts. All music can be terminated by the umpire or tournament director with immediate effect.

- <u>CONDUCT –</u> Head coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, assistant coaches and parents. Head coaches maybe be penalized due to conduct related to their charges. Ejections are made at the discretion of the umpires and/or the tournament director. An ejection will result in the offending person leaving the field and go to a designated parking lot or other area determined by the tournament director. Two ejections will result in removal from the grounds for the remainder of the tournament and prohibited from returning in the future. Reasons for ejections can be (and not limited to) foul language, unsportsman like behavior; deprecating speech, taunting, contact with a player, coach or umpire. The goal is to have a positive competitive environment.

If there are any questions regarding the Tournament Guidelines or scheduling because of rain delay you may call our Tournament Director at the following number.

Tournament Officials:

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| Director: | JJ Lund | 262-424-7590 |
| Ast. Director / Umps | Marcus Schweiger | 262-894-1788 |

Thank you and good luck! Enjoy the tournament.