



League Information, Rules, & Regulations

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ABOUT THE LEAGUE

The West Grove Girls Softball League (WGGSL) was established in 1970 and became a fully independent organization in 1978. WGGSL is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a quality fast-pitch softball program for girls in the local community. League operations are supported through the efforts of volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to the success of the program.

Approximately 150 players between the ages of 4½ and 14 participate in the league annually. Players are organized into divisions based on age as follows:

DIVISION	AGE GROUP
Sandlot	2-4 years old
6U	4-6 years old
8U	7-8 years old
10U	9-10 years old
12U	11-12 years old
14U	13-14 years old

Division eligibility is determined by a player's age as of September 1 of the current league year.

WGGSL is committed to providing opportunities for girls to develop their softball skills while promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline, perseverance, leadership, respect, and personal growth through participation in organized athletics.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WGGSL is governed by a Board of Directors (BOD) consisting of elected volunteer members and supported by an auxiliary board. The Board is responsible for overseeing league operations, planning league activities and events, establishing league policies, and ensuring compliance with the League By-Laws.

Board members are elected annually at the conclusion of the Spring Season. Meetings are typically held monthly throughout the year and are open to members of the league. Participation and volunteer involvement are encouraged, as the continued success of the organization depends upon the contributions of its members and community volunteers.

Additional information regarding Board positions and responsibilities is available in the WGGSL By-Laws, which can be found online at WestGroveSoftball.com or by contacting a member of the Board of Directors.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the Board of Directors, WGGSL relies on the participation and support of volunteers to successfully operate league programs and events. Volunteer opportunities and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Scorekeepers** – Each team is required to have at least one scorekeeper. The home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper for all league games during both the Fall and Spring seasons. Scorekeeping clinics may be offered by the league for volunteers interested in learning scorekeeping procedures. A designated scorekeeper who fulfills the team's official scorekeeping responsibilities for the entirety of the season shall be eligible to receive a refund of their snack bar fee at the conclusion of the season. This benefit is limited to one designated scorekeeper per team.
- **Snack Bar Duty** – The snack bar is an important component of league operations and relies on volunteer participation to operate successfully throughout the season. Each family is assessed a snack bar fee during registration. Families may earn refunds of the snack bar fee by completing assigned snack bar shifts in accordance with league policies. Families are encouraged to volunteer for additional snack bar shifts beyond the minimum requirement whenever possible. Additional compensation may be available for extra shifts worked in accordance with league policies established by the Board of Directors.
- **League Events** – WGGSL relies on volunteers to support league-sponsored events throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities may include assisting with Family Fun Day, field preparation and cleanup, Opening Day and Closing Day ceremonies, event setup and teardown, and other activities that support league operations. Volunteer participation is essential to the success of these events and the overall league experience.
- **Field Maintenance** – Teams are responsible for completing assigned field preparation and cleanup duties before and after games. WGGSL relies on parents and volunteers to assist with these responsibilities so that coaches can focus on player instruction, warm-ups, and game preparation. Consistent participation helps ensure that fields remain safe, playable, and properly maintained throughout the season.
- **Team Parents and Dugout Moms** – Team parents provide valuable support to coaches, players, and families throughout the season. Responsibilities may include coordinating team communications, organizing team activities and events, assisting with volunteer assignments, and helping manage team logistics.

Teams may also designate a Dugout Mom to assist during games. The Dugout Mom helps maintain a safe, organized, and positive dugout environment by assisting players with equipment, helping players prepare for play, and encouraging good sportsmanship. The Dugout Mom serves as a support resource for players during games, allowing coaches to focus on instruction and game management. In accordance with league policy, the Dugout Mom must be female.

Each team may designate 1 Dugout Mom for the season whose snack bar fee shall be waived. The snack bar fee waiver is limited to 1 designated Dugout Mom per team per season.

Depending on the needs of the team, the Team Parent and Dugout Mom

responsibilities may be performed by the same individual or by separate volunteers. Team parent meetings, training sessions, or informational meetings may be conducted prior to the start of the season.

FUNDRAISING

WGGSL may host fundraising activities throughout the year to support league operations, facility improvements, equipment purchases, and special projects that enhance the player and family experience.

Teams and families are encouraged to participate in league-sponsored fundraising opportunities whenever possible.

Teams may also conduct independent fundraisers to establish a team fund for season-related expenses. Certain fundraising activities are approved by the Board of Directors for team use. Any fundraiser not previously approved by the Board of Directors must receive approval prior to the start of the fundraising activity. For information regarding team fundraising opportunities and approval requirements, teams should contact the Ways and Means Director.

Fundraising activities must be conducted in a manner that reflects positively on WGGSL and complies with all league policies. The Board of Directors reserves the right to review, approve, deny, or discontinue any fundraising activity deemed inconsistent with the mission, values, or best interests of the league.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are an important source of support for WGGSL programs, facilities, equipment, and special projects. The league encourages families to seek sponsorship support from local businesses, organizations, and community members interested in supporting youth athletics.

Each team, unless otherwise exempted by the Board of Directors, is required to obtain sponsorships that meet or exceed the minimum sponsorship requirement established for the season. Teams may satisfy this requirement through a single sponsorship or a combination of sponsorships.

Teams that obtain sponsorships exceeding the minimum sponsorship requirement may be eligible to receive a portion of the additional sponsorship funds for team-related expenses. Current sponsorship levels, sponsorship fund distribution policies, sponsorship benefits, and sponsorship forms are available from the Treasurer, Ways and Means Director, or the league website.

All sponsorship activities must be conducted in accordance with league policies and procedures.

LEAGUE INSURANCE

WGGSL maintains a secondary accident insurance policy for registered participants. This coverage applies to accidental injuries sustained during league-sanctioned activities, including practices, games, and tournaments. The policy does not provide coverage for illness, sickness, or non-accidental injuries.

Because this insurance provides secondary coverage, participants must first submit claims through their primary health insurance carrier. Any eligible expenses not covered by the primary insurance carrier may be submitted for consideration under the league's secondary insurance policy.

