

Greencastle Girls Major League Softball Governing Rules

Article I – Purpose

Section I:

The Greencastle Girls Major League Softball Program is governed by the By-Laws of the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball/Softball Association.

Section II:

The purpose of the Greencastle Girls Major League is for the training of girls for the purpose of improving and developing their softball skills in an atmosphere where good sportsmanship and fair play will be practiced and promoted. The objective is to teach the girls the game of softball. The girls need to learn softball positions and how to play these positions, along with the rules of the game, such as; how to get outs, fair and foul ball, force and tag-outs, cutoff throws, etc

Article II – Chairpersons

Section I:

The Greencastle Girls Major League Softball Program will be governed by Chairpersons appointed and approved by the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball / Softball Association each year at their November meeting. Our league will also follow rules that are governed by the AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (A.S.A.) with amended rules covered in Article VII and Article V-Section VIII.

Section II:

The League Chairpersons/Directors are responsible for the following.

Managers

Draft Day

Game Scheduling / Field Practices

Organization Registration

All Needed League Meetings

Organization of all work days

**Rescheduling Postponed Games
All Protest and Problems**

League All-Star Game's

Section III:

When a protest or problem arises involving a team who is managed or coached by a Major League Director, the softball committee will assist on any situations deemed necessary.

Article III – Managers

Section I:

All managers will be approved at the March Board Meeting, if possible. Manager approval will be based on their previous years' conduct. The Major League Chairperson must recommend all managers. New managers will be approved by the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball / Softball Association Board of Directors.

Section II:

All managers / coaches shall conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times. Failure to do so could lead to dismissal as manager.

Section III:

Managers will select all of their own coaches. Managers are then responsible for their coaches' actions. If a manager is unavailable for practices or games, appointed coaches shall be in charge on a temporary basis.

Section IV:

The All-Star game will be managed on a joint effort by all of the Major League Managers and/or coaches.

Section V:

Managers' responsibilities are to be in control of their players, coaches, and their fans at all times. The manager must also:

- 1 Appoint a team Mother / Father**
- 2 Support all fundraisers conducted by the association.**
- 3 Cover all team concession stand assignments.**
- 4 Assist on all scheduled field clean-up days.**
- 5 Cleanup the dugout area after all games and practices.**
- 6 Be responsible for all league equipment and uniforms.**

Article IV – Games

Section I:

Each Major League Team will play 16 games for a regular season schedule. Playoffs will be based on regular season standings, based on overall win/loss records. The playoff game format will depend on team numbers .

Section II:

During the last half of the season there will be a Major League All-Star Game. Managers will agree on the number of players selected from each team and how the teams are split for the Major League All-Star Game. Remember this is an “All-Star Game”, send your best players.

Article V – General Rules

Section I:

The set number of players for all teams will be based upon the total number of registered players.

Section II:

When a Major league team doesn't have enough players to play a regular season game due to illness, school function, vacation, etc., they may select a player from the Rookie league to play their scheduled game. The Major/Rookie league directors will

keep a list of all eligible Rookie league players, and it will be used on a rotating basis. When a team needs a player, the directors must be called and given a 24 hour advanced notice for any of the above reasons.

Section III:

When a Major League team loses a player for the year, they are entitled to select a Rookie League player to replace the lost player for the remainder of the season under the following conditions:

- 1 The player either quit, moved, season ending injury, or illness.
- 2 The loss occurred before the end of the teams 9th game.
- 3 Teams may select only 9 year olds from the Rookie league list.

Section IV:

No games shall be rescheduled without the approval of the Major League Chairperson/Director. Games should only be rescheduled for the following reasons.

- 1 Elementary/Middle School Functions
- 2 Religious Functions
- 3 Abundance of missing girls.
- 4 Note: High school events do not affect the majority of our Major League girls.
- 5 Inclement weather. Every attempt must be made to play each game when scheduled.

Section V:

Any injuries that occur during practices or games, that require medical attention, **MUST** be reported to the league Chairperson within 24 hours. This is for insurance purposes.

Section VI:

Any player, manager, or coach ejected from a game for language, physical abuse, equipment abuse, or substance use, will:

- 1 **FIRST OFFENSE** – Sit out that game and the next scheduled game.

- 2 **SECOND OFFENSE** – The suspension is the same with the addition that the offender or player, with guardian, must attend the next Association Board Meeting to discuss appropriate discipline or be suspended until board approval to play is granted.

Section VII:

Saturday Games and Make-up Games: All teams must be at the playing field 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time and ready to play 15 minutes before the scheduled start.

Section VIII:

The home team shall occupy the third base dugout, supply a new and good back-up 11", .47 core or less, approved A.S.A. softball, which is supplied by the league for every game. The home team manager is also responsible for setting the bases, lining the field and getting the equipment out of the equipment shed. Both managers are responsible for putting all equipment back in the shed. Field time is as follows:

- 1 The visiting team is scheduled for infield practice ½ hour prior to the start of the game.
- 2 The home team is scheduled for infield practice 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Article VI – Umpires

Section I:

The Greencastle Girls Major League Softball shall be sanctioned with the Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) Umpires will be provided for Major league games. The Umpire's control the game and has the final say.

Article VII – Playing Rules

- 1 All rules will be ASA Modified Pitch Rules except where amended and modified by GABSA**
- 2 Games will be umpired by ASA umpires**
- 3 The pitching mound distance will be 43'**
- 4 There is a maximum pitch height of 10-feet**
- 5 There is no minimum pitch height**
- 6 A strike is a pitch that passes over home plate and passes between a batters mid-chest and knees with no bounce**
- 7 No windmill pitches**
- 8 There are no limitations or requirements on the speed of the arm or the speed of the ball on the delivery of the pitch**
- 9 No infield fly rule**
- 10 Stealing is permitted when the ball crests the front of home plate**
- 11 You may lead off when the ball crests the front of home plate**
- 12 Bunting is allowed**
- 13 No fake bunting, if you square or show bunt you must attempt to bunt or pull back**
- 14 No slap hitting**
- 15 9 year old players may try out for Major League and if drafted may play up**
- 16 Teams will be drafted yearly after tryout**
- 17 Any rule not covered in these Playing Rules, will be per A.S.A. Official Rule Book.**
- 18 Run Rule- 20/3innings 15/4innings 10/5innings**
- 19 Games will have 2 hour time limit.**