

GRAYSON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is the Grayson Athletic Association (Softball GAA).

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the GAA softball are as follows:

- A. To provide a planned program of fast-pitch softball for all eligible girls.
- B. To provide guidance and direction resulting in scheduled fast-pitch softball games of varying grades of skill and ages.
- C. To promote the game of fast-pitch softball by encouraging special seasonal rules at both the association and local levels that will provide competition for the most experienced players and also provide a training program for the beginning player.
- D. To cooperate and work with the Grayson Athletic Association, Inc.(GAA) in promoting ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence in the youth of our community.

Section 2. The objectives of this organization shall be promoted through the local team, committees, conferences, and tournaments; and are governed by the basic policies set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE III: BASIC POLICIES

The basic policies of this organization are as follows:

- A. This organization shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- B. The name of this organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used to endorse or promote a commercial concern or in connection with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to promotion of the objectives of the organization.
- C. This organization shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene(in any way, including the

publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propoganda or otherwise.

- D. This organization will work with other organizations and agencies active in community sports or activities to promote the organization's objectives, but no representative of this organization will make any commitment that will bind this organization without the approval of the organization's Board of Directors.
- E. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the objectives set forth in Article II hereof.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall consist of managers and coaches of the organization's teams, the organization's Board of Directors, the players on this organization's teams, and the parents or guardians of this organization's players.

Section 2. Player registration fees shall be established by the Board of Directors of this organization and are subject to change from year to year. Registration fees for individual players may be waived by approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

- A. The Board of Directors of this organization shall be a Director, and an assistant director both of whom are elected at a GAA general election during the November annual meeting. The director term should be 2 years and the assistant director term should be one year. The other board members should consist of: a Secretary/Treasurer, director of travel ball, tee-ball director, pee wee director, minor director, major director, junior/senior director, directors(2)of tournament/draft. The league director positions are for a term of one year. The League Administrator, Travel Ball director, Tournament and Draft

directors are a two year term. These positions are appointed and approve by the 11 member voting board.

- B. The non-voting "At Large Members" of the board are:
 - a. Uniforms/Picture
 - b. Fundraising
 - c. Field and Equipment
 - d. Scheduling and Umpires
 - e. Team Mom Coordinator

- C. The softball board has the authority to add additional board positions to meet the league requirements. These positions must be voted on by the board.

Section 2. Nominations for the Board of Directors shall be made by the board consisting of 5 voting members.

Section 3. If an elected member of the Board of Directors resigns or is removed from office by the Board of Directors for any reason, the position shall be filled by the Board of Directors or the duties may be assigned to another Board member for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. The failure to elect any board members shall not dissolve this organization. The remaining incumbent board members, whether a quorum or not, have the power to conduct all business of the organization until such time as the vacancy or vacancies are filled.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The director shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of GAA softball at which he may be present.
- B. Represent GAA softball at all GAA meetings.
- C. Coordinate the work of the Board of Directors and committees, in order to promote the objectives of GAA.

Section 2. The assistant director shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of GAA in the absence of the director and shall serve as an aide to the director.
- B. Attend GAA meetings.

Section 3. The League Administrator shall:

- A. Record the minutes of all meetings.
- B. Provide previous board meeting minutes at each monthly board meeting.
- C. Maintain all the records of GAA.
- D. Maintain the job descriptions of the Board of Directors.
- E. Notify all board members of meetings
- F. Be responsible for all funds to GAA.
- G. Be responsible for handling all funds raised by softball fundraisers

Section 5. The director of travel ball shall be responsible for coordinating and scheduling all travel balls fields and activities. The director shall be responsible for managing and reporting all travel ball activities according to GAA handbook. This director needs to have keys to the park.

Section 6. The league directors duties include:

- A. Work with the Board to recruit and ensure certification of Managers.
- B. Work with the Board to schedule volunteers for registration and tryouts.
- C. Ensure the timely responses on all time sensitive matters such as completion of rosters, evaluating all-star nominations, etc..
- D. When necessary, meet with coaches and parents concerning complaints or problems.
- E. Keep Board informed of any situation which would involve a personnel decision or any situation that would need the Board's attention.

Section 7. The tournament and draft directors duties shall be:

- A. Responsible for coordinating and running all recreational league drafts

- B. Coordinating and running all tournaments at Bay Creek Park including the annual JV tournament held in conjunction with Grayson High School

Section 8. The uniform/pictures, team moms, fields and equipment, scheduling & umpires, fundraising these positions should work in conjunction with the board in order to facilitate their duties.

