

LYBSA Board Meeting – 11/19/2025

1. Board Application Reminder:
 - a. Board Applications for the turned over positions will be due on December 29.
 - b. Open positions are:
 - i. VP of Baseball
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Sponsorship Lead
 - iv. Commissioners (All age levels)
 - c. Applications found on TeamSideline “Downloads”
2. Softball Age Structure:
 - a. PONY has changed their birth date cut off to August 31, 2025 for the spring season.
 - b. We have confirmed with Diamond—the All Star league we participate in—that they will be practicing this age cut off as well
 - c. The new birth date will go into effect for the Spring 2026 season.
3. 6u/8u/10u Softball Rule Proposals:
 - a. 6u Softball Proposed—Change to 6u Modified Coach Pitch
 - i. Reflect similar rules as 6u Modified Coach Pitch in Baseball, except add more swings off tee, no strikeouts.
 - ii. Goal: to help better prepare athletes for a moving ball, rather than have 3 different looks at pitches in each division. Trying to bridge the gap to keep 8u progressing in offense *and* defense.
 - iii. Concern: May turn off some 6u players from playing
 1. Solution for now: encourage to play in 6u Tee Ball baseball for the spring
 - a. The ball is smaller to encourage more hand and arm control
 - b. No coach pitch
 2. As numbers grow for our softball league, we will be adding both 6u Tee Ball and 6u Modified, but the numbers would only reflect one division.
 - iv. Confirmed, will be implementing into Spring 2026 season.
 - b. 8u Softball Proposed—Change to 8u Modified Player Pitch
 - i. Begin with players pitching to each other, then if a walk is administered, coach would come in to finish the at bat.
 - ii. Goal: Continue to bridge the gap from 8u to 10u when it comes to pitching. Help 10u progress from seeing several walks to more competitive games, more defensive involvement.
 - iii. Concern: a lot of things to focus on for 8u athletes who are still learning to hit a moving ball, let alone from a peer.
 - iv. Declined, will NOT be implementing into Spring 2026.
 - c. 10u Softball Proposed—Change to 10u Modified Player Pitch
 - i. Begin with players pitching to each other, then if a walk is administered, coach would come in to finish the at bat.
 - ii. Goal: Help 10u progress from seeing several walks to more competitive games, more defensive involvement.
 - iii. Concern: Not helping to push the athletes to improve, worried that it would be a turn off for returning athletes or ones looking to join our league based on perception.
 - iv. Declined, will NOT be implementing into Spring 2026.
4. Umpire Collaboration:
 - a. General feedback from umpire staff

- i. (Lack of) rule knowledge from the coaches—looking to add in videos or training for confusing rules to help coaches who may be learning or new to the game.
- ii. Place rules for each division in the dugouts, easily accessible for all during a game
- iii. Music/noise makers during games—can get too loud to where umpires can't hear each other or the coaches.
 - 1. At coach's meetings, encourage coaches to moderate the level of their speaker to help with this.
- iv. Provide an onsite manager to help with any needs for the umpire when it comes to controlling the crowd, coaches, etc.
 - 1. Privileges and training granted to Athletic Attendant staff to be this mediator during game days.
 - 2. Commissioners/Board will also be assigned to game days to also be a presence on site during game days.
- v. Consideration for 10u American rule regarding scoring from 3rd Base be implemented for 8u American (ball must be in play to score).
 - 1. Will revisit for Fall 2026 season for large rule change
- vi. Strike Zone – having a specific shape that *all* coaches and umpires would adhere to for ensuring that there is no more conflict when it comes to balls and strikes
 - 1. Incredibly hard to do so with all people's subjective opinion of strikes, but willing to try.
- vii. Coaches outside of dugout rule
 - 1. Umpires will be adhering to dugout rule: 4 coaches max, and must be closer to dugout during games.
 - 2. Base coaches must also stay within the coach's box to help players and umpires hear and keep the coaches safe from any foul balls that may come.

5. Open Forum:

- a. 10u American and National should be implemented back into fall season.
 - i. Yes. Similar idea to 8u: if you move up from 8u, you are automatically filtered into 10u American. If you were already in 10u last year, then you will be filtered to 10u National. Coaches will not be left to decide.

6. Adhournment: Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6pm at the Leander Activity Center – Monarch Room.