



Lorain County Hot Stove



The League Policies Of Lorain County Hot Stove League 2023

Mission Statement

To implant in the youth of the communities, ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence.

Player Eligibility and Contract

Section 1: A player must play on a team under the jurisdiction of the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. which governs the selection of players by school districts. School districts which are consolidated would revert back to before consolidation boundaries. For any city having more than one (1) high school, players **MUST** play on a team from the high school boundary area in which he lives. Any team under the jurisdiction of the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. which chooses to play in the District, Regional, or State Tournaments **MUST** play in the regular season with other Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. teams. **Exception:** Any exception to the school district rule will have to go before the Personnel Director from each local community involved for approval. Then to the Class Vice President who will present it to the Executive Board for a majority vote approval.

Section 2: All players must be certified on a duly signed roster on file with their local community for which they are playing. The Manager is responsible for the conduct of his/her team, the filing of rosters, and any other business of his/her team.

Section 3: If there are more players registered in a local community than can be accommodated by that local community, those players may be released to play in another local community if they so desire. This release **MUST** be approved by both Personnel Directors of the local communities involved, presented to the Class Vice President and to the Executive Board for a majority approval.

Section 4: Those local communities participating in the Lorain County Suburban Hot Stove League, Inc. who have internal city leagues for the age group affected, **are limited to three (3) incoming releases** of players from outside its boundaries per team. **Exception:** Section 4 does not apply to Classes EE and E.

Entry Fees

Section 1: The following fees will be charged to cover insurance, State fees, and Tournament fees. These fees are due and payable when the teams are entered, unless other arrangements have been made with the Treasurer. All fees must be paid before the first regular scheduled game or the team is ineligible for tournaments.

Age/ Class	Baseball Team Fee	Softball Team Fee
Farm Minor, Girls Farm, Class I – 5-8 Year Olds	\$260.00	\$255.00
Class HH, Class H, Class A – 9-10 Year Olds	\$420.00	\$275.00
Class G, Class B – 11-12 Year Olds	\$435.00	\$275.00
Class F, Class C – 13-14 Year Olds	\$435.00	\$305.00
Class EE, Class E, Girls Class D – 15-18 Year Olds	\$500.00	\$370.00
19 Year Olds and up	\$700.00	\$600.00



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Section 2: The local community of a team that fails to show for a District, Regional, or State Tournament game shall be charged a penalty fee of \$75.00. This fee must be paid to the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. prior to **any** of that local community's teams being eligible for the next season.

Equipment

The home team for each game MUST furnish two (2) new baseballs. Baseball: Farm Minor will use AD Starr 10 or equivalent; Classes I, HH, H, and G will use AD Starr 100; Class F will use AD Starr 200; and Classes EE, E and D will use AD Starr 600. Softball: Farm Minor will use AD Starr 11" IncrediBall; Farm Major and Class A will use AD Starr 11" Synthetic; Class B and C will use AD Starr 12" Synthetic; Class D and 19 and over will use AD Starr 12" Leather.

- Hot Stove logoed balls must ONLY be used for all regular season and tournament games.
- Any additional baseballs needed in a game are to be furnished by the home team and subject to acceptance by the umpire. **Exception:** Farm Minor, Farm, Class A, Class I, Class HH, and H may use one (1) new baseball/softball and one (1) good used baseball /softball upon acceptance by the umpire.

Records and County Playoffs – Class I through F

Section 1: A team's win/loss record must be recorded on the www.loraincountyhostove.com website by 11:00 P.M. of the date scheduled annually by the LCHS Board to qualify for the County Playoffs.

Section 2: All games MUST be scheduled on the county website in the score reporting area. Any game not played to completion by the date the game is scheduled for, MUST be rescheduled through the site within seven (7) days. The Class Vice President, if contacted within this time frame, has the authority to suspend the 0 points for not rescheduling as they see fit.

- Any team that does not show to a game that the Class Vice President has rescheduled will forfeit that game. The team showing up and can field a proper team receives a win.

Section 3: County Playoff teams will be determined by a point system. The two (2) teams with the most points will play in the County Championship Game.

1. Three (3) points for every win
2. One (1) point for every loss
3. Zero (0) points for games NOT rescheduled within the seven (7) days
4. Minus 2 (-2) points for every game not played
5. Minus 2 (-2) points for any game that team has forfeited

Tie Breakers are as follows:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Runs allowed – Less runs given up is the winner of this tie breaker
3. Coin Flip

Coin Flips will be as follows:

- Two (2) way tie – both coaches and Class Vice-President will all flip coins simultaneously and the coach whose flip matches the Class Vice-President will play in the game.
- Three (3) way tie – all coaches flip coins simultaneously and the two (2) coins that match will play in the game.
- Flips will continue until a winner(s) have been determined.



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Section 4: All Championship games must be played a full seven (7) innings or six and a half (6½) innings if the home team is ahead, or the ten (10) or fifteen (15) run rule applies. For Classes I, HH and H, a full 6 innings or five and a half (5½) innings if the home team is ahead.

Field and Playing Conditions

Section 1: The home team must furnish plate and base umpires and field equipment. In the event of rain, the home team Manager MUST advise the visiting team Manager if weather conditions do not permit the playing of the game. (See Records and Playoffs for rescheduling rules).

Section 2: Double Headers - The minimum time to be allotted between games is thirty (30) minutes, and the maximum time allotted between games shall be forty-five (45) minutes.

Section 3: The \$200.00 Protest Fee during the regular season, may be delivered to ANY Lorain County Hot Stove Board Member within 48 hours of the completion of the game, and must be accompanied by the "Rule" (in writing) that they are protesting. The protest must be called in to the Class Vice-President by 10:00 P.M. the night of the game that is being protested.

Suspensions

Section 1: Any player, manager, coach, or team backer causing either directly or indirectly, any attack upon the person of an official or player, using bad language, or interfering with the performance of an official or player, shall be subject to immediate suspension. The suspension shall last until such time as the Executive Board can conduct a hearing of the matter and a suspension limit can be established by the board.

Section 2: Any player, manager, coach, or team backer ejected from a game shall be suspended from the very next attended scheduled game; this includes double-headers.

- Lorain County Hot Stove has adopted a "Zero Tolerance" policy for this type of behavior.
- It is the duty of the team Manager or the Personnel Director from that team's local community to notify the Class Vice-President of the suspension.
- If a person is ejected from a FARM MINOR, FARM MAJOR or CLASS I game, the penalty is a four (4) game suspension.
- If a person is ejected a second time from a FARM MINOR, FARM MAJOR or CLASS I game within one (1) season, the penalty is a suspension for the remainder of that season.
- This shall be reported through the umpires to Lorain County Hot Stove. If an appeal is requested, this will be through the Lorain County Hot Stove Board.
- This is not a community penalty, it is a Lorain County Hot Stove penalty directly to the ejected person. There is ZERO TOLERANCE for being ejected from a Farm Minor, Farm or Class I game.

Umpires

Failure to have at least one (1) carded umpire on every game may result in a forfeit of that game by the home team. Once the game starts there will be no protesting of the umpires on that game.



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Managers and Coaches Meeting

Every team MUST have a representative from the coaching staff as listed on the roster in attendance at the Managers and Coaches meetings put on by Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. for that team's Class. These meetings will be held at a time and place designated by the Class Vice Presidents.

Local Rules

Each local community participating in the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc. must submit to the Executive Board a copy of their local Bylaws governing their organization and/or play, and a list of their Board Members' names, addresses, phone numbers, and board positions, by the January meeting of the Lorain County Hot Stove League, Inc.

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