Section 9. All members of the Board of Directors shall:

- A. Perform the duties outlined in these bylaws.
- B. Report at scheduled board meetings.
- C. Transact the business of the organization as provided in these bylaws.
- D. Prepare and maintain an operational budget to ensure all GAA financial obligations are met.
- E. Prepare, maintain, and approve the playing rules and regulations of the organization.
- F. Work regular concession schedules.
- G. Work on all appropriate field days.
- H. Be a strong advocate for GAA and its objectives.

Section 10. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to conceive, actively conduct and manage the affairs of this organization consistent with the stipulations contained within these bylaws. Any expenditures greater than \$100.00 (other than normal operating expenses) must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 11. Each member of the Board of Directors, other than the director, shall have one vote. In the event of a tie vote, the director will cast the deciding vote. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Board of Directors meeting.

Section 12. Upon the expiration of the term of a position or in case of resignation, the board member shall turn over to the director, without delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the position, and shall return to the treasurer, without delay, all funds pertaining to the position.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of once per month.

Section 2. The monthly meeting held in March shall be known as the General Membership Meeting and will be open to all of the organization's members.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the director or secretary, and shall be called upon request of a majority of the Board of Directors or a majority of the organization's members. At least five days' notice of such special meeting shall be given. The purpose shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The softball board of directors has the authority to developed committees as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this organization shall begin on November 30th and end on the following November 29th.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended only by the Board of Directors provided notice of the proposed amendment was given in writing to the Board of Directors four(4) weeks prior to the amendment being voted upon or by a special meeting called by the director or secretary at the discretion of the Board of Directors provided there was four(4) weeks prior notice.

ARTICLE XI: APPENDAGE TO THE BYLAWS

The following softball playing rules and regulations are a permanent part of the bylaws.

GAA SOFTBALL LEAGUE (GAA)

SOFTBALL PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION I: INTRAMURAL DIVISION OF PLAYERS

A. T-BALL DIVISION - Girls reaching age 4, but not reaching age 7 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the T-Ball Division.

B. PEE WEE DIVISION - Girls reaching age 7 but not reaching age 9 by January 1st the year of the season shall be placed in the Pee Wee Division. In the event T-Ball is not available, girls reaching age 5 but not reaching age 9 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the Pee Wee Division.

C. MINOR DIVISION - Girls reaching age 9 but not reaching age 11 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the Minor Division.

D. MAJOR DIVISION - Girls reaching age 11 but not reaching age 13 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the Major Division.

E. JUNIOR DIVISION - Girls reaching age 13 but not reaching age 15 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the Junior Division.

F. SENIOR DIVISION - Girls reaching age 15 but not reaching age 19 by January 1st of the year of the season shall be placed in the Senior Division. Girls reaching age 18 but not reaching age 19 by January 1st of the year of the season shall also play in the Senior Division.

G. At the close of open registration and if the Board of Directors so deems it necessary, they may change the age groups in order to enhance the softball program or to be in line with Amateur Softball Association(ASA) guidelines.

H. By decision of the Board of Directors, a younger player may be placed in any Division.

SECTION II: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

A. All girls must be in attendance in elementary school, middle school, or high school (or in a state-certified home school) to be eligible for play in the league. This rule is waived for all girls who have graduated from high school, and girls in the T-Ball Division who are not eligible to attend Kindergarten or First Grade.

B. In the event of marriage or pregnancy, a girl becomes immediately ineligible for all teams in the league.

C. All girls must submit official registration information and registration fees to the league prior to participating in league tryouts, team practices or games. The registration fee for individual girls may be waived by decision of the Board of Directors.

D. Registration fees will not be refunded after the first day of practice. Administration fees will be applied.

E. Late registrations will be accepted, if positions are available, until all teams in a given division have completed three (3) games.

F. All girls must participate in the league's fund raiser program. Girls will be allowed to buy out of the fund raiser, however the buy out must occur prior to tryouts. All girls who register in the league after tryouts must buy out of the fund raiser.

G. Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player appeared in the line-up and the team's manager will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

SECTION III: PROPRIETARY REGULATIONS

A. All Intramural Divisions

1. Official fast-pitch softball rules as established by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) will govern play unless noted as an exception in these rules and regulations. Post season tournament rules shall be per the Rules.

2. Committee on Softball.

a. An eligible player may play up, if prior approval is given the by Softball Board.

3. A. All girls present and in uniform must play a minimum of two(2) consecutive innings of the first four(4) innings in the field in all games in the Minor, Major and Junior/Senior Divisions.

B. All girls present and in uniform must play a minimum of two(2) innings of the first four(4) innings in the field in all games in the Tee-ball and Pee Wee Divisions.

