

# Glenn W. Shippy Recreational League ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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## **1. G.W.S.R.L Annual Dues**

- A. Annual dues will be determined at the spring meeting with a maximum of \$50.00 per team payable when teams are submitted. Entry fees will be used to secure funds for rule books, printing of master schedules, post season championship medals and umpires, and items needed to run the league.
- B. All dues shall be submitted to the Shippy League Treasurer.
- C. Dues must be paid before a team can schedule games unless arrangements have been made.
- D. The annual due (fee) is non-refundable.
- E. Coach or town/team representative must be present to schedule games. If not present, games for that team will not be scheduled and the town association will forfeit their team dues.
- F. No teams can be added to any divisions after scheduling is complete unless approved by the board.

## **2. Defined Season**

- A. The season will be defined at the spring meeting prior to scheduling.

## **3. Divisions**

- A. The player's current grade in school will be used to determine their division in the league.
  - 1. Grade 1 & 2 Coach Pitch
  - 2. Grade 3 & 4 Atoms and Petites
  - 3. Grade 5 & 6 Bantams and Chics
  - 4. Grade 7, 8 & 9 Midgets (9th grade boys may play Juniors)
  - 5. Grade 7, 8 & 9 Sophomores (9<sup>th</sup> grade girls may play Debs)
  - 6. Grade 9-12\* Juniors\*
  - 7. Grade 9-12 Debutantes\*

\*(Includes summer after Senior Year)

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### 4. **Playing Up in Divisions**

- A. A player may always play in an older division.
- B. A rostered player who plays up may not re-roster down to the younger division during that season.
- C. A request must be presented and approved by the League Board prior to roster submission when special circumstances warrant the need for a player to play down a division. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### 5. **A player may only be on one GWSRL roster.**

Exception: 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls may be listed and play on both a Sophomores roster and a Debutante roster and 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys may be listed and play on both a Midgets and Juniors roster.

### 6. **Draft Rule**

- A. Every head coach that coached the previous year and wants to coach in the current year in either the same division or the next division up must keep all the players on their previous year's roster.
- B. Any player that does not want to play for the same coach has the right to ask to go back into the draft.
- C. In any town that has two or more teams in a division a draft must be held to determine what teams the remaining players that have signed up will play.
- D. If there are two teams in a division, then the team with the least players will draft until they have the same number of players as the other team. Then they will alternate picks until all players are drafted. Example: Team A has six returning players and Team B has 10 returning players. Team A will choose four players before Team B will draft. They will then alternate picks with Team B choosing first.
- E. If the coach is a new coach and has no returning players, then they will be allowed to have their own children. They also will be allowed to choose two assistant coaches and take their children. They will then choose their remaining players using Rule D.
- F. If there are three or more teams, then the team with the least players will draft until they have the same amount of players as the next least team. Then those two teams will alternate picks until both have the same amount of players as the other team. Example: Team A has 4 players; Team B has 6 players and Team C has 9 players. Team A will draft two players first. Then Team A and Team B will both draft three players using alternating picks with Team B picking

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first. Then all teams will alternate picks until all players are drafted with Team C drafting first. In all cases if a new player signs up after the draft he will be assigned to the next team who's turn it is in the draft order.

- G. Alternative team selection methods may be used if necessitated by a township and must be approved by the Board and will be reviewed annually. If a township has more than one team in a division and the teams are uneven (one team short players) and no other resolution can be made, the township may dissolve all teams and players will be redrafted. Teams may keep their existing three coaches and coach's kids. One head coach and 2 assistant coaches.
- H. A League Board member must be present at all draft sessions.

## 7. Shippy League Games Each Division

- A. Coach Pitch Boys            10  
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Petite                            10  
Atom                             10  
Chic                              10  
Bantam                         10  
Sophomore                    10  
Midget                         10
- B. Debutante                    12  
Junior                            12

Debs & Juniors will not play in an end of the season tournament. The champion and runner-up will be determined by regular season.

## 8. Handling Player Conduct Issues

- A. When players have missed excessive practices, or have had conduct problems, they can be suspended from playing in a game.
- B. The manager or coach must take verification of the suspension signed by the person who is the town representative to the league, alternate if the coach is the town representative.
- C. This verification must be shown to the umpire and opposing manager or coach at the pre-game conference.
- D. If anyone that has been banned from League participation is allowed to take an active part in a league game, the penalty will be forfeiture of any or all games in which this individual played an active part.

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- E. No one, especially managers and coaches, may consume alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the site of a League game, as this will be cause for forfeiture.

