

Lombard Lightning Spring Swing 2024

- ROSTER MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT START, MAX of 13 PLAYERS PER ROSTER.
- THERE IS NO INFIELD PRACTICE ON THE FIELDS AT ANYTIME. IF A TEAM IS CAUGHT WARMING UP ON AN INFIELD, THEY WILL RECEIVE A WARNING. IF THEY ARE CAUGHT A SECOND TIME THEY WILL FORFEIT THE REMAINDER OF THEIR GAMES, WITH NO REFUND GIVEN
 - YOU MAY USE THE FOUL TERRITORY AREA TO WARM UP IF TIME PERMITS
- DUGOUTS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED- IF YOU HAVE A DOUBLE HEADER- STAY IN YOUR DUGOUT
 - PLEASE IMMEDIATELY LEAVE YOUR DUGOUT FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR GAME AND HAVE YOUR POST GAME CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DUGOUT AND PLAYING FIELD
- ZERO TOLLERANCE FOR TAUNTING OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR. WHEN A PITCHER COMES SET OPPOSING TEAMS MUST CEASE CHEERING. 1 WARNING ISSUED, 2ND VIOLATION IN A GAME WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT. NO USE OF ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS- COW BELLS, BUCKETS, FENCES, ETC
- 2 GAME BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL GAMES, PLEASE HELP RETRIEVE ALL BALLS AND LEAVE GAME BALLS AFTER THE GAME WITH THE UMPIRE
- BATTING CAGES- RESERVED FOR TEAMS PLAYING GAMES. BOTH TEAMS SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HIT IN THE CAGE
 - SUNSET KNOLL
 - THE CAGE FURTHEST FROM THE CONCESSION STAND IS RESERVED FOR FIELD 25 AND THE CAGE CLOSEST TO THE CONCESSION STAND IS RESERVED FOR FIELD 26
 - MADISON MEADOWS
 - THERE IS A CAGE OFF THE FIRST BASE DUGOUT AT BOTH 17 AND 18
 - THERE IS A CAGE FOR FIELDS 14 AND 15 OUT PAST RF ON FIELD 15 BEHIND THE LF FENCE OF FIELD 20
 - FIELDS 7, 19, 21 DO NOT HAVE CAGES.

Games:

1. Home and Away teams are determined by a coin flip for pool games. Team traveling further should call the flip. During bracket play the team with the better(lower) seed will be the home team.
2. Field Dimensions
 - a. 9u-46/60
 - b. 10u- 46/65
 - c. 11u/12u- 50/70
 - d. 13u- 54/80
 - e. 14u- 60/90
3. 11u and under games will be 6 innings. All 12/13/14u games will be 7 innings. Pool play games will have a 1hr and 40min no new inning.
4. Games may end in a tie in pool play.

- a. If there is still time remaining before reaching the 1 hour and 40 mins- teams would play extras using California rules. However, the 1 hour and 40 minute no new inning would be in place.
5. Game scores are official after 3 innings, or 2.5 innings if the home team is winning.
6. If a game is called prior to 3 innings due to weather, we will make a reasonable effort to resume play, if that isn't possible, game will be a 7-7 tie for standing purposes.
7. Mercy rules are 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings; if at any point a team is up by 20 runs, the game will be over.
 - a. Max run differential is 8 for a game.
8. Bracket play games will still adhere to time limits- if a winner isn't decided in 6 innings for 9-11u or 7 innings for 12-14u- use California rule for extra innings.
 - a. Previous innings last batted out is placed on 2nd base. Start with 1 out; 1 and 1 count on all batters in the inning.

Field Conduct:

1. Only the manager, 3 other coaches/scorekeeper, and the players on the roster are allowed in the dugout area.
2. Fields 17/25/26 have fencing around the dugouts. Field 18 will have caution tape put up to keep others outside the dugout area. Fans are not allowed to move the tape or enter the area for any reason (Videos, picture, etc.). Fields 7/14/15/19 are more challenging, so please keep the fans in the bleachers and not around the back stop/dugout areas.
 - These are safety reasons that are a request from the Lombard Park District. Not abiding by these rules could force a fan ejection. Reminder if a fan is ejected, the manager will be ejected as well.