4. All girls present and in uniform for the start of the game will bat in the order in which their name appears in the game line-up whether they are playing on defense or not.
5. If a girl does not meet the requirements listed in rules 3 and 4 in this section, written explanation must be given to the official scorekeeper and noted in the official scorebook. If any GAA member requests a review by the board concerning a possible violation of rules 3 and/or 4, the board will hear the request and render a decision. If the board renders a decision that the manager's reason was not valid for the girl not meeting these requirements, the game in which the violation occurred will be forfeited and the manager will be suspended(barred from the park grounds) for the team's next game. Also, the player involved must play a minimum of four innings of the team's next game. Any subsequent violation will result in the manager being suspended for the remainder of the season, including tournaments. If the board determines that a manager willfully and knowingly violated these requirements, the manager will be suspended for the current GAA playing season and the next year's GAA playing season.
6. Free substitution on defense may be used at any time except for the pitcher, which will be governed by ASA rules. Please note that rule 3 in this section must still be met.
7. Any girl arriving late for a game(at any time during the game) will be placed at the bottom of the batting order for her turn at bat and will be allowed to play a defensive position.
8. If, in the opinion of the umpire, a girl throws the bat, the umpire shall issue a bench warning to the team at bat for the first infraction of this rule. If the umpire makes a subsequent similar call on the same team, the batter shall be called out and a dead ball situation will be in effect.
9. If a game is tied at the end of a regulation game, the ASA Tiebreaker Rule will be used for one inning. If the game is still tied after one inning the game will end in a tie.

B. T-Ball only

1. T-Ball managers of each team will designate an adult pitcher and catcher, and two defense coaches who can be on the field in the outfield grass only, but must not interfere with a live play. The coach may pitch from anywhere inside of the circle. Each batter will be allowed five pitches. After the third pitch, the ball will be placed on a tee for the last two attempts. There will be no players catching during league play.

DEFENSE

1. The infield will consist of no more than 7 infielders.
2. All infielders with the exception of the pitcher will play three feet in front of or behind the baseline until the ball is put in play.
3. The pitcher must stand inside the pitcher's circle until the ball is put in play.
4. All players not playing an infield position will play in the outfield (on the grass).
5. The infield fly rule does not apply.
6. All pitches will be thrown. No run down outs unless it is a natural fielded play.

DEFENSIVE COACHES

1. When their team is on defense, two coaches may remain in the outfield.
2. While the ball is in play, a defensive coach cannot come forward of the outfield grass line. There will be one warning of this rule. The umpire may remove a coach from the playing field for a second infraction of this rule.

C. T-Ball

1. T-Ball: A ball coming to rest within the semi-circle extending from home plate and out ten (10) feet will be a foul ball. Any ball landing on or touching the white line will be a fair ball. Any ball touched by a defensive player outside of the semi-circle, causing the ball to roll back into the circle will be a fair ball.

2. The manager of each team will designate an adult pitcher to pitch to their team. There will be a maximum of five pitches to the batter. If the batter has not batted the ball into play after five pitches, the batter will be out. A foul ball on the fifth pitch is not an out. When a batted ball is in play, the adult pitcher must leave the playing field from the opposite side to which the ball is hit. The adult pitcher must pitch from inside the circle and the player-pitcher must remain within the circle until the ball is in play. T-ball: The manager or designated adult will pitch 3 pitches if they if the batter does not hit the ball they get two swings off the tee to put the ball in fair territory. If you foul your fifth pitch off the tee you are out.

SECTION IV: GENERAL PARK RULES

A. An official scorekeeper shall be provided by each team to keep the official scorebook and operate the scoreboard every game. The home team scorekeeper shall be responsible for the official scorebook and the visiting team scorekeeper shall be responsible for the scoreboard. The official scorekeepers for each team must be in the scoring box, thirteen years old or older, and must remain impartial at all times during the game. Teams may designate their own unofficial scorekeeper but they are not allowed in the scoring box. Any question about scoring must be made by a team Manager or Coach.

B. Each team is required to furnish a copy of their line-up showing each player's first and last name, uniform number and defensive position to the official scorekeeper, the home plate umpire, and the opposing team before the game begins.

C. The home team manager for the first game of the day on each field is responsible for lining the field, putting out the bases, installing the pitching rubber(if required),and obtaining the scorebook, scoreboard controller.

D.

1. The visiting team manager for the last game of the day will be responsible immediately following the dismissal of their players, for bringing in the bases and scoreboard controller.

2. Respect for the league official overseeing locking up of equipment and turning off the lights shall be observed.

E. In case of a forfeit, teams involved will be allowed to use the field for practice up to fifteen minutes prior to the next scheduled game time.

