

GLEN ELLYN GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

PIXIE DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

This League is for first time players who are in Pre-K or Kindergarten. SUMMARY: AFTER 5 GAMES OR EARLIER UPON AGREEMENT BY BOTH TEAM MANAGERS, GAMES WILL BE COACH PITCH. IF AFTER 6 PITCHES, THE PLAYER HAS NOT HIT THE BALL, THE BATTING TEE WILL BE USED TO SPEED UP THE GAME.

A. Uniform Requirements

1. All players must wear matching Park District jerseys with numbers.
2. All players must wear gym shoes or rubber cleated shoes.
3. Batters and runners must wear protective helmets.
4. Coaches will act as catchers

B. Ball Size: 10 inch softie

C. Games

1. The league may reschedule rain-outs. It is the responsibility of the home coach to lead any re-scheduling offer, both coaches need to agree to replay and confirm field availability with league commissioner.

D. Field Rules

1. Pitcher's mound will be 32 feet from the point of the plate.
2. Bases will be 60 feet apart.

E. Definitions of Official Games

1. A game shall consist of:
3 full innings have been completed or one hour of elapsed playing time. The Park District will be responsible for declaring a rainout during its normal hours, Monday through Friday up to 4 P.M., and by 2:00 on Saturdays. If rain starts at times later than the hours of Park District responsibility, it is up to the game managers or a GEGSA official to declare a rainout. They must act responsibly and stop play at any point, due to rain, lightning, darkness or any other potentially harmful conditions.

F. Participation Rules

1. The standard fielding alignment will be Pitcher, Catcher, five infielders (including short center), and three outfielders. However, all players present at a game must play in the field, every inning, with the extra fielders being placed in the outfield.
2. No player may change fielding positions during the course of an inning except in the event of an injury.
3. Players must change positions every inning. Each player needs to be in an infield position every other inning.
4. The batting order is continuous and cannot be modified during the course of a game. Any player arriving after the game has begun must be inserted at the bottom of the batting order. Any player re-entering a game after missing an at-bat must re-enter the lineup in the same spot as she left.

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G. Special Rules

1. Batters will hit from a tee for the first 5 games; coaches will pitch the last 5 games or earlier upon agreement both team managers. During coach pitch, the tee will be used after six swings by the batter. Each inning will continue until all players have batted once through the entire order.
2. No walks or strikeouts will occur. The batter will continue to swing until she hits a fair ball.
3. All players will bat each inning. Bat by uniform numbers, starting with a new player each game.
4. Runners may not leave a base until a ball has been hit by a batter. If a runner leaves early, she shall return to base and be instructed accordingly.
5. The first instance of a thrown bat will result in a warning being issued to both teams. Any subsequent thrown bats, by any batter, will result in the batter being declared out. Each bat must have a rubber or taped handle.
8. Teams will be provided with a supply of game balls. The home team will provide the game ball.
9. No base stealing or leadoffs are permitted.
10. Batters and base runners can advance one base per hit with one exception. If a ball is batted beyond the infield baselines, runners may advance until a defensive player throws toward the infield.
11. No bunting is permitted.
12. In order to teach the skill of throwing to the correct base, at home plate, first base, Short Center and third base, only the fielder at the base should make a putout. Fielders from other positions should throw the ball to the fielder playing the base. A runner may not advance on any overthrow.

H. Miscellaneous Information

1. No Playoffs or All-Star games will be held.

I. Coaches/Helping Parent Responsibilities

1. Batting teams should have four adults available to fill the following roles:
 - a. UMPIRE: The responsibilities of the Umpire are to call balls fair or foul, call runners out or safe, to start play by placing the ball on the tee, and to assist batters. The batter assistance will encompass positioning the batter, making sure the tee is the proper height and helping the batter in any way to have a successful at-bat.
 - b. SIDE-LINE COACH: The Side-line Coach will ensure that the players behave properly while waiting to bat and will help the batters to follow the batting order.
 - c.. FIRST BASE COACH: The Base Coaches will provide assistance to base runners. *A Base Coach cannot grab or otherwise touch a player during the course of play.*
 - d. THIRD BASE COACH: Same as above.
 - e. Optional: COACH PITCHER. Coach pitcher may be pitching to players at halfway point of season.

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2. Fielding teams should provide three on-field coaches. These coaches will position the fielders and ensure that they are prepared for the situations that may arise on the upcoming play. The Umpire should not place the ball on the tee, for a new batter, until getting the okay from the on-field coaches.
3. Team Managers are responsible for the maximum development of each player. Therefore, they should:
 - Give all players the opportunity to regularly play all positions, regardless of skill level.
 - Provide adequate training of skills and strategy through practices and practice games.
 - Provide a high level of positive encouragement for players' efforts, regardless of the outcome.
 - Avail themselves to the GEGSA Board for advice, techniques and coaching clinics.
 - Provide each player adequate notification of the team's schedule of practices and games.
 - Notify your commissioner if any players leave the program, so that, if possible, the team can be provided a replacement player.
 - Contact the opposing manager to reschedule any game conflicting with a school or church function involving three or more players.
 - *Ensure that the enjoyment of the players and their development are not compromised for the sake of competition.*

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Equipment and Field Cleanliness

1. All managers are responsible for the equipment assigned to them. It needs to be returned on the designated date. Failure to return all equipment can result in charge from GEPD and is a consideration for future coaching assignments.
2. All coaches and parents are responsible for keeping their fields clean. Please make sure all team trash is properly placed in containers.