REPORTING AN INJURY

In the event of a league-related injury, the following steps should be taken:

1. Notify the Team Manager, Head Coach, or a Board Member as soon as reasonably possible.
2. Complete and submit an Injury Report using the league's current reporting process.
3. Submit all claims to the participant's primary insurance carrier.
4. Any eligible expenses not covered by the primary insurance carrier may be submitted to the league in accordance with the current insurance claim procedures.

Additional information regarding injury reporting and insurance claims is available from the Board of Directors or on the league website.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

WGGSL encourages league members to address concerns and conflicts in a respectful, constructive, and professional manner. To facilitate effective communication and resolution, concerns should be addressed using the following process:

1. Discuss the concern with the Team Manager and/or Head Coach.
2. If the concern remains unresolved, discuss the matter with the Division Commissioner.
3. If the concern remains unresolved, proceed through the league chain of command by contacting the Chief Commissioner, then the Player Agent, followed by the Vice President, and finally the President.
4. If additional review is requested, a formal written complaint must be submitted to the Player Agent using the league's current complaint form. The complaint form and submission instructions are available from the Player Agent or on the league website.
5. The Player Agent will review the complaint, contact the involved parties as appropriate, and may facilitate discussions or meetings to assist in resolving the matter.

6. If necessary, the complaint and any related findings will be presented to the Executive Board for review and consideration. The Board of Directors may take any action it deems appropriate, and decisions of the Board shall be final.

Complaints must be submitted within 30 days of the incident or occurrence giving rise to the complaint.

Concerns involving the immediate safety, welfare, or well-being of a player should be reported directly to the Player Agent as soon as possible.

League members should proceed to the next step in the complaint process only if the concern has not been satisfactorily resolved at the previous level.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations are adopted and maintained by the West Grove Girls Softball League (WGGSL) Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the authority to amend these rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Where these Rules and Regulations are silent, the current USA Softball Official Rules of Softball shall govern.

Rule 1: General and Administrative

1. All practices must be conducted under the supervision of a Board-approved Head Coach and/or Manager. In the absence of a Board-approved Head Coach or Manager, a parent who has successfully completed the league's required background check and has been authorized by the Head Coach and/or Manager may conduct or assist with the practice. Any practice conducted without the approval of a Board-approved Head Coach, Manager, or authorized background-checked parent may result in suspension of the participating parent(s) and/or player(s) for a minimum of 1 game, and potentially additional disciplinary action.
2. Individuals serving on a travel ball coaching staff may participate as a WGGSL coach only in a division other than the division or age group in which they are currently involved in travel ball and must receive prior approval from the Board of Directors.
3. If a request involving a travel ball coach or player who is not currently enrolled with WGGSL has not yet been approved, has been denied by the Board of Directors, or the individual continues to participate after being advised not to do so, the team shall forfeit the affected game, and both the Coach and Manager shall be subject to suspension.
4. Head Coaches, Managers, and Board Members are expected to act in the best interests of WGGSL and its members at all times. When a conflict of interest exists, or when an individual's involvement could reasonably be perceived as influencing a decision for personal benefit rather than the benefit of the league, that individual may be excused from voting, discussions, or other league-related decisions involving the matter.

Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to:

- a. Decisions affecting a team or division in which their child participates.
- b. Decisions in which a personal, family, or other interest could reasonably be perceived as influencing impartial judgment.
- c. Having additional children participating in a competing recreational league.
- d. Serving as a coach, manager, board member, or volunteer for a competing recreational league.

NOTE: Because Board Members are held to a higher standard of conduct, violations of any of the above mentioned provisions by a Board Member may result in enhanced disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board.

Section 1: Team Formation

1. Age Eligibility and Division Placement

A. USA Softball eligibility rules shall be used by WGGSL. Players shall be assigned to a division based on their age as of September 1 of the current league year.

DIVISION	AGE GROUP
Sandlot	2-4 years old
6U	4-6 years old
8U	7-8 years old
10U	9-10 years old
12U	11-12 years old
14U	13-14 years old

C. Players may not play down a division. Requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing to the Player Agent for Board of Directors approval. Returning All-Star players are not eligible to play down a division.

D. Players requesting to play up a division during the Spring Season must submit a written request to the Player Agent for Board consideration. The written request must include the reason for the request, a justification supporting the player's eligibility to compete in the higher division, and a letter of recommendation from the player's current or most recent Head Coach or Manager.

The letter of recommendation shall be submitted with the parent's written request and shall remain confidential. To avoid a conflict of interest, the letter of recommendation may not be written by the player's parent or legal guardian if they are serving as the player's current Head Coach or Manager, in accordance with the league's Conflict of Interest policy. If a conflict of interest exists, the letter of recommendation may be provided by another current or former WGGSL Head Coach or Manager who has previously coached the player.

Players requesting to play up during the Spring Season must participate in evaluations for both their age-eligible division and the division they are requesting to play in. Evaluation results from both divisions shall be used to

compare the player's skill level and assist in determining the division in which the player is best suited to participate.

During the evaluation process, the Head Coaches, Managers, Division Commissioner, Chief Commissioner, and Player Agent shall determine whether the player possesses the skills and experience necessary to safely participate and successfully compete in the higher division. Consideration shall be given to the player's ability to perform within the rules, pace, and level of competition of the higher division.

Approval of a player's request to play up shall require a simple majority vote of the Executive Board. Players who do not receive a simple majority vote shall remain in their age-eligible division. Players who do not participate in evaluations for both their age-eligible division and the division they are requesting to play in shall not be eligible to play up during the Spring Season.

For the Fall Season, registration in a higher age division shall constitute the player's request to play up. The Board of Directors may use available information, including the player's age, prior performance, input from Head Coaches, Managers, Commissioners, previous season statistics, and other relevant information, to determine whether the player may safely and successfully compete in the requested division. If the Board determines that the player is not prepared to compete in the higher division, the player shall be placed in their age-eligible division.