F. The league will provide shirts and socks for players in all divisions. All girls on the same team must wear the same color athletic shorts, and/or baseball pants. Shirts must be tucked in and socks pulled up. All players must be in uniform to play. A player will be considered out of uniform if she is not wearing the same color athletic shorts, and/or baseball pants as the other members of team.

NOTE - This rule will be enforced by the umpire and will not be grounds for a game protest.

H. Accessories may be worn such as hats, sweat bands, etc., but all team accessories must match in color and style. It is not mandatory for all players on a team to wear each item that is an accessory.

I. Players shall not wear jewelry of any kind during team practices, batting cage practices, games or tournament play.

J. Any person other than a team manager or coach questioning or arguing with the umpire on any call shall automatically be ejected from the game and/or the ball park.

K. Any team manager or coach questioning or arguing with the umpire on any judgment call(not to be confused with rule interpretation) shall automatically be ejected from the game and/or the ballpark.

L. All batting helmets will have face masks and chin straps which must remain attached to the helmets. Helmet and face mask must have a NOCSEA stamp visible to umpires inspection. Any girl batting or running bases with a helmet without a chin strap could be called out.

SECTION V: MANAGERS, COACHES, AND TEAM ASSOCIATES

A. Any person desiring to manage or coach an intramural team should submit an application in writing or electronically to the Board of Directors prior to the January registration of the upcoming season. Any person desiring to manage a Travel Team should submit an application in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the General Membership Meeting of said year for the upcoming season. Each applicant shall be considered. Requests for teams by intramural or Travel Team managers or coaches after these dates will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

B. All Board approved managers and coaches will be required to pass the League Certification Program and personal felony record background check prior to player placements. The League Certification Program is outlined in "Addendum 1" of these rules and regulations. The personal felony record background check shall be conducted by the duly authorized agent being the City of Grayson Police Department through the GAA governing board of GLAA. The agent will notify the GAA Director with an "approval or "rejection" statement only. Any appeal by a candidate must be addressed to the authorized agent and not GAA.

C. Any player, manager, coach, or team associate using profanity or abusive language, drinking or using any other abusive substance, or showing bad sportsmanship during team practices, batting cage practices, team parties, games or tournament play, or any team function, shall be suspended (barred from the park grounds) for that team's next game and practices leading up to that game for the first offense and shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and tournaments for the second offense.

D. No smoking or chewing tobacco is permitted on the field or in the dugout.

F. Managers will be responsible for the actions of their players, coaches, team associates, and spectators during a game. If they are unable to control them to the satisfaction of the umpire, that team will forfeit the game and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

G. No person associated with GAA shall attempt to discourage a player from playing at the highest level at which that player is capable of playing. Violators of this rule will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

H. Only four adults and the team members are allowed in the dugout during a game, with the exception of the Pee Wee Division where five adults will be allowed in the dugout.

I. Managers and coaches of all teams must be active participants during team practices and games. Violators of this rule will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

J. Equipment will be issued to each manager after the league receives a check made out to GAA for one-hundred dollars post dated for July 1st of the upcoming season. The check will be returned uncashed when all of the equipment issued is returned at the end of intramural tournament play. If any equipment that was issued is not returned, the check will be cashed and the league will purchase replacement equipment. Monies remaining, if any,

after the replacement equipment is purchased will be returned to the manager.

SECTION VI: UMPIRES

A. There will be a Head Umpire approved by the Board of Directors whose responsibilities will include assigning umpires for all games, ruling on protests, interpretation of rules, etc. The Head Umpire will report the umpires schedules to the league vice-director.

B. Umpires will be furnished by the league. There shall be two umpires for each game in all divisions.

C. Umpires for all divisions must be a minimum of seventeen years of age.

D. If an umpire fails to appear within fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of a game, the managers of the two teams may select an adult to act as umpire or they may request that the game be rescheduled.

E. The umpires shall designate fair and foul balls by signaling with their hand and shall also designate foul balls by verbally announcing "foul ball".

SECTION VII: PLAYER TRYOUTS

A. Player tryouts will be held for all intramural divisions. Prior to tryouts, all players will be required to provide the Softball Board with their softball playing experience in the past year. Also, any player who has taken pitching lessons and/or played a pitching or catching position more than two(2) games in an organized fast-pitch softball game in the past year must provide this information to the Softball Board.

SECTION VIII: PLAYER PLACEMENT

A. Players placements (draft) will be held in all intramural divisions. The manager and/or coach of each team must attend this session.

