

# Glenn W Shippy Recreational League

**-Coach Pitch Girls-**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Grade Girls**

**All divisions will use NFHS rules except for the following League variances:**

**1. Pitching and Base Distance**

- a. 35/60 Double Safety Base

**2. Players in the Field**

- a. 10 players on defense
- b. The additional player must be positioned in the outfield in line with the normal three outfield positions. Positions will be left field, left center field, right center field, and right field. The additional defensive player will not be allowed to play in a rover position between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base

**3. Starting and finishing the game**

- a. Teams must have at least eight (8) players on the field to start or continue a game. This means any eight (8) players. If a team has eight (8) available at game time, they may not wait for one specific player. If a team is not ready to play by 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be forfeited. If a game begins with nine (9) players and is forced to reduce their line-up (i.e. injury, ejection, etc.), the game continues. The spot vacated is just skipped in the batting order, with no automatic out. If additional roster player(s) show up after the game has started, then the player(s) must be inserted into the line-up immediately and must be placed at the bottom of the line-up
- b. Official game time starts with the first pitch
- c. If a team has 8 or less players available for a game, they are

allowed up to 2 players from the younger division (division immediately under, same gender, from the same township, and listed on the appropriate roster) to play. The borrowed players are limited to 2 and the total player count on the team can never exceed 9 on teams that may normally play with 9 defensive players or 10 on teams that may normally play with 10 defensive players. These "borrowed" players must wear his/her actual team uniform and his/her participation in this game cannot interfere with the regular game schedule of his/her rostered team. The "borrowed" players must bat last and cannot pitch. When/if, at any time during the game, an additional roster player arrives at the game in uniform, the "borrowed" player(s) must sit and the rostered player will assume the "borrowed" player's last position in the batting line up, regardless of time, score, or inning. Even though t-ball does not have GWSRL rosters, Coach Pitch teams may acquire at-ball player from their town to make up their additional players when the team is short. The same uniform rules apply for T-Ball players.

#### **4. Time Limit/Length of Games**

- a. Time limit is 1 hour and 15 minutes
- b. No new inning may start after time is reached
- c. All games will be 7 innings
- d. All games must be four (4) innings, three  $\frac{1}{2}$  innings if the home team is ahead, to be an official game unless stopped by the time limit.
- e. Any inning started must be completed, no matter how much time is remaining. The next inning starts when the final out is recorded in the bottom of the previous inning
- f. In the event of an extraordinary situation, (i.e. base continually dislodged, and time is lost fixing it, waiting because of an injured player) umpires may add time to the time limit. Umpires must add this time as near the incident time as possible and must notify coaches

## **5. Tie Games**

- a. If the time limit expires and the game is tied, the teams will play one full extra inning. The game will end after that extra inning. If the game is still tied, the result of the game is a tie and will be scored/recorded as such. No replay of the game will occur
- b. In the event a game is tied and called due to rain or some other uncontrollable happening, the game will be replayed as a new game later agreed upon by both coaches

## **6. Rescheduling League Games**

- a. Both managers shall reschedule games postponed within one week of the postponed game
- b. Both teams and towns must agree to the game change
- c. In case the two managers cannot agree on a date, the League President will assign a date
- d. Rescheduled dates assigned by the League President are final and the game will be played on the date assigned by the League President unless cancelled due to weather
- e. All rescheduled games will be played as a new game from the beginning. Games will not be started from the point in the game when it was stopped due to uncontrollable conditions such as weather, darkness, etc.

## **7. Uniforms and Equipment**

- a. All players shall have a number on their uniform
- b. Hats are optional
- c. There is not penalty for shirttails that come out
- d. No steel cleats may be worn in any League game
- e. All players must wear protective headgear while outside the dugout and within the fence. Players who deliberately remove this headgear shall be warned once by the umpire and declared out for a repeated violation
- f. All catchers must wear the following equipment or they will not be allowed to catch:
  - i. Mask
  - ii. Helmet
  - iii. Shin Guards
  - iv. Chest Protector
  - v. Throat Guard (Unless wearing a hockey style mask of the face shield extends past the chin)

## **8. Bat Rule**

- a. Baseball for baseball and softball for softball
- b. There are no restrictions on any bat used

## **9. Free Substitution**

- a. Managers may freely substitute players as long as every eligible player present plays three (3) defensive innings, if the game goes the full seven (7) innings
- b. All substitutes must be inserted defensively by the fourth inning of all games
- c. If the game is stopped by the run rule or time limit this rule does not apply
- d. It is mandatory for all players who are present at a game to be placed in the batting order for the entire game for all games
- e. If any of these rules are not followed, then the offending team will forfeit the game.

