

Lake Oswego Softball

Senior League Rules

Read the rules for Lake Oswego Men's league. They also apply to the senior league with the following exceptions or additions.

1. Male players must be 55 years old and female players must be 40. Players who have been on L.O. Senior teams in prior seasons are grandfathered in, if they are over 50.
2. All outs at home will be force outs. On fields with a second home plate the runners must touch the second plate and the defense must touch the main home plate. If there is no second home plate, a line extending the first base foul line past the main home plate will serve as the crossing line for the runner. There will be a commitment line drawn across the 3rd base foul line 20' from home plate. Once a runner crosses that line they cannot return to 3rd base.
3. There are unlimited courtesy runners allowed, however the USA rule for courtesy runners will apply. If a courtesy runner is on base when his turn to bat comes up, then the person he ran for is out and the courtesy runner bats in his own position. A courtesy runner that is running for the batter may only go to first base on a hit ball, even if there is an over throw
4. Coaches may exchange players between teams as needed at any time. However, if a catcher is borrowed from the other team, he is only there to catch the pitches, not to assist in putting out his teammates.
5. Teams will bat their lineups, with any ten players on defense. If both teams have enough players to field eleven, then they both may do so.
6. There will be a **five-run limit** for innings beginning **before 50** minutes has elapsed. The inning beginning after 50 minutes will be open. This will be the last inning. The ump will notify the teams when this takes place.
7. The use of a pitching screen is optional. If the screen is used, and a batted ball hits the screen, it will be a foul ball. If it is the second foul ball after two strikes the batter will be out.
8. The league will use an encroachment line at the 200-foot mark from home plate. Three fielders must be on or behind that line for every female batter, or four if you're fielding eleven. One fielder may be a rover. If the field does not have a line, players should use their judgement to determine where it should be.
9. Women players may hit the 11" ball, so teams must have both size balls available.
10. All infielders, except the pitcher, must be outside the base path at the beginning of each play.

RAINOUTS: Games that are rained out will be rescheduled at the end of the season. Once the umpire has taken the field, it will be their decision to determine playability. To find out if games have been canceled because of rain, check the web site after 4:00pm. However, the

best way to stay informed about field conditions is to subscribe to the Lake Oswego field conditions email service. See information below. If the message does not say the games are canceled, then you better plan on showing up. The message is not changed if it starts to rain after 3:00. It is then up to the umpire. If it has rained in the previous two days, it is a good idea to check. Directions on how to subscribe, Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us Click on 24/7, Click on E-News Subscriptions Click on Subscriptions List. Click on the Athletic Fields Update box, Enter your email address at the bottom of the page. Click on Subscribe, A confirmation / verification email will be sent back, click on the link provided to verify.