Game Rules

1. ONE BALK WARNING per game/per team. NO BALK WARNINGS FOR 14U.
2. Courtesy Runners – 2 outs only. For catcher and pitcher of the NEXT inning only.
3. Slashing – Is Illegal
4. Headfirst Sliding – Is Legal
5. 3rd to 1st move – Is Legal
6. Pitching – No Limits every coach is responsible for their team.
7. Breaking Balls are allowed.
8. For 9u Only – there are no leadoff, balks, drop third strike, and infield fly

Bats

1. There will be bat restrictions to BPF 1.15. Use of BBCORE or Wood bats are allowed.
 - a. 9u-12U – Drop 10
 - b. 13u- drop 8
 - c. 14u- drop 5
 - d. Any player using a bat that is deemed illegal will be called out and the bat will be removed from the dugout.
 - i. If team is in violation a 2nd time, they will be removed from the tournament without refund.

Lineups

1. Hit a continuous lineup. All players must bat. See ejections and injuries rules to see what happens when losing a player.

Reporting Scores

1. All scores shall be texted to 630-433-7284 by both managers at the conclusion of the game. If scores are not texted within an hour of completion score will be recorded as a 7-7 tie. When sending in your score, please include Age level, and names of each team.

Rosters and insurance

1. Rosters must be submitted, and all players must have birth certificates on hand. May 1st birthdate to qualify.
 - a. EG- 13u- a player can turn 14 on May 1.
 - b. If a team wishes to challenge a player's eligibility, they must submit a \$150 cash deposit.
 - i. If the player in question is found to be ineligible due to his birthdate or no birth certificate can be provided, the team with the ineligible player will be removed from the tournament with no refund given.
 - ii. If the player is of age and birth certificate is provide, the \$150 WILL NOT be returned.
2. All coaches must email roster and insurance to jlavin03@gmail.com showing the following as insured.
 - a. Lombard Baseball League, PO Box 1174, Lombard, IL 60148
 - b. Lombard Park District, 820 S Finley Rd, Lombard, IL 60148
 - c. Must be valid during tournament dates.

Ejections and Injuries

1. If a player is ejected from a game that players spot will remain an out every time that spot comes up in the order.
2. If a player is hurt during the game, their spot can be skipped in the order and condensed with no penalty.
3. If a manager/coach is ejected, they will not be allowed to coach the rest of the tournament.
4. If a team's parent/fan is ejected, the manager could be ejected as well. Please control your fans.

Tiebreakers:

1. Overall Win-Loss Record
2. Head-to-Head (Only applies when two teams are involved)
3. Runs Allowed
4. Runs Scored – Most to Fewest
5. Run Differential (max of 8 per game)
6. Coin Flip

Conduct:

1. Teams are allowed to cheer for their team. There is no taunting or mocking another team. No use of anything artificial to make noise will be permitted- this includes fences, buckets, etc. Once a pitcher comes set, team must be silent. Umpires will give a team a warning, if the issue persists, the team will forfeit the game and the score shall be scored as a 15 to 0 loss.
2. Any coach or player ejected will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and will not be allowed to return, if a team is deemed to not adhere to this, they will be removed from the tournament and no refund will be issued. All ejections will need to be reported to 630-433-7284
3. Any fan/spectator ejected will result in the manager being ejected as well. Any ejection needs to be reported as well.
4. ALL UMPIRES DECISIONS ARE FINAL THERE ARE NO PROTESTS.
5. Lombard Baseball and Lombard Lightning reserve the right to issue suspension or tournament removal if a situation arises that warrants further discipline.
 - a. EG- an umpire fails to eject a player for whatever reason, and a tournament representative, LBL Board member, or even video surfaces of a play deemed to be dirty or malicious.

Any Rules not listed above shall be ruled with by the IHSA/Federation rulebook.

Refund Policy:

1. 0 Games Played – 100% Refund
2. 1 Game Played - 50% Refund
3. 2 or more games played – 0% Refund.
4. No money will be refunded- will be in the form of a credit.

Contacts:

- Scores and fan/player/coach ejections- Drew Ludwig 630-433-7284
Addition contacts
- 9u – Mark Ligunas – 708-362-1766
- 10u – Alex Martinez – 630-329-2307
- 11u – Kevin Ciarrachi – 630-740-2606
- 11u – Vince Ippolito – 773-485-3577
- 12u – Dan Coulter – 630-917-4810
- 13u- Jason Frano 630-699-4126
- 14u- Jake Lavin 708-707-0120