2. Team Formation

A. Teams in all divisions, except 6U, shall be formed through a selective draft process (see Team Selection Procedures on page 29).

No refund of registration fees shall be issued after the team draft has occurred. Following Evaluation Day, a player may receive a refund of up to 50% of the registration fee. Requests for exceptions must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

3. Waiting List

A. Any player not assigned to a team shall be placed on the waiting list. The waiting list shall be used to fill roster vacancies resulting from illness, injury, resignation, or other unforeseen circumstances.

B. Player and pitcher vacancies shall be filled from the waiting list through a draw of eligible teams. Teams in need of pitching may receive priority consideration when a qualified pitcher is available on the waiting list. Responsibility for assigning players from the waiting list rests with the Player Agent and the appropriate Division Commissioner. Replacements shall not be assigned until at least 24 hours after the vacancy has been reported to the Player Agent.

C. If a player cannot be placed on a team, the registration fee shall be refunded. A player who resigns from a team shall be ineligible to participate on any team for the remainder of the season and shall not receive a refund.

D. Players on the waiting list shall not be assigned to a team after 50% of that team's scheduled games have been played unless the team does not have enough rostered players remaining to field a team.

Section 2: Head Coach and Manager

1. To be eligible for consideration as a Head Coach or Manager, an individual must be at least 18 years of age, successfully complete the required USA Softball background check, and complete all training requirements established by WGGSL and/or USA Softball.
2. All Head Coaches and Managers must be approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Any individual who has been the subject of a substantiated complaint resulting in disciplinary action may be disqualified from consideration as a Head Coach or Manager for up to 2 years or 4 seasons (two spring and two fall seasons) from the date of the disciplinary decision.
4. Any Head Coach or Manager ejected during or after a game shall serve a minimum 1-game suspension. Additional disciplinary action may be imposed by the Executive Board based on the severity of the conduct resulting in the ejection. A second ejection during the same season may result in removal as Head Coach or Manager.
5. Only the Board of Directors may remove a Head Coach or Manager from their team.
6. The Manager is responsible for maintaining control of team spectators and coaches. If a spectator is ejected from a game, the team's current Head Coach or Manager shall serve a 1-game suspension for each occurrence.
7. All Head Coaches and Managers must sign the league Code of Ethics and successfully complete the required background check prior to the draft.
8. All Assistant Coaches, Team Parents, Dugout Moms, and other volunteers who have direct interaction with players must successfully complete the required background check. Any applicable background check fees shall be the responsibility of the volunteer. If an individual does not pass the required background check, that individual must immediately cease all activities involving players. Such decisions are not subject to appeal, and no refund shall be issued.
9. Head Coaches and Managers may not coach a travel ball team outside of WGGSL without prior approval from the Board of Directors.
10. The Head Coach and Manager are encouraged to communicate and work together to form a cohesive team. If responsibilities cannot be mutually agreed upon, the following duties shall apply. These duties are intended as guidelines and are not all-inclusive.

The Head Coach shall be responsible for:

- Planning and conducting practices.
- Preparing the lineup.
- Making pitching changes.
- Determining defensive alignments and substitutions.
- Coordinating with Assistant Coaches and Base Coaches.

The Manager shall be responsible for:

- Maintaining player registration, medical, emergency and other league required documentation.
- Obtaining and communicating team schedules and league information to the team.

Section 3: Conduct

1. No WGGSL team may participate in any game, practice, or team activity without a background-checked female adult who is at least 18 years of age in attendance.
2. Each team shall have no more than four (4) adults in the dugout at any given time, including the Head Coach, Manager, Assistant Coaches, Dugout Mom, and any other authorized team volunteers.

Only WGGSL players may be permitted as visitors in the dugout and only with the approval of the Team Manager.

Managers are responsible for ensuring that players and coaches remain in their designated dugouts when not batting, on deck, warming up, playing a defensive position, or coaching a base.

PENALTY: The umpire may direct the offending team to comply. Repeat violations may result in the ejection of the offender or forfeiture of the game.

3. WGGSL utilizes school district facilities and all participants, spectators, and visitors are required to comply with applicable school district policies while on school property.

Dogs, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (vapes), smoking, alcoholic beverages, e-bikes, electric scooters, and any other activity prohibited by school district policy are not permitted on school property during any WGGSL activity.

PENALTY: WGGSL maintains a zero-tolerance policy for violations of this rule. Violations may result in forfeiture of the game and/or suspension of the team's use of designated practice fields for a period of up to one week, as determined by the Executive Board.

4. Foul or abusive language, gestures, or actions directed toward an umpire by any participant, coach, volunteer, or spectator shall not be tolerated. Following a warning from the umpire, it shall be the Manager's responsibility to correct the behavior.

PENALTY: Failure to do so may result in the ejection of the Manager or Coach.

5. No more than one team representative shall be permitted on the field at any time to discuss a call with an umpire.

PENALTY: The umpire may eject the offender and may declare a forfeit for flagrant violations.

6. Practices shall not exceed 4 hours per day and must include a minimum 30 minute break. A practice schedule for league fields shall be provided to all teams. Practices may not be conducted within 50 feet of any school building. Practices at Enders School shall not begin before 4:00 p.m. on school days or 9:00 a.m. on non-school days.

PENALTY: Teams that arrive prior to the designated time or practice within 50 feet of a school building shall forfeit their next scheduled practice field assignment.

7. All Managers shall follow the Player Removal Procedure. If a player engages in detrimental conduct, the following process shall be followed:
 1. The Head Coach and/or Manager shall address the behavior directly with the player.
 2. If the issue continues, the Head Coach and/or Manager shall notify and discuss the matter with the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
 3. If the issue continues, the Head Coach and/or Manager shall notify the President, Vice President, and Division Commissioner. At the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Manager, an in-person meeting may be scheduled with appropriate league representatives, the player, and the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to discuss the concerns and develop a plan to resolve the issue.
 4. If the issue continues after the above steps have been completed, the Executive Board may review the matter and determine whether removal of the player from the team or other disciplinary action is appropriate.

