

# North Durham Ladies Lob Ball League (NDLLL)

## **League Rules 2019**

### Player Requirements (league/tournament play)

1. Ladies who are pregnant are **NOT** allowed to play in our league.
2. All players must be 25 years (as of Dec. that year) or older. Players must provide proof of age upon request. Each team is allowed two (2) players that are under 25 years old BUT no less than 20 years old (as of Dec. that year). She will be allowed to play in play-offs as long as all other rules are met.
3. Any player that is **NOT** on the roster will be determined **ILLEGAL** and any points earned will be **FORFEITED** to the opposing team.
4. **No substitutions allowed**  
A) every player in the line-up must field at least 3 innings per game  
B) a player arriving late may be added to the line-up during the game as long as 4A is met
5. If a player is injured prior to completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, the game can still be counted towards their "games played for tournament weekend".
6. In the event that a player is unable to complete the balance of the game due to injury/illness, the player will be scratched from the line-up. It will NOT be recorded as an automatic out. (refer to 5)
7. All players must play a minimum of 40% of scheduled games, excluding rainouts and defaults, to qualify to play in the play-offs on tournament weekend. A player with legitimate medical reasons, including a family medical issue, or death in the family, will have this rule waived **as long as the executive is made aware of the condition.** Only players that meet the 40% eligibility rule qualify to vote at the Fall Open Meeting.
8. Players must reside in Durham Region to be eligible to play in the league. A list of players who are out-of-bounds, but have been 'grandfathered' as eligible to play in the league will be provided to team contacts. (grandfathered players list established in 2017. No further out-of-bounds players permitted)
9. Any player wearing a metal knee brace must cover the brace to prevent injury in the event of a collision with another player.

### The Playing Field (game time/equipment/bats)

10. Base distance is 65', from the back of home plate to second is 91'11", from back of home plate to the pitcher's rubber 50'
11. The safety line and committal line will be in effect. Once you have passed the committal line which is 20 FT from Home Plate, you must advance and pass the safety line. A runner may never touch home plate. Home plate is reserved for the catcher. The catcher must catch the ball and touch home plate before the runner crosses the safety line to receive an out.
12. Catcher's mask is optional

- 13a. Game times: **6:30 pm** all year with a 15 minute grace period.
- 13b. **In addition, NO NEW innings to start after 7:45 p.m.; once an inning has started it MUST be completed (played out).**
- 14a. A copy of the NSA approved bats is included in the scorebooks. Older bats without the “thumbprint” stamp are permitted if clearly marked with a sticker provided by the league president.
- 14b. In addition: Umpires have been told to check all bats before league and tournament games to ensure bats being used are legal. Responsibility of each team to have current list (supplied in current league hand book), and sticker attached, at each game should discrepancy arise.

**Game Requirements** (number of players)

15. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start and continue a game. If a team has less than 8 players the game is forfeited (refer to 18C); a score of 7-0 will be awarded.
16. There will be a maximum of 10 batters per inning. If the 10<sup>th</sup> batter gets a hit, the defending teams’ player must have possession of the ball and touch home plate to end the inning. If there are two out, the 10<sup>th</sup> batter or base runner can be put out on any base to end the inning. The batting team MUST inform when the 10<sup>th</sup> batter is coming to bat. The dead ball rule is NOT in effect on the 10<sup>th</sup> batter. The 10<sup>th</sup> batter rule does not apply during the last inning of play.
17. **There will be 5 courtesy runners allowed per game. The courtesy runner can be any player from the team’s line-up during game.**

**Team Responsibilities** (home team/ score keeping/umpire fees/cancellations/forfeitures/

18. The home teams, as designated by the schedule, will be responsible for the following:  
 A) supply new game ball (11" Dynoflite), yellow ball to be used at **all** times  
 B) setting out the bases, a safety base at first and a pitching rubber is required at **ALL** games – pitching location is a 5 FT radius centered on the pitching rubber – teams are to clearly mark the radius prior to the start of the game.  
 C) pay the umpire (in cash/full) - all umpires are \$35 **UNLESS** the games is forfeited due to player shortage, then the defaulting team will pay the umpire fee - to avoid this please call **Co-Chair Diane White, 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the game to cancel.** \***ONLY** the umpire calls games due to weather.
- 19.a **Forfeited Games: no players are counted for attendance towards eligibility of minimum games for either team JUST points awarded to the team the games is being forfeited to (WITH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, NO PLAYERS NEED ARRIVE TO BALL DIAMOND)**
- 19.b **Forfeited Games: both teams show up at ball diamond; after a 15 minute grace period one team cannot field a team (7 or less players in attendance) then each team places the names of those in attendance on the score sheet, each person initials beside their name then the scorebooks are passed to the opposing team for verification and signed by representative of said**

**team, to record accurate player game eligibility.**

20. **UMPIRE FEES:** subject to change annually, refer to 18C for forfeiture and cancellation policies; call **Co-Chair** before 4:30pm (game day) to avoid cancellation fees.

**Diane White - Co-Chair – contact for forfeited games & umpire concerns**

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21. No rescheduling of league games. Weather conditions are at the discretion of the umpire. If the umpire cancels after arriving at the park, he/she receives half of his/her fee (refer to 18C).
22. The use of outside diamonds to schedule any rainouts (if necessary) is acceptable.
23. All teams will supply a responsible scorekeeper. All score sheets should be kept and be made available upon request. Winning teams' score sheets **MUST** be signed by the umpire
24. Both teams must submit an electronic copy of their game sheet **to the league statistician BY 9:00PM on the following Friday after their game (no exceptions)**. Hard copy will also be accepted, but email or text preferred. If the winning team does not submit their game sheet by the deadline, both teams will receive 0 points. In the case of a tie, the visiting team will receive 1 point, providing they have submitted their game sheet on time.
- 24a. Stats are kept to determine a league champ and play-off positions, 2-points (win), 1-point (tie), 0-point (loss)

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS**

25. **Mercy Rule:** at end of 5 (considered a full game) or 6 innings 15 runs or more differential games called (league games only).
26. **Standings for the Season:** If there are 2 or more teams tied at the end of the regular season, tie breaking format will be the same as for tournament play (rule #1 2005)  
A) head to head,  
B) least runs against involving all teams in the league,  
C) most runs scored involving all teams in the league,  
D) flip of a coin
27. **Voting Privilege/New Rules (or changed to current):** to be brought forward and voted on (majority count passes the rule at that meeting) **ONLY** at Fall General Meeting (Open Meeting). Suggestions **MUST** be submitted prior to the completions of the last game played at the tournament to be considered for voting at the Fall General Meeting; Spring General meeting (Open meeting) is to verify results and have information necessary brought forward for upcoming year, **NO NEW RULES TO BE VOTED ON.**