## **10. Fake Tag by Defense**

- a. When a defensive player fakes a tag when the player does not have the ball, obstruction will be called.
- b. Repeated violations of this rule may result in disqualification.

## 11. Batting and Base Running

- a. If a batter throws a bat, either intentionally or unintentionally, first offense batter will be given a warning, and the result of the play will stand. Second offense a dead ball will be called; no runners may advance and the batter will be called out.
- b. A courtesy runner is allowed for a player scheduled to start the next defensive inning in the position of catcher when there are two outs. This is optional and not mandatory. The courtesy runner must be the player that made the last preceding out
- c. It is not required, but strongly recommended base runners slide on all close plays at 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and home. If the base runner does not slide and malicious or flagrant contact is made by the runner, in the opinion of the umpire, the runner shall be called out and could be ejected from the game.

## 12. Sportsmanship

- a. In all divisions good sportsmanship is foremost
- b. Players or fans should not “Razz” other players. For example, players will not yell “Swing, Batter, Swing” to the batter.
- c. No noisemakers, horns, whistles, bells, etc., can be used by the players, coaches, or spectators to ensure the atmosphere is conducive to good sportsmanship
- d. Walk up music is allowed but the music must be turned off once the batter steps into the box
- e. Players and fans need to keep their cheering positive not only for their team, but to their opponent as well.
- f. Coach, player, or fan may be ejected by the umpire for any acts of negative sportsmanship.
  - i. When a player, coach, or fan is ejected from a game, the following must take place:
    1. Player-The player must either stay in the dugout and cannot participate in the game, or they can go sit in the stands with a parent or guardian.
    2. Coach-A coach must leave the playing field/area. Area would include the stands or surrounds. If they are waiting for the game to be over, they must go to the parking lot.
    3. Fan-A fan must leave the viewing area. If they are waiting for the game to be over, they need to go to the parking lot.

- g. If a player, coach, or fan is ejected from a game then they will automatically be suspended for the next game played by that team
- h. If a player, coach, or fan is ejected from two games in one year they will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season for all teams they are associated with, pending Executive Board review.
- i. The Executive Board shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, or other person whose conduct is in violation of the rules, regulations and bylaws of the league, and/or is considered detrimental to the best interest of the league. Persons subject to disciplinary action shall have the right to a hearing before the Executive Board before such discipline is imposed. In the event the discipline procedures involve a player under the age of 18, that player's parents or legal guardian shall be invited to attend the hearing with the player concerned. People who refuse to comply with the rules of the league may be considered for disciplinary action. The league may impose one of the following penalties which matches the severity of the offense:
  - i. Warning-The offending person is to be advised of the offense and further advised that repetition of the offense shall result in a more severe penalty.
  - ii. Suspension-The offending person is to be advised that he/she has been suspended from all league activity for a specific number of games or days.
  - iii. Dismissal-The offending person is to be advised that he/she has been barred from present and future participation in the league for the remainder of the season and post-season play.
  - iv. Barred-The offending person is to be advised that he/she has been barred from present and future participation in the league, or for a specific number of years.
- j. When a player or coach/manager is ejected from a game, the following procedures will apply.
  - i. Both umpires and both coaches will inform their Town Rep of the ejected players/coaches/managers full name and team within 24 hours of ejection
  - ii. Any player, coach, and/or manager ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. If the player and/or coach/manager fail to comply, the non-compliant team will subject themselves to forfeit.
  - iii. The head coach will be notified by their Town Rep of the penalty

- k. Umpires will be barred from all association activities from situations that warrant but not limited to any type of law enforcement involvement.
- l. Towns found to be in violation of the League rules will be placed on a one-year probationary period. If the town is found in violation of the rules again during their probationary period, they will be expelled from the league.
- m. No one may consume alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the site of a game, as this will be cause for forfeiture.
- n. No tobacco products are allowed in the dugouts or on the playing field
- o. Rough play is to be discouraged by the coaches and an umpire may remove any player who intentionally tries to injure another player with high spikes or unnecessary rough tactics.

### **13. Score Submissions**

- a. Game results must be turned in to the town representative or designee of the winning team.
- b. The winning team is responsible for reporting the game results
- c. The town representative or their designee is responsible for emailing the game result to [shippygr@gmail.com](mailto:shippygr@gmail.com). One of the site administrators will update the website with the results. League schedule and standings can be found at [www.glennshippyleague.com](http://www.glennshippyleague.com).