Section 4: Facility Care and Maintenance

WGGSL relies on its teams, families, and volunteers to be good stewards of the league's facilities. Because WGGSL utilizes school district property, every participant, parent, coach, manager, volunteer, and spectator shares the responsibility of helping keep our fields and facilities clean, safe, and well maintained. League members are encouraged to pick up litter whenever they see it, regardless of whether it belongs to their team. By working together, we help preserve our facilities, maintain a positive relationship with the school district, and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

1. Dugout and Facility Cleanliness

- A. Teams are responsible for leaving the dugouts, spectator areas immediately surrounding the dugouts, playground areas, and any other areas used during

practices, games, or league activities in a clean and orderly condition. All trash shall be removed and properly disposed of before leaving the facility.

2. Playground Safety

A. To protect the playground surface and ensure a safe environment for all children, softball cleats are prohibited on the playground at all times. Parents and guardians are expected to ensure their children comply with this rule.

Head Coaches, Managers, Team Parents, Dugout Moms, and other team volunteers should also be monitoring players and ensuring that softball cleats are not worn on the playground under any circumstances.

B. Teams shall also ensure that all trash is removed from the playground and surrounding areas before leaving the facility.

3. Bathroom Duty

A. Teams assigned bathroom duty are responsible for ensuring the restrooms are cleaned and secured at the conclusion of their assigned practice day. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Removing all trash.
- Restocking toilet paper and paper towels as needed.
- Sweeping floors.
- Mopping when necessary.
- Locking the restrooms upon completion.

B. Bathroom duty assignments shall be established by the league and are generally assigned once every 2–3 weeks, depending on the number of teams and practice schedules.

4. Field Care

A. At the conclusion of every practice, game, or other approved field use, teams shall properly maintain the field by:

- Watering the infield as required.
- Dragging the infield.
- Returning all bases to their designated location in the cart barn.
- Properly storing all base pegs.
- Returning all league equipment to its designated storage location.

PENALTY: The following progressive discipline shall apply to violations of this Section:

1. First Offense: Written warning.
2. Second Offense: Loss of assigned practice field privileges for one week.
3. Third Offense: Loss of assigned practice field privileges for two weeks and the team shall be responsible for both field setup and field breakdown for three scheduled games.
4. Fourth and Subsequent Offenses: The team shall be restricted to practicing in designated grass areas for the remainder of the season.

Section 5: Safety and Medical

1. All medical authorization forms must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian and maintained by the Manager or designated team representative during all practices, games, and league activities.

Forms must be available at all times and may be inspected by the umpire prior to a game.

PENALTY: If the required forms are not available prior to the start of the game, the affected player(s) shall not be permitted to participate, or the team may be subject to forfeiture.

Rule 2: The Playing Field

Section 1: Distances

1. The pitching distance, baseline distance, and recommended fence distance for each division shall be as follows in accordance with current USA Softball rules:

DIVISION	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASELINE DISTANCE	FENCE DISTANCE
Sandlot	N/A	60 ft.	N/A
6U	30 ft.	60 ft.	175-225 ft.
8U	30 ft.	60 ft.	200-225 ft.
10U	35 ft.	60 ft.	200-225 ft.
12U	40 ft.	60 ft.	200-225 ft.
14U	43 ft.	60 ft.	200-225 ft.

Section 2: Fields

1. During the Fall Season, Spring Season, and postseason play, all practices shall be held at Enders Elementary School. Requests for alternate practice locations must be submitted to the appropriate Division Commissioner and approved by the Board of Directors prior to use.
2. Batting cages used during a game require prior approval from the Umpire in Chief.

Rule 3: Equipment and Uniforms

Section 1: Balls

1. Game balls shall be provided by the league and returned to the umpire at the conclusion of each game.
2. The approved game ball for each division shall be as follows:

DIVISION	GAME BALL
Sandlot	Soft foam balls
6U	10-inch Worth RIF Level 1
8U	10-inch Worth RIF Level 1
10U	11-inch Worth RIF Level 1
12U	12-inch Worth Dream Seam or Dudley
14U	12-inch Worth Dream Seam or Dudley

Section 2: Bats

1. All bats must comply with current USA Softball equipment standards and bear the appropriate USA Softball certification mark.

PENALTY: The umpire shall remove any non-compliant bat from the game and may eject any player who refuses to comply.

Section 3: Uniforms

1. Team uniform selection shall be based on Manager seniority. Seniority shall be determined by the number of teams previously managed within WGGSL.
2. In the event of a tie in Manager seniority, Managers holding current and completed background check and SafeSport Training Certification shall receive priority. Any remaining ties shall be determined by random draw.
3. All players shall wear league-issued or league-approved uniforms.
4. Uniforms shall not be altered in any manner.

PENALTY: The parent or guardian shall be responsible for the replacement cost of any altered uniform.

Section 4: Equipment

1. League-issued equipment shall not be altered or abused.

PENALTY: The parent or guardian shall be responsible for the replacement cost of any altered or damaged equipment.

2. Required protective equipment, including catcher's gear and batting helmets with approved face guards, must be worn during all practices, scrimmages, and games.

Fielding face masks are strongly recommended for all defensive players. Any player who elects not to wear a fielding face mask must have a completed league-approved waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian and on file with the league prior to participation.

3. Only golf carts authorized by WGGSL shall be operated on school property during league activities. League-authorized golf carts may be operated only by authorized league officials, Head Coaches, Managers, and other individuals approved by the Board of Directors. Individuals under the age of 18 may not operate a golf cart.

Personal golf carts are not permitted beyond the designated school parking lot and shall be parked in the designated school parking lot.

4. Minors may ride as passengers in a golf cart when accompanied by an authorized adult driver and when transportation is necessary for league operations, accessibility, safety, or other league-related purposes.
5. All league-issued equipment must be returned to the Equipment and Safety Director at the conclusion of the season. Yearbooks and team awards may be withheld until all league-issued equipment has been returned.

