

GREATER WHITELAND GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE



League Handbook & Policies

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Mission Statement



The objective of the GWGSL shall be to implant firmly in the girls of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier girls and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy women. To achieve this Mission Statement, the GWGSL will provide a supervised program of recreational and competitive softball games. All directors, officers, and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future women is the prime importance.

Conduct Requirements



The following conduct is required by ALL at GWGSL fields and/or GWGSL sponsored events:

- No tobacco products or alcohol on premises. Anyone under the influence of a substance will be removed from the complex.
- GWGSL has a zero tolerance for any type of bullying, fighting, yelling, use of foul language, by anyone (including but not limited to players, coaches, families, etc.).
- No parking beyond the cones for the safety of all families.
- Be respectful at all times when representing GWGSL. Umpires will handle any questions or concerns. If a rule clarification is needed by an umpire he/she may request the help of the Director on Duty.
- **PLAYERS:** Absolutely no abusive language toward managers, coaches, team parents, scorekeepers, umpires, teammates and opponents.
- Following the directions of managers, coaches, or any adult in charge of the team or league is a must.
- Physical and mental abuse will not be tolerated in this league.
- **SPECTATORS:** Absolutely no harassment toward any person involved in a game or practice!
- You may be removed from the premises by a Board Member or game umpire. Failure to comply can result in being removed by police or even in forfeit of the game. The Board shall have the authority to take the following actions against any player(s), spectator(s) or coach(es) violating the aforementioned guidelines. Warning action may be taken by an assigned Board representative.
- No person should represent the league or place any orders on behalf of the league that are not voted on and receive prior approval by the Board of Directors. Any such act shall go before the board for possible suspension or may include being removed from the league.
- Parent/Guardian must make the league and coach aware of any medical conditions or any accommodations for their player (regardless of whether that information was included on the registration initially). GWGSL will work with families to develop a safety & inclusion plan as appropriate.
- Weather Cancellation Policy:

Punishments



Anyone ejected from a game will also be suspended from the following game. Punishment shall be as follows for all other infractions:

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** Either a verbal or written warning for inappropriate behavior, and/or placed on a probationary period, depending on the severity of the situation.
- **SECOND OFFENSE:** Based on the severity of the offense, the Board shall have the authority to take any of the actions mentioned above directly without regard to sequence. Violent acts will be cause for immediate suspension.
- Each of the actions and reasons precipitating such shall be documented in writing to the Board. The offender(s) will have the right to a hearing by the full Board, if requested. The board has full authority to act on the best interest of the league for any egregious situation. Including but not limited to interviewing witnesses, and deciding how to best act in order to protect the children and those involved in the league. This may include suspension from all GWGSL activities for up to 1 year or a permanent ban.
- **NOTE:** In the case of violent actions and threats, the Board shall turn all such incidents over to the local law enforcement agency for investigation. The Board, not being trained professionals in this particular area, shall not be held responsible for acts of violence by any person(s).

Registration Refunds / Drafts / Games



Refunds may be given with the following restrictions:

- Full refund prior to jerseys being ordered.
- Following the jerseys ordered, you may receive a refund less \$40. You will still receive the jersey top & socks as you have paid for them.
- Beginning at Midnight on Opening Day, no refunds will be provided.

DIVISIONS (Players must be of age as of January 1st)

- **Peewee** – Players ages 5 and under, no draft. Teams are assigned. If late registers are allowed to fill out rosters, assigned to teams with fewest players first. No one is hand selected.
PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING PEEWEE ACTIVITIES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES
- **8U / 10U / 12U & Seniors:** Teams are drafted on Evaluation Day. If late registers are allowed to fill out rosters, assigned to teams with fewest players first. No one is hand selected.
 - Only siblings or those that live in the same household will be guaranteed placement on the same team – ALL DIVISIONS.

GAME INFORMATION: Games start at 6:00 pm. For nights with 2 games (Peewee – 7pm), (8U-Seniors – 7:45pm)

- Both teams may use their side of the infield & outfield to warm up. No one should be using the rubber to work on pitching/catching due to field prep.
- Both pitchers will be allowed (5) warm up pitches in the first inning, followed by (3) warm up pitches each inning thereafter (at umpire discretion to keep the game moving). A relief pitcher will be allowed 5 warm up pitches.
- Infield/Outfield may throw a ball around while the pitcher is warming up.
- Once first inning is complete, should the game be cancelled, it will be considered a complete game and will not be made up.
- Weather Cancellations: The league will do their best to make decisions by 5pm. However, should a storm pop up, cancellations & delays will be announced at the complex, on the GWGSL Facebook page, as well as in TeamLinkt.
- Players are required to wear league issued shirts & socks (if issued). If league issued shirt is lost, it must be replaced by the parents at their expense.
- No modifications to shirts are allowed by coaches or players. Players will not be allowed to wear jewelry of any kind. All helmets must have facemasks. Player must keep helmet on until she reaches the dugout. All players must take a turn being benched before a player can sit a 2nd inning of defense.

Other Areas & Questions



A list of Frequently Asked Questions may be found on the gwgsf.org website under FAQ's.

- Should any questions or concerns arise during the course of a season, it should be reported to the coach, who then may need to escalate the issue to his/her Division Director. Should the Division Director need assistance, it will be further escalated to the Commissioner. Any further escalation will be reported to the President who will work with the Board of Directors on a resolution. The Board has the final say in any and all matters.
- Any changes deemed necessary by the Board of Directors for the Handbook, league rules, bylaws or otherwise, will be determined by a board vote.
- Greater Whiteland Girls Softball League is a 501-C3 and all funds will be used appropriately to support the league, our players & coaches. Everyone in the league is a volunteer.