

GLEN BURNIE SOFTBALL

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

NOTE: Harassment of Umpires, Park Personnel, or Tournament Officials before, during or after games will not be tolerated. Anyone that does will be suspended from the Tournament. Anyone who touches any of these personnel may be reported to Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks and may result in suspension from coaching or entering any Anne Arundel County Facilities.

1. Eligibility cutoff date will be December, 31, 2014
2. Teams shall consist of no more than 15 players.
3. Any team playing with an illegal player shall forfeit any games in which that player appeared. If an illegal player is discovered, that team may be disqualified from the Tournament.
 - If a team is deliberately entered into an inappropriate bracket, their bond will be forfeited and the team will be ejected from the tournament. The Following are Guidelines for Selecting Appropriate Brackets:
 - An Organization **MUST** have at least one (1) team in the “A” Bracket of their Age Group if their team(s) are being selected from three (3) or more in-house teams.
 - **The tournament director has final say so who comes and goes.**
4. Team Manager must carry proof of age for all players at all games. Opposing Manager may ask for proof of age for any player before the start of the game. They can ask about one (1) player only.
5. All protest will be resolved at the time of protest. (**Only Team Manager may dispute with umpires*)
6. All teams must turn in rosters prior to playing their first game. **Only GBS official rosters will be accepted.**
7. A player can be on only one (1) Tournament Roster.
8. The batter may advance on a dropped third strike only in the 12 & Under and 14 & Under Brackets.
9. The infield fly rule will be in effect for the 12 & Under & 14 & Under Brackets.
10. GBS, its members and staff, are not liable for any injuries that occur during tournament games.
11. **MUST BAT ROSTER.**
12. **15 Run Rule:** For 6 inning games, 3½ innings if home team is ahead, and 4 innings if visitors are ahead. For 7 inning games it shall be 4½ and 5 innings.
13. Teams that have an injured player that cannot take their next at bat will be out the rest of the game.

14. Once game has started, the game will be played to regulation length, either innings or time.
15. Courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher will be allowed with two (2) outs. **That player must catch in the next inning.** Player that last batted will be the courtesy runner.
16. Forfeit time is 15 minutes from scheduled game time, unless an exception is approved by the Tournament Official.
17. All teams must start with 10 players and may finish with 9, *however an out will be recorded each time the missing player does not bat during his position in the batter order.*
18. **NO MUST SLIDE RULE:** However player must avoid malicious contact (Umpire Judgment).
19. Play as many innings as needed to break ties.
20. There will be no warnings for thrown bats. The Batter will be called "Out" at the Discretion of the Umpire.
21. If a fan is ejected and refuses to leave, the team manager will be ejected.
22. Team managers are responsible for checking the brackets for standings and game times on a daily basis. Game times and fields are subject to change without notice.
23. Home team will be decided by coin flip before game. Team on top of bracket makes call.
24. **No batting practice or hitting devices of any kind at any complex before game.**
25. **NO METAL CLEATS**
26. GBS will supply 2 balls per game. Teams must chase foul balls. Any additional balls needed will come from the teams playing. **NO HOME RUN BALLS ARE TO BE GIVEN OUT.**
27. Teams are responsible for cleaning up dugouts and stands.
28. Rules will be guided by PONY SOFTBALL, AMERICAN SPORTING NEWS, tournament rules.
29. Any discrepancies in these rules will be left up to the judgment of the Tournament Director or Officials.
30. Any ejection will result in an automatic one game suspension. **All suspensions must be served at complex concession stand with the Tournament Director(s). Tournament Director has right to increase suspensions.**
31. **NO CELL PHONES ON THE FIELD.**
32. **NO CARBON FIBER BATS OR WHITE BATS WILL BE ALLOWED**
*****PENALTY*** If an illegal bat is used, the Manager will be removed from the game and serve an additional one game penalty.**
33. **TIE BREAKERS**
 - A) Head to head
 - B) Runs allowed
 - C) One inning playoff

34. FORFIETS: will be scored as one run per inning as well as resulting in a team loss
35. Weather – All Games that are interrupted by weather conditions will be “Continued” from the “Point of Interruption” except for the following:
- All Six (6) Inning Games will be declared “Completed” after 3½ Innings
 - All Seven (7) Inning Games will be declared “Completed” after 4½ Innings
- NOTE:** In the Event that there is a “Tied Score” at the declared Completed Game, then the Game will be “Continued” as if the Game were in “Extra Innings”. This means that at the end of each “Continued” extra inning, the game will be evaluated for a Winner.

NOTE: *Grievous misconduct on the part of any Player, Coach, Manager or Fan will result in that individual being removed from the Tournament. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players as well as the Parents and Fans of that team.*

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