Section 5: Banners

1. Teams may display a banner at games and league events. If displayed, the banner should include the team name. Additional information, including sponsor recognition, Coaches, Managers, and player names, may be included at the team's discretion.

Any business displayed on a team banner must be a current team or league sponsor.

2. To protect player privacy, player names displayed on team banners shall be limited to last names only. Uniform numbers may be displayed with or without the player's last name.
3. Recommended banner size: 3 feet x 5 feet.

Rule 4: Players and Substitutions

It is the intent of WGGSL that all available rostered players have an equal opportunity to participate in each game.

Section 1: Players

1. At least 10 minutes prior to the start of each game, the Manager or designated

team representative shall provide a completed lineup card to the plate umpire or official scorekeeper and the opposing Manager.

2. All available rostered players shall be included in the batting order and shall bat continuously in the order submitted (Round Robin batting).
3. Each team shall field 9 defensive players, except in the 8U division where each team shall field 10 defensive players. A minimum of 8 players is required to start and/or continue a game.
4. Designated Players (DP), Designated Hitters (DH), and FLEX players shall not be permitted.
5. If a player is expected to arrive after the start of the game, the Manager shall notify the umpire, official scorekeeper, and opposing Manager prior to the start of the game.

A player arriving after the start of the game, but before the lead-off batter has completed a second plate appearance, is permitted to play. Any late-arriving player shall be added to the last position in the batting order.

A player arriving after the lead-off batter has completed a second plate appearance shall be considered absent and shall not be eligible to participate in the game.

6. If a player is expected to leave a game early, the Manager shall notify the umpire, official scorekeeper, and opposing Manager prior to the start of the game. No penalty shall be assessed for the player's departure if proper notice is given.

If notice is not provided prior to the start of the game, an out shall be recorded each time the player's position in the batting order occurs after the player has left the game.

No penalty out shall be assessed if a player is unable to continue due to illness or injury.

Once a player has been removed from the batting line up the player may not re-enter the game under any circumstances.

Section 2: Substitutions

1. When a team has more than 9 eligible players present for a game (more than 10 eligible players in the 8U division), defensive playing time shall be rotated fairly among all players. Players may enter and re-enter the game without restriction on the number of times they may do so. Pitchers shall be governed by the pitching limitations set forth in Rule 6.

No player shall sit out defensively for more than one consecutive inning. Exceptions will be made for illness, injury, restroom use, or other temporary circumstances approved by the Manager.

PENALTY: Upon verification by the Umpire in Chief, the offending team shall forfeit the game.

Section 3: Shorthanded Rule

1. If a team knows in advance that it will not have enough players to start or complete a game, the Manager shall notify the Division Commissioner no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled game time so every reasonable effort may be made to avoid cancellation, forfeiture, or rescheduling.

Before a game is canceled, forfeited, or rescheduled due to insufficient players, the Head Coach, Manager, and Division Commissioner shall make every reasonable effort to field a team. Reasonable efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- Utilizing eligible pick-up players or approved players from another division.
- Requesting assistance from the Board of Directors in locating eligible players.
- Sharing eligible players with the opposing team when agreed upon by both Managers and approved by the Division Commissioner and Umpire in Chief.
- Any other reasonable solution approved by the Division Commissioner or Umpire in Chief that allows the game to be played safely and fairly.

The safety of all players and the integrity of the competition shall remain the primary consideration when approving any alternative player arrangements.

PENALTY: Failure to provide the required notification may result in forfeiture, as determined by the Division Commissioner and Chief Commissioner.

2. If a team is reduced below the minimum number of players required to continue a game due to illness, injury, or another unforeseen circumstance, the game shall be suspended and rescheduled for completion at a later date. Only players listed as available on the original lineup card shall be eligible to participate when the suspended game resumes. All pitching outs, scores, statistics, and game records shall remain in effect when the game resumes.

PENALTY: Failure to provide the required notice may result in a forfeit as determined by the Division Commissioner and Chief Commissioner.

3. If a player must temporarily leave a game in progress for a restroom break or injury, the Manager or Head Coach shall request time and notify the umpire and official scorekeeper. Another player may temporarily assume the player's position on the field until she returns.

If the player due to bat must temporarily leave the game due to a restroom break or injury, play shall be paused for up to 5 minutes or until the player returns, whichever occurs first. If the player has not returned within 5 minutes, play shall resume and the player's position in the batting order shall be skipped without penalty. The player may re-enter the game at the earliest reasonable opportunity and resume her original position in the lineup.

If a runner must temporarily leave the game due to a restroom break or injury, the last recorded out shall serve as a courtesy runner until the player returns.

This rule applies only to restroom breaks and injuries. It shall not be used for personal convenience or non-emergency situations, including, but not limited to, trips to the snack bar, visiting with family or spectators, or allowing a player additional time to compose themselves or otherwise delay play for reasons unrelated to a restroom break or injury.

Section 4: Pick-up Players

1. Pick-up players may be used only to bring a team to the minimum number of players required to start a game. Pick-up players may not be used while a rostered player is available but not participating, unless the rostered player is unable to play due to illness or injury.
2. A team may use only one pick-up player per game. Any request to use additional pick-up players must be approved by the Executive Board prior to the game.
3. Pick-up players shall be placed in the last position of the batting order and shall play only in the outfield.
4. Pick-up players shall be eligible players currently registered with WGGSL and may not be used to gain a competitive advantage.

Section 5: Discipline

1. A player may be subject to disciplinary action, including reduced playing time or benching, for conduct that is detrimental to the team, league, or safety of participants. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Repeated refusal to follow the reasonable direction of Coaches, Managers, or league officials.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Behavior that is disruptive to team activities or league operations.
 - Conduct that creates a safety concern for the player or others.
 - Repeated failure to attend practices or games without prior notice from a parent or guardian.

