

North Durham Ladies Lob Ball League (2019)

Tournament Rules 2019

****Please note: current League rules are in effect with these
Tournament rules/exceptions added**

1. Top 2 teams will be decided by the following tiebreakers:
 - A) head to head
 - B) least runs against involving all teams in that division
 - C) most runs scored involving all teams in that division
 - D) flip of a coin
2. There will be NO games protested. All situations will be resolved by the Umpires and Coaches at the time. Final say (if necessary) will rest with the majority of the Executive of the League. A member of the executive shall brief the umpires on the league rules prior to the first game of the tournament.
3. An OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER will be designated for each championship game by the league's Executive and/or league's Representatives.
4. All ties at the end of regular 7 innings will be broken by playing according to the INTERNATIONAL RULE - start 8th inning with the last batter at 2nd base with **one out**. NOTE: If a team has courtesy runners left, they may be substituted for the runner on 2nd base. (last out) THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. They will be played out in regular format.
5. All games will have NO TIME LIMIT. (refer to Tournament Rule 4)
6. 1 representative from each team must remain at the ball park all day. In case of discrepancy, executive decisions are final.
7. If a team can only field 8 players for the tournament due to injury and the subs do not have the required number of games completed, that team may use an alternate from their substitution list provided written notification is presented to the executive 1 week prior to tournament start and substitute player used must be the substitute player with the **most** games completed.
8. A chart showing the tournament format of progression will be posted at the concession area so that it is understood where/when teams will be playing for the weekend.
9. Home team for all games in tournament play will be determined by the flip of a coin.
10. Pool A will consist of the teams that placed 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th in league standings and Pool B will consist of teams that placed 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8^t in league standings.
11. **The championship games between teams A&B and teams C&D will to played at the same time.**
12. All championship games (finals) will have two (2) umpires.
13. If game goes into additional innings with the International Tie Breaker version or as a complete inning as in Championship games, each team will be allowed one extra courtesy runner per extra inning. The same runner may be used at the discretion of each team.

14. The prize payout for tournament play shall be as follows:

Championship A = \$125 Runner Up A = \$100

Championship B = \$100 Runner Up B = \$50

Championship C = \$100 Runner Up C = \$50

Championship D = \$100 Runner Up D = \$50

15. In 7th inning if home team has a 7 or greater lead (after the visiting team has taken their bats) then the home team will NOT take their last at bats. If the difference is less than 7 then the home team will finish the 7th inning ONLY to a maximum of 7 runs difference, or 3 outs, whichever is first.

16. NO mercy rule in effect for tournament play ONLY.

17. In addition to MVP and MSP, a Most Improved Player (MIP) will be awarded at the end of tournament play. All 3 awards to be decided by each individual team as they see fit. These awards handed out at the end of each Championship game.