

Lakes Athletics Playoff Rules

1. Players need to be in full uniforms, same or similar hat, shirt, socks, and white or gray pants.
2. No rescheduling games, except for school functions or similar event that can be verified or approved by league directors a minimum of 24 hours before the game. No umpires showing, could be cause for cancellation, but parents could umpire the game if both managers agree. Only one umpire is required to have the game. **Games cannot be canceled because there is only one umpire.**
3. All games that are not complete due to rain, darkness or bad weather will start the next league day at the same time as the first scheduled game. This unfinished game will take precedence over any scheduled game at that time. The scheduled games will commence 10 minutes after the continued game is complete. If the player is missing from the continuation game, it is an out every time that player would be up to bat.
4. If weather halts a game, teams shall be available to restart play 15 minutes after the field has been declared playable and safe by the umpires.
5. Division director handles rescheduling of field umpires.
6. All players get three innings in the field prior to the inning specified in your division rules.
7. A late arriving player will be placed at the end of the batting order if that player can complete three innings in the field prior to the inning specified in your divisional rules.
8. No balk warnings.
9. Note pitching rules for each division.
10. Coin flip to determine home team.
11. Dugouts are first come first serve.
12. One coach or volunteer from each team will help with field set up and breakdown.
13. No time limit for games. Forfeit rule will apply as to the scheduled start of the game, unless game is delayed by a previous game at which point the game will start ten minutes after the previous game is complete.
14. Home team has the official score book, visitor score book is the back-up book. Umpire(s) and managers are to sign the home score book and pitching log to verify score and pitching record. One umpire is to sign the visitors score book. Winning team manager will notify director of outcome of game.
15. Tournament practice cannot interfere with playoffs.
16. Rules committee members, are all division directors, vice president, chief director, and is chaired by the chief umpire (protests).
17. Regular season make up games can be scheduled before the playoffs or during the later stages of the playoffs open dates.
18. During playoff games, players need to be in the dug outs or on the field unless they are going to the restrooms, warming up the pitcher, attending to uniform or medical problems. Only the team manager is to address the umpires on game issues and must be in a respectful and appropriate manner. Individual warnings to the above-mentioned requirements may not be given prior to ejections by the umpire of the individual.
19. Only the manager and two coaches are allowed in each team dugout during the game

20. Teams may start and/or finish playoff games with 7 or more fielders. All division levels.