Rule 5: The Game

Section 1: Regulation Game

1. Five complete innings constitute a regulation game, or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead at the completion of the top half of the fifth inning. Any game called due to a time limit shall be considered a regulation game.
2. Games may be suspended or called due to darkness, unsafe field conditions, weather, or the applicable time limit. The safety of players, coaches, officials, and spectators shall take precedence over the completion of a game.

3. Any game suspended before becoming a regulation game shall be resumed from the point of suspension on the earliest available date.
4. If a game is tied at the conclusion of regulation play or when the applicable time limit expires, the game shall be recorded as a tie.

Section 2: Forfeited Games

1. If a team is not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled game time, the umpire shall declare a forfeit in accordance with current USA Softball rules.

Section 3: Run Ahead Rule

1. A game shall be declared complete when a team leads by 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings, in accordance with current USA Softball rules.
2. Complete innings shall be played unless the home team reaches the run-ahead limit while batting. If the visiting team reaches the run-ahead limit in the top half of an inning, the home team shall be given the opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning.

Section 4: Time Limit

1. Games shall have a one hour and twenty minute (1:20) no new inning time limit and a one hour and thirty minute (1:30) drop-dead time limit. Games may end in a tie.
2. Drop-Dead Rule
 - A. If the visiting team is batting when the drop-dead time limit is reached, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
 - B. If the home team is batting when the drop-dead time limit is reached and is leading, the game shall be considered complete.
 - C. If the home team is batting when the drop-dead time limit is reached and is trailing, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
 - D. If the home team has tied the game at the time the drop-dead time limit is reached, the game shall be declared a tie. Otherwise, the score shall revert to the last completed inning.
3. No time-outs shall be granted after the one hour and twenty minute (1:20) no new inning time limit, except in the event of an injury.
4. Prior to the start of the game, the umpire shall communicate the official start time to both Managers.

5. The umpire's watch shall be the official time. The umpire may, at their discretion, add time to the length of the game for delays resulting from injuries, protests, restroom breaks, or other temporary suspensions of play.

Section 5: Schedule

1. Games shall be played on the date and time scheduled. Regular season games will not be rescheduled except when canceled due to weather, unsafe playing conditions, or other circumstances approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Fall Season schedules shall be determined by the Fall Ball Alliance based on the number of participating teams.
3. The Spring Season schedule shall be established by the Board of Directors based on the number of registered teams in each division. Every effort shall be made to provide a balanced schedule while maximizing competitive play.
4. If an age division is divided into subdivisions, team records shall be maintained separately for each subdivision for the purpose of the End of Season Tournament seeding. One Champion shall be recognized for each subdivision.

Section 6: Postseason Play

1. At the conclusion of the Spring Season, WGGSL shall conduct an End of the Season Tournament for each age division.
2. Tournament format, including seeding, bracket structure, and scheduling, shall be determined by the Board of Directors based on the number of participating teams.
3. If an age division is divided into subdivisions during the regular season, tournament seeding shall be determined separately for each subdivision in accordance with league procedures.
4. In the event two or more teams are tied for tournament seeding, tie-breakers shall be applied in the following order:
 1. Head-to-head record (when only two teams are tied).
 2. Fewest runs allowed.
 3. Most runs scored.
 4. Playoff game, if necessary, as determined by the Board of Directors.
5. End of the Season Tournament games may not end in a tie. If a game remains tied at the conclusion of regulation play, additional innings shall be played using the International Tie Breaker Rule in accordance with current USA Softball rules until a winner is determined.
6. The home team, as designated by the tournament schedule, shall be responsible for preparing the field and having it ready for play at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper.

Rule 6: Pitching

Section 1: Pitching Outs

1. A pitcher may not pitch after reaching the maximum number of pitching outs permitted for their division during any regular season or End of Season Tournament game. A pitching out is any out recorded while the pitcher is the pitcher of record. If the run limit ends an inning before three outs are recorded, the pitcher of record shall be charged only with the pitching outs actually recorded while they were pitching. Any unrecorded outs shall not be charged to the pitcher and shall remain available under the applicable pitching out limit.

PENALTY: Automatic forfeit.

2. Pitching out restrictions per game shall be as follows:

DIVISION	BEGINNING OF THE SEASON	START OF THE 6TH WEEK OF THE SEASON
8U	6	9
10U	12	12
12U	12	12
14U	15	15

NOTE: Games rescheduled from the first half of the season shall be played using the pitching out restrictions that were in effect on the date the game was originally scheduled.

3. An appeal for excessive pitching outs must be made by the opposing Head Coach or Manager immediately following the occurrence and before the next pitch is thrown.

PENALTY: An automatic forfeit shall be applied to the league standings; however, the game shall continue to completion.

4. A game shall not be forfeited because a pitcher exceeds the maximum pitching outs as the result of a continuous play that began before reaching the pitching out limit (for example, a double play). Any excess pitching outs shall not carry over to the next game.
5. A player who does not participate in the league pitching evaluation may pitch a maximum of one (1) inning per game during the first 5 weeks of the regular season. Beginning at the start of the 6th week of the regular season, the player shall be subject to the same pitching out restrictions as evaluated pitchers.

The Board of Directors may grant an exception to this rule if a team loses a pitcher due to injury or a player drop.

Section 2: Pitching Substitutions

1. Pitching changes must be reported to the home plate umpire and official scorekeeper before the incoming pitcher faces the first batter.
2. A pitcher may make no more than two pitching appearances in a game and may not make more than one pitching appearance in the same inning.

Section 3: Intentional Walks

1. Intentional walks are not permitted. Any pitch that, in the umpire's judgment, is part of an intentional walk shall be declared a non-pitched ball.

PENALTY: After one warning to either team, the pitcher and the offending team's Head Coach or Manager shall be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

EXCEPTION: If the batter hits the ball and safely reaches first base, and all runners advance at least one base as a result of the batted ball, the play shall stand and no penalty shall be assessed.

