

## GAA Fast Pitch Softball Park Rules for Major / Junior / Senior Leagues (revised July 2006)

1. All players will bat, in every game.
2. Games will last 1 hour 30 minutes, with no new inning starting after 1 hour 25 minutes.
3. Games will consist of 7 innings, unless the above time limit is reached.
4. Teams may play 10 players on defense.
5. Player substitutions on defense are unlimited.
6. Teams must have at least 8 players, to play a game. The 9<sup>th</sup> batter will be an automatic out.
7. Teams with less than 8 players will forfeit the game.
8. Teams have 15 minutes from the scheduled start time, to get at least 8 players on the field, to avoid a forfeit. This time will be deducted from the allowed game time.
9. Teams may borrow another GAA registered rec ball player from the same league, or lower league, to reach a total of 9 players. Borrowed player(s) must play outfield and bat last for the entire game.
10. Teams that borrow more than one player, in a game, will record a final score of 1-0, (loss), regardless of the game's outcome.
11. Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 4 innings in a single game.
12. Runs will be limited to 3 in the first 3 innings, and 5 in any remaining innings.
13. Games will end if either team is ahead by 12 points after 4 innings or 8 points after 5 innings.
14. In the event of a tie, one international tiebreaker will be played.
15. Base runners may steal all bases, including home.
16. Base runners may not leave a base, until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
17. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry of any kind.
18. Infield fly rule is in effect.
19. Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is in effect.
20. Look back rule is in effect.
21. Pitching rubber is at a distance of 40 feet.
22. Bases are at a distance of 60 feet.
23. Home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook / Visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard.
24. Home team is responsible for having the field ready for play / Visiting team is responsible for putting the bases and scoreboard brain away.
25. Visiting team may use the batting cages 1 hour prior to game time, for 25 minutes. Home team may use the batting cages after the visiting team's 25 minutes has expired.
26. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout and spectator areas.
27. Teams use a 12" ASA approved softball.

### Umpire Procedures for Coaches, Players, and Spectators

1. Coaches may ask the umpire, that makes a call, to "ask for help from his partner", if the coach feels that the other umpire might have had a better view of the play. If the umpire, that made the call, chooses to ask his partner for help, the original call may be changed, by the umpires. (Coaches / League Directors / Softball Directors are not allowed to change an umpire's call.)
2. No one may "ask for help" concerning an umpire calling balls and strikes.
3. No one is allowed to say anything negative to, or about umpires, in a manner to where anyone can hear it.
4. Coaches are responsible for the actions and comments of their players, assistant coaches, and spectators.
5. Umpires may ask anyone to leave a game, at any time.
6. Concerns about umpires should be directed to the League Director / Softball Director in a written form, and will be addressed the following day.

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