

Greene County Softball Association
2011 Inter-League Special Rules
<http://www.gcsba.org>

OVERVIEW/ ETIQUETTE

- Regular Season will run from April 25 through June 8. Games not completed by 10:00pm June 8 will not be counted in the standings.
- The GCSBA Tournament will begin on or about June 9. If a game is rained out, it will be made up the next playable day. Please plan accordingly.
- Tournament games will be determined using a blind draw of teams and locations. “Home” team will be determined by coin flip, 30 minutes prior to game time.
- Regular season games on weeknights start @ 6:00pm. Tournament games on weeknights start at 5:45pm
- Home/Host team is responsible to provide the umpire(s).
- All umpires need to be fully aware of these special rules and it the responsibility of the local Little League to do so for the umpires they provide.
- If no umpire is available, game will be rescheduled by the two managers within 24 hours. A scrimmage can be played if the managers agree.
- Pulling someone out of the crowd to umpire is acceptable, as long as they have a reasonable understanding of the game and are briefed on these rules.
- Suggested for each team to have multi-copy tear pads for rosters.
- Visiting team will have access to the field to warm up its players 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.

Cancellations:

- If a team needs to re-schedule a regular season game, the other team should be contacted no less than 24 hours prior to the game.

Rainouts:

- If possible, the game should be cancelled 1-1/2 hours prior to the start time by the home manager.
- If the rain starts during the game it is up to the discretion of the umpire to end the game.
- As a general rule, weeknight rain delay – 15 minutes, weekends – 30 minutes
- Rescheduling must occur within 24 hours by the managers and then submitted to Robert Scott (518.376.1600 / robert@gcsba.org) with re-schedule date & time.

Game Results:

- After games are complete, it is the winning teams responsibility to contact Robert Scott (518.376.1600 / robert@gcsba.org) and provide the game result. The team names and score need to be provided within 24 hours.
- Games *not* reported will not be recorded and not apply towards the league standings.

Conduct:

Manager, Coaches, Umpires, Parents & Players decorum: All should follow common sense with regard to conduct, actions, cheering, etc. for their team and interactions with other parents, players, fans and umpires.

The tone and example that the Managers & Coaches set is the tone that the players and parents will follow.

Umpires are not to be “called out”, yelled at, degraded or otherwise maligned in any way. If you have an issue with a call or the general officiating of a game then call time out or in between innings ask to have a conference at home plate with the umpire(s) and the manager of the other team and discuss the issue(s).

Managers, Coaches and League officials are responsible for the conduct of your parents whether home or away. We must set an example of calm, well-mannered and respectful gamesmanship with all involved in Little League.

SPECIAL RULES

- Game play is by the Little League 2011 Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules (LLSBRB) book unless otherwise specified in the Special Rules below.
- See the Rules Clarification Section at the end of this document to review some of the common rules in the rule book.

MAJORS:

Game Play:

- 10 players on the field – minimum of 8 players to start and play the game.
- A team playing with only 8 players, will take an out in the 9th spot of the batting order.
- 10th player in field must start each play with both feet on the outfield grass.
- Regular season – no inning will start after 8:00pm.
- Tournament games to be played to darkness, per the umpire’s ruling.

Substitutes:

- Substitute players will be selected per the LLSBRB Section V- Item (c) on pages 38-39
- Substitute players must be declared to the opposing team prior to the start of the game and follow the rules of the LLSRB

MINORS:

Game Play:

- 10 players on the field – minimum of 8 players to start and play the game.
- A team playing with only 8 players, will take an out in the 9th spot of the batting order.
- 10th player in field must start each play with both feet on the outfield grass.
- Regular season – no inning will start after 8:00pm.
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Run rule:

- 5 run limit for all innings except the last which is open. If a play is in progress then the play continues until its normal conclusion which may result in more than 5 runs being scored in that inning.

Stealing:

- There will be NO stealing of any base.

Past Ball:

- No runner advancement on balls back to the pitcher's circle area from any position, including catcher.

Batting:

- Bat in continuous order

Pitching:

- Strike zone is at the discretion of the umpire but is approximately armpits to knees and 1 ball width wider than home plate

LLSBRB CLARIFICATIONS:

- Roster players must play 6 consecutive defensive outs and bat at least once – Page 37 (IV/i)
- Pool (Substitute) Players – Page 38 (V/c) – Shortage of roster players.
 1. Player agent runs the pool
 2. Manager/Coach does not handpick players
 3. Player cannot pitch
 4. Pool player must play 9 consecutive defensive outs and bat once
- Pitching Distance - Minors is 35 feet / Majors is 40 feet – Page 49 (1.07)
- Minors use 11" balls / Majors use 12" balls – Page 50 (1.09)
- No jewelry on during games – Page 50 (1.11/j)
- Minors use continuous batting order – Page 64 (4.04/Note 1)
- Game Length
 - At least 4 innings and the umpire calls the game – Page 65 (4.10/c)
 - At least 4 innings and 10 run rule – Page 66 (4.10/e)
- Forfeits – Page 68 (4.15 – 4.18)
- Protests – Page 69 (4.19)
- "Must Slide Rule" – Page 79 (7.08/a/3)- A runner is out when – the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag;
- Sliding feet first – Page 79 (7.08/a/4) – A runner is out when – the runner slides head first while advancing
- Sliding – Runner may return to previous base head first - Page 79 (7.08/a/3)-Not defined, so by elimination it is allowed.
- Pitchers may change the style of pitching on each pitch if they so choose, so long as the pitching form is legal (in rule book).