Section 4: Warm-Ups

1. Before and during games, pitchers may warm up only in designated bullpen areas, on an unoccupied field, or in another area approved for warm-ups.
2. Any player warming up a pitcher must wear full catcher's protective equipment, including a helmet, face mask, chest protector, and leg guards.
3. Team warm-ups shall be conducted only on the playing field or in another approved area and must be kept away from spectators, the snack bar, and other common areas where safety could be compromised

Rule 7: Batting

1. Round Robin batting (continuous batting order) shall be used in all games.
2. When a player is removed from the batting order due to illness, injury, or prior notice of an early departure, the player's position in the batting order shall be skipped without penalty. A player removed from the batting order may not re-enter the game.

If prior notice to leave early was not given or a player is benched for disciplinary reasons, an out will be recorded each time the player's spot comes up in the batting order.

Rule 8: Batter and Runner

1. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher at any time, in accordance with current USA Softball rules.

2. A courtesy runner may also be used for a batter or runner who becomes ill or injured during an at-bat or while occupying a base and is unable to continue.
3. A player replaced by a courtesy runner may re-enter the game one time by the player's next at-bat and may not remain out of the game for more than two consecutive innings. If the player is unable to return by the next at-bat or remains out of the game for more than two consecutive innings, the player shall be removed from the game without penalty.
4. The courtesy runner shall be the last recorded out. If no outs have been recorded, the courtesy runner shall be the last player listed in the batting order.

Rule 9: Protests

1. Game protests are not permitted.
2. During a game, if a Head Coach or Manager believes a rule is being violated, they may request an immediate time-out to review the applicable rulebook with the umpire and opposing Head Coach or Manager. After reviewing the rule and considering the information presented, the umpire shall make the final ruling for purposes of the game.
3. When clarification is necessary, the umpire may consult the Umpire in Chief or an available Executive Board member for assistance in interpreting the applicable rule. The umpire's ruling shall remain final for purposes of the game, and play shall resume following the ruling.
4. Following completion of the game, a rule interpretation, potential conflict, or issue identified during play may be submitted to the Rules Committee for review within 48 hours. A request for review must identify the rule at issue, explain the concern, and include a proposed solution or recommended rule revision.
5. Any rule revision or new rule approved through this review process shall not affect the outcome of the game in which the issue arose and shall not take effect until the following season.

Rule 10: Scoring

1. The home team, as designated on the schedule, shall provide the official scorekeeper.
2. The official scorekeeper shall maintain the official game record using either a scorebook or an approved electronic scorekeeping application, such as GameChanger. WGGSL encourages the use of GameChanger; however, either method is acceptable. The official scorekeeper shall complete all required game documentation and ensure all required information is properly submitted in accordance with league procedures.

3. Each team may designate one official team scorekeeper for the season. A designated scorekeeper who fulfills the team's official scorekeeping responsibilities throughout the season shall be eligible to receive a refund of their snack bar fee at the conclusion of the season. This benefit is limited to one designated scorekeeper per team.
4. Select and All-Star teams shall use GameChanger as the official scorekeeping method for all games.

Rule 11: Use of USA Softball Playing Rules

1. WGGSL shall use the current USA Softball Official Rules of Softball as the governing rules of play. WGGSL may supplement, expand upon, or establish additional requirements to USA Softball rules through these Rules and Regulations.
2. In the event of a conflict between the current USA Softball Official Rules of Softball and the WGGSL Rules and Regulations, the WGGSL Rules and Regulations shall govern.
3. These Rules and Regulations may be revised, expanded, or deleted at any time following review and approval by the Official Rules Committee of the Board of Directors.
4. Members of the league may submit proposed rule changes to the Rules Committee for consideration in accordance with the league's established rule review process.

Rule A: Supplemental Rules for 8U Division

The following rules apply only to the 8U Division and supplement the WGGSL Rules and Regulations.

Section 1: Coach Pitch

1. During the first 5 weeks of the Spring Season, when a batter receives ball four, the Coach or Adult Designated Pitcher (C/ADP) shall pitch to the batter. The C/ADP shall assume the existing strike count, and the batter shall receive up to 4 pitches. The umpire will continue to call balls and strikes during the C/ADP portion of the at-bat. The batter's turn at bat shall conclude when the batter hits a fair ball or is called out on strikes.

EXCEPTION: If the fourth, or any subsequent pitch, from the C/ADP is hit foul, the batter shall continue to receive pitches until the ball is hit fair or the batter is called out on strikes. Any pitch not swung at after the fourth pitch shall be considered a strike.

If a batter is hit by a pitch thrown by the opposing pitcher, the count shall be reset and the batter shall receive C/ADP pitches. If a batter is hit by a pitch thrown by the C/ADP, the batter shall continue the at-bat.

2. Coach pitch shall not be used starting at the 6th week of the Spring Season. During the Fall Season, coach pitch shall be used for the entire season and the aforementioned C/ADP rules apply.
3. When ball 4 is called and C/ADP is in use, the ball shall be dead. Any runner attempting to advance by stealing shall be returned to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
4. Before play resumes, the catcher shall assume a normal defensive position behind home plate. The pitcher who threw ball four shall remain with at least one foot inside the pitcher's circle. The C/ADP shall pitch from the pitcher's plate.
5. If the C/ADP is struck by a batted ball or, in the umpire's judgment, interferes with a defensive player attempting to field a fair or foul batted ball, the ball shall be declared dead, the batter shall be declared out, and all runners shall return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
6. No bunting or stealing shall be permitted while the C/ADP is pitching.

Section 2: Run Limit

1. During the first 3 innings, a team may score a maximum of 4 runs or take a lead of no more than 4 runs during its offensive half-inning. Beginning with the fourth inning, runs shall be unlimited.