### **14. Protests**

- a. The manager or duly registered coach of the protesting team must call “time out” and immediately notify the umpire and the manager of the opposing team that the game is being played under protest. At that time, both scorebooks need to record all details of the game at that point, including score, count, runners on base, inning, and any other pertinent information.
- b. An official protest form must be completed that includes the above information, as well as contact information for both managers and all umpires involved in the game.
- c. Protests must be given received, along with a \$50 payment, within 5 days of the day in which the game was played and submitted to the League Vice President at Terry Hedglin, 303 W 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Holden, MO 64040 or [terryhedglin1996@gmail.com](mailto:terryhedglin1996@gmail.com). If an email is sent, the \$50 must be mailed and received within 5 days of the day in which the game was played. The Executive Board will provide a response to the complainant within 5 days of receipt of the appropriate protest form and payment.

- d. Half of the protest fee (\$25) will be refunded if the league upholds the protest. The remaining \$25 will be retained for administrative costs. If the protest is not upheld, the League will retain the entire \$50 fee.
- e. Protests of games played within 5 days of the league's final day to schedule games must be submitted no later than the last day of the league schedule
- f. Failure to comply exactly with the above procedure will nullify any future protest regarding the alleged violation.
- g. Use of ineligible players is not a protest but will be a cause of forfeiture of any or all league games

## **SPECIAL RULES**

1. A regular 11-inch softball will be used
2. The pitching rubber will be set 35 feet from home plate
3. 3 outs or 5 runs per inning.
4. An adult from the batting team will serve as the pitcher for his or her batters. The adult pitcher must stand with at least one foot on the rubber, and the second foot must be on or behind the rubber. The adult pitcher is permitted to kneel on the pitcher's rubber. The adult will exit the playing field and move to foul territory once the ball is hit into play and has passed his/her position at the pitcher mound. The coach must make every effort to avoid contact or obstruction of players and live balls.
5. The defensive team must position a fielder within 6 feet of the pitching rubber as a defensive player. Player must be beside or behind the adult pitcher. A mask is recommended for all pitchers and infielders.
6. Each batter will be allowed a maximum of six pitches. If the batter does not hit the ball into play within six pitches, the batter is out. If the batter hits the sixth pitch foul, the batter will be allowed another pitch. They can keep batting if they keep fouling off the pitch. Batters can still strike out but will not have non-swinging strikes called on them. The umpires will be responsible for counting the number of pitches. If a pitched ball hits the batter, the ball will be considered dead, and the pitch is not considered in the pitch count of 6 and batter will not be awarded first base.
7. No batter can walk, but a batter can strike out.
8. **A batter may not bunt**
9. If the batted ball hits the adult pitcher the ball will be dead, but the batter will hit again, and no runners shall advance or be put out. The pitch will not count against the 6 total.

10. No stealing. Runners may not step off their base until the pitch crosses home plate. First offense is a dead ball, and the team receives a warning. Second time it is a dead ball and the runner is out. The warning is per team, not per player.
11. The batter is out on a third strike. Catchers do not have to catch the pitch.
12. The defensive team must place an adult coach behind the home plate umpire to retrieve pitched balls that are not hit. This coach is allowed to coach players during an active play. The defensive team may also place a coach in the outfield. The coach must be behind the outfielders. He/she may coach players but cannot touch players or the ball. If a coach touches a player or a live ball, he/she will be removed from the game and no other coach may take their place.
13. Play will be stopped and the umpires will declare time when the ball is inside the baseline and controlled by an infielder and the umpire(s) feels there is no further play to be made by the defensive or offensive team. Definition of an infielder is the catcher, pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and shortstop.
14. There is no infield fly rule.
15. Runners/batter will be allowed 2 bases maximum on an overthrow to first base. The runner/batter position at the time of the pitch will determine the 2 bases allowed.
  - a. Definition of an overthrow-The initial throw from any player to first base that is not caught by the player covering first base and travels into foul territory.
  - b. The umpire determines the final decision of an overthrow and runner's positions
  - c. Runners/batter are at liability to be put out while attempting to advance to the next base or returning to the previous base.
  - d. Time will not be called until all runners have either reached their 2 base maximum or returned to their previous base as the defense may be attempting a put out on a runner
  - e. A runner that has over run their base, even if it is their 2 base maximum, is at liability to be put out.
16. When the home team is ahead by more than 5 runs at the end of 6 ½ innings or when the minimum time limit has expired the home team does not bat
17. If a team gets ahead by more runs than the losing team can score in its remaining at bats, the game is over. This rule applies even if the run separation occurs in the middle of an inning. If the losing team wants to keep playing then the game will continue, but if the losing team wants to stop the game at any time they may.