## 9. League Roster Submission Rules

- A. Rosters must be submitted to your town representative or designee, where they will sign and date the roster form before the team's first Shippy League game.
- B. The town representatives must then submit one signed and dated roster to the team's coach, and a copy to the Shippy League Vice-President - may submit via e-mail). The roster sent to the Shippy League Vice-President must be in his/her possession on the day of scheduling. \*Violation of this rule will result in the team forfeiting all games played until the Vice-President receives the roster.

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- C. Rosters will be endorsed and dated by the town representative or designee and must be in the coach's possession at each game. The roster may be in electronic form.
- D. Manager may call for the opposing team's roster at any time before the last out is made. Failure to produce an endorsed roster during the game will result in forfeit.
- E. Additional players must be approved before they are eligible to appear in an Association game. To be eligible, the town representative must approve and initial and date beside the added player on the roster prior to that player participating in any league games. A copy of the updated roster must be received by the vice-president of the league within 7 days of the addition. If the amended roster is not received by the vice president within 7 days of the addition, the team must forfeit any games the player participated in during the time from when he or she was added until the vice president received the amended roster.
- F. No additions will be made to the team roster after May 31st of each season.
  - 1. Games played without an approved roster will be declared a forfeit.
  - 2. Games played with illegal players will be declared a forfeit.
  - 3. An approved roster is a roster signed and dated by the town representative or designee, received by the town representative or

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designee before the team's first G.W.R.S.L game and is in the Shippy League Vice-President's possession by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

4. Any town may request a player be added to a roster after May 31st, but they must request that in an email to the President and Vice President with the reason to add. The Shippy Board will then vote to allow the addition.

### **10. Shippy League Umpires**

- A. Two umpires are required for all games. If only one umpire is available, both coaches must agree to proceed. If they do not the game must be rescheduled. However, if both coaches agree to a person(s) standing in for the umpire(s) who did not arrive, regardless of whom the replacement person(s) is, the game will become official, and the final score will stand. The use of one umpire for coach pitch is acceptable if the umpire is 16 years of age or older and must be positioned at home plate. If no umpires assigned to the game arrive, the coaches have the option of postponing and rescheduling the game.
- B. Home plate umpires shall be 18 years of age or older for games in the Chic, Bantam, Sophomore, Midget, Deb & Junior divisions. Home plate umpire shall be 16 years of age or older for games in the Coach Pitch, Atom & Petite divisions.
- C. Masks are required for all youth division (above coach pitch) umpires.
- D. Chest protectors and shin guards are required for umpires of Midget, Sophomore, Junior, and Debutante divisions.
- E. Umpires can remove a player from the game if he/she appears injured.
- F. Each township must possess a current copy of the National Federation of High Schools baseball and softball rule books in a centralized location at their ballpark(s), easily accessible by the umpires during regular and post season.
- G. Umpire(s) must hold a pre-game meeting before each game. The meeting must consist of any special field rules, who and how time limit is being kept and if game is coach pitch the umpire needs to explain how they will call time. The meeting can be used for coaches to ask rule questions. If the umpire(s) forget to have a pre-game meeting, the coach for either team can ask for one to be conducted.

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## **11. Post Season Shippy League Tournament**

- A. DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP** - After the regular season is complete, each division in each grade group will have a tournament. Every team in the Shippy League would go to the tournament.
- B.** Each grade group with more than one division will have the tournaments and then advance to the League Championship. If there is a grade group that only has one division then the tournament will decide the Champion.
- C.** For the division tournaments, the host town will decide if a portable mound will be used, and the decision must be made before the regular season starts. Atoms division will not be permitted to use portable mounds.
- D. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP** - To centralize championship games and eliminate the need for parents to make a choice of games when multiple children play in different divisions, town representatives were asked to identify a location. The board unanimously voted to secure Holden as the centralized location for championship games. The centralized location will begin in post season 2019 and will remain intact until Holden cannot provide the facilities or until the Board proposes and approves a new centralized location.
- E.** For the league championship games, including semi-final games, the portable mound will be used unless both teams agree not to use them. Atoms division will not be permitted to use portable mounds.
- F. AWARDS AND DATES** - The dates for the tournaments and awards to be given, will be determined by the Shippy Board of Town Representatives

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## **G. DIVISIONAL POST SEASON UMPIRES**

Each host town will assign umpires with GWSRL approval for Division Tournaments. A minimum of two umpires will umpire each game. The host town will pay for all expenses, including game balls.

## **H. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP POST SEASON UMPIRES**

For the League Championship games, the GWSRL President will assign the umpires with board approval and the GWSRL will allocate pay of \$50.00 per game per umpire. There will be 3 umpires per game for Chics, Bantams, Sophs, and Midgets championship games. There will be two umpires for all other divisions per game. Each town representative has the option of nominating two umpires from their cadre for championship games.

## **I. The GWSRL will provide all game balls for League Championship games.**