Section 3: Stealing

1. A runner starting at first or second base may steal 1 base per pitched ball with liability to be put out.
2. A runner starting at third base may not steal or advance home.
3. A runner attempting to advance beyond the one base permitted on a steal may be put out while between bases. A runner may not be put out while in sole contact with a base or after illegally advancing safely to home plate.
4. A runner in sole possession of an illegally stolen base, or a runner who illegally advances home safely, shall be returned to the last legally occupied base when the ball becomes dead, without liability to be put out.
5. If a thrown ball goes out of play or enters dead-ball territory during an attempted steal, the ball shall be declared dead. Each runner shall be awarded 2 bases from the last base touched at the time the ball left the fielder's hand, in accordance with current USA Softball rules. The base award may result in a runner being awarded home plate.
6. A runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A runner who leaves the base before the ball leaves the pitcher's hand shall be declared out. The ball shall be declared dead and a no-pitch shall be called when applicable.

Section 4: Other

1. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out even if the third strike is not caught. The ball remains live.
2. The infield fly rule shall not apply.
3. An illegal pitch shall be ruled a ball. No runners shall be awarded an additional base unless the illegal pitch results in ball four, requiring runners to advance.
4. During the first 5 weeks of the Spring Season, play becomes dead when the ball enters or has crossed into the pitcher's circle as the result of a throw made in an attempt to return the ball to the pitcher, regardless of whether the ball remains within the circle.

Starting week 6 of the Spring Season, play becomes dead when the pitcher has possession and control of the ball while within the pitcher's circle.

5. In either case, runners may not advance beyond the base to which they were advancing when the ball becomes dead. Runners who are in contact with a base at the time the ball becomes dead shall remain on that base.
6. No more than 6 defensive players, including the pitcher and catcher, may be positioned in front of the base paths.
7. No defensive player, other than the pitcher, shall begin play within 30 feet of home plate, measured from the front edge of home plate anywhere between the first and third base lines.

Rule B: Supplemental Rules for 6U Division

The following rules apply only to the 6U Division and supplement the WGGSL Rules and Regulations.

NOTE: See the current Spring Supplemental Rules for any additional 6U Division rules, modifications, or season-specific requirements.

Section 1: Defense

1. All rostered players shall play on defense at all times.
2. Up to 7 defensive players may occupy the infield: pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, shortstop, and a rover. All remaining defensive players shall be positioned in the outfield.

Only the pitcher, catcher, and rover may be positioned in front of the pitching mound; however, the pitcher and Rover must remain at least 30 feet from home plate until the ball is hit. All other infielders must be positioned even with or behind the pitching mound.

3. Defensive positions shall rotate each inning. No player may play the same defensive position for two consecutive innings. Every effort should be made to allow each player the opportunity to play every defensive position throughout the season.
4. A catcher is not required in the 6U Division but is highly recommended to encourage player development and familiarity with the position. If a team elects not to use a catcher, no more than 6 defensive players may occupy the infield. All remaining defensive players shall be positioned in the outfield.
5. Up to two defensive coaches may be on the field with their team. Defensive coaches shall position themselves in the outfield and shall serve as the umpires for that half inning. Coaches are expected to officiate fairly and impartially.

Section 2: Offense

1. During the first third of the Spring Season, each team shall bat its entire lineup each inning. Outs shall be recorded; however, the offensive half-inning shall continue until every player in the lineup has batted.

Beginning after the fifth week of game play, an inning shall end after three outs or when every player in the lineup has batted, whichever occurs first.

2. The batter may be pitched to at the discretion of the Coach or Adult Designated Pitcher (C/ADP). The batter shall receive up to three coach-pitched balls.

EXCEPTION: If the third pitch is hit foul, the batter shall continue to receive coach-pitched balls until the ball is hit fair or the batter swings and misses.

If the batter is not pitched to, the batter shall be allowed up to five swings from the tee. On the fifth swing, the Coach or Manager may assist the batter in making contact with the ball.

3. No balls or strikes shall be called.
4. The catcher shall assume a safe position behind or beside the batter while wearing full catcher's protective equipment. The C/ADP shall place the ball on the tee when applicable and is responsible for removing the tee and bat from the field of play following each batted ball.
5. The C/ADP shall pitch from the pitcher's circle. The defensive pitcher shall remain within the pitcher's circle, even with or behind the pitcher's plate, until the ball is hit.
6. When a batter hits a fair ball pitched by the C/ADP and the ball reaches the outfield, the batter and all base runners may advance up to 2 bases from the base occupied at the time of the pitch. Runners advance at their own risk and may be put out at any time while advancing. This rule does not guarantee any runner 2 bases.

7. When a batter hits a fair ball from the tee, the batter and all base runners may advance no more than 1 base, regardless of where the ball is hit.
8. A runner who attempts to advance beyond the number of bases permitted by this rule may be put out while between bases. If the runner reaches an unauthorized base safely, the runner shall be returned to the last legally permitted base when play becomes dead, without liability to be put out.
9. Stealing is not permitted in the 6U Division. Base runners may leave their base and advance only after the ball has been legally hit into play.
10. A runner who attempts to advance beyond the number of bases permitted by this rule may be put out while between bases. If the runner reaches an unauthorized base safely, the runner shall be returned to the last legally permitted base when play becomes dead, without liability to be put out.
11. Stealing is not permitted in the 6U Division. Base runners may leave their base and advance only after the ball has been legally hit into play.

Rule 12: Draft Procedures

NOTICE: As of the Fall 2026 Season, WGGSL Draft Procedures are under review by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is evaluating the league's current player evaluation, draft, and team formation procedures to ensure they accurately reflect current league practices and promote fair and balanced team formation.

Final Draft Procedures will be reviewed and approved in accordance with WGGSL's rule adoption process and published prior to the start of the Spring 2027 Season.

Rule 13: All-Stars and Select

NOTICE: As of the Fall 2026 Season, WGGSL All-Star and Select Program procedures are under review by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is evaluating the league's current All-Star and Select eligibility, coach and manager selection, player selection, team formation, participation requirements, and program procedures to ensure they accurately reflect current league practices and applicable USA Softball requirements.

Final All-Star and Select Program procedures will be reviewed and approved in accordance with WGGSL's rule adoption process and published prior to the start of the Spring 2027 Season.