

55TH ANNUAL LONG ISLAND WILLIAM J. LINDSAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

RULES – 2026

1. HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDING IN THE SCORE SHEET TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBER AT END OF GAME.
2. There will be a Five Home Run Limit on fenced fields, including the Yellow Field at Baldwin. If both teams hit five home runs, then they can hit an additional home run (or go One Up). This continues until the bottom of the last inning, where the home team can hit a home run only to tie the visiting team, but cannot go One Up. In the Championship Game, if both managers agree during ground rules with the Umpire, the Five Home Run Limit can be eliminated or Unlimited Home Runs in the Final Game in the Upper Bracket Only.
3. NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELDS.
4. All players must be in a uniform consisting of at least a team shirt.
5. All players must be IBEW members and bona fide members in good standing. A bona fide member is either a member or a registered apprentice.
6. Each local union must submit a team roster on local union stationery, and it must be signed by one of the local's principal officers. All rosters must have the official union seal. The original roster must be mailed or emailed to the Tournament Committee no later than Friday, August 14, 2026.
7. Each active participant will be required to carry his local union card during the weekend of the tournament.
8. The Committee reserves the right to check union cards anytime during the weekend.
9. Any team that is found using an ineligible player during a game will forfeit that game and all previous games in which the player participated.
10. All play will be governed by the 2026 ASA Slow Pitch Rules, including all equipment. Unless otherwise amended by the Committee, all protests will be settled immediately on the field. ASA/USA umpire will govern all plays and their decisions are final.
11. Due to a rigorous time schedule, teams are required to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time - We will try to keep all games to a one-hour time limit. No innings should start after one hour. If a tie score you will start extra innings with a runner on 2nd base (last batter out from previous inning).
12. Game time is forfeit time, subject to final decision by member of the committee. A team may play with nine men.

13. The game is a slow pitch softball (arc ball). From the time the ball leaves the pitcher's hand it must raise a minimum of six feet off the ground, with a maximum of twelve feet. There is no stealing.
14. There will be a mercy run rule of 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings - No mercy run rule on Sunday Finals.
15. 2 EXTRA HITTERS (EEH'). FIELD 10. BAT 12 AT YOUR OPTION. The EEH' can bat in any position in the batting order and may be used interchangeably with other starters in the field.
16. The re-entry rule is in effect.
17. "THERE WILL BE AN UNLIMITED PINCH RUNNER RULE". Anyone on the roster can be used as a pinch runner, they do not need to be in the lineup. Be aware if a pinch runner is on base when his or her time at bat comes up, the batter will be out. This should be discussed with the Umpire prior to the state of game.
18. Coin flip by Umpire to determine Home Team in Bracket Play only. On Sunday, single elimination, choice of Home Team by team with highest seed.
19. Two (2) teams tied, head-to-head. In case of a tie involving (3) or more teams, the winner will be determined by "net" runs (total runs scored in all bracket games minus total runs given up in all bracket games played).
20. All questions of eligibility, grievances, protests, scheduling, etc. will be settled by the Committee. All judgments by the Committee are final. The Committee reserves the right to eject a player or players for unsportsmanlike conduct.
21. In case of rain on any one of the two days, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the schedule to conform to existing time slots.
22. IN CASE OF A RAIN DELAY, ALL TEAMS MUST REMAIN AT THE COMPLEX UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A COMMITTEE PERSON ADVISES THEM OF THE REVISED SCHEDULE.
23. If a team leaves the field, they are subject to a possible forfeit.
24. The pitching mound is 50 feet from the home plate, and the bases are 65 feet apart.
25. Any team intentionally forfeiting a game, as determined by the Committee, will be barred from future play.
26. FIELD ASSIGNMENTS MAY BE CHANGED BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY OPEN FIELD AT THE COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION.
27. ONE AND ONE COUNT RULE: When a batter steps into the batter's box, he will already start with a one ball and one strike count. A foul ball on the third strike is an out.