B. Prior to the start of player placements, the following will occur:

1. All players who participated in their division's tryouts will be placed in the eligible placement pool.

2. Players with prior experience in any organized fast-pitch softball game who did not participate in tryouts will be addressed. If a majority of the managers agree that a particular player should not be placed in the "HAT", the player in question will be available for the eligible placement pool. As much information as possible will be provided on these players. These players will be seeded by majority agreement of managers as to probable draft round to insure that all managers have some idea of each player's abilities.
3. Players without prior known experience who did not participate in their division's tryouts and those players not placed in the eligible placement pool per rule B.2. will be placed in the "HAT".
4. All pitchers and catchers will be so designated regardless of individual abilities or desire to play said positions. Any pitcher that does not tryout or designate themselves as a pitcher will be limited to pitch one inning per game for the entire season.
5. Any player that enters the league as a pitcher after the league has begun will be limited to pitch one inning per games for her first six games.
5. All sisters within the same division will be designated. Sisters within the same division must be placed on the same team. If a team selects a player who has a sister in the same division, that team must select the other sister in her designated round. There will be no exceptions to this unless agreed to by the parents or guardians at the time of registration.
6. All players who have requested to be placed on the same team due to ride shares or other circumstances will be so designated, if possible. Please note, it is not mandatory that these players be selected on the same team, but the manager of the team that selects these players may wish at their discretion to arrange transportation for the players in question.
7. Managers' and coaches' daughters will be assigned their placement position by a majority vote of the managers and coaches within their division. In case there is no majority decision made, the manager's daughter will automatically be seeded in the second round and the coach's daughter will automatically be seeded in the third round.
8. Team selection will be done by a blind draft.

SECTION IX: GAME SCHEDULING

A. Scheduling of all games and intramural tournament play shall be done by the league Scheduling and Umpire associate member. Special scheduling requests by managers should be provided to the league scheduling associate member in writing prior to the end of open registration, however there will be no guarantee that these special requests can be met. Once the season starts, no game under any circumstance will be rescheduled unless weather.

B. Scheduling of make-up games due to rain outs or other circumstances shall be done by the scheduling associate member. All managers will be notified of make-up games. Please note that due to the tight game schedule, make-up games will be scheduled on a field availability basis.

SECTION X: PRACTICE SCHEDULING

A. Scheduling of all GAA procured practice fields and the GAA batting cage must be done through the scheduling associate member.

B. Prior to opening day, practices are limited to four outing per week. After opening day, each team will be limited to four outings per week, Sunday through Saturday. An outing is defined as a practice or game (excluding make-up games). Use of the league batting cage is not considered an outing. Any team having more than four outings in any week after opening day will forfeit their next game.

Examples: Three games + one practice = four outings
One game + three practices = four outings
Two games + two practices = four outings

C. All Star Practice is allowed for all intramural teams after THE LAST REGULAR SEASON GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED in their respective divisions. The rules stated in Section X, paragraph B will apply. (A maximum of four outings per week is allowed. Batting cage use is NOT included within the number of outings. This rule will be strictly enforced. The violation penalty is forfeiture of all tournament games).

D. Sundays at Bay Creek Park will be set aside for travel ball practice. The above limitation on outings per week does not apply to travel ball teams.

SECTION XI: RAIN DELAYS

A. In case of rain on the day of a scheduled game, a league director or executive board member will determine the playability of the fields prior to the scheduled game time. If the league director or executive board member determines that any field can not be made playable prior to the scheduled game time, the game will be postponed. Managers, coaches and team parents will be provided with a rain out number which may be called after 4:45 pm on weekdays and one(1) hour prior to the first game of the day on weekends. If the league director or executive board member determines that any field can be made ready for play the games will not be postponed.

B. In case of rain or wet and unplayable field at the scheduled game time, the two teams scheduled to play have thirty minutes to prepare the field for play. If, in the opinion of the home plate umpire, a field is not in playable condition, the game will be postponed.

SECTION XII: STANDINGS

A. A play-off game will be played to determine first place in each division at the end of the regular season if there is a tie. The home team for this game will be determined by a coin flip. If teams are tied for other than first place or second place, head to head competition(wins and losses) shall be used for determining the intramural tournament seeding. If still tied, the "calculation for overall net runs method"(total runs scored against the tied teams less total runs given up against those teams) shall be used for determining the intramural tournament seeding.

SECTION XIII: INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENT PLAY

A. Scheduling of all recreational tournament games shall be done by the scheduling associate member.

SECTION XIV: CONCESSION AND CLEAN-UP DUTY

A. All teams will be required to perform scheduled concession duty and scheduled clean-up duty during the regular season and during intramural tournament play. These duties are not optional and must be performed by all teams.

SECTION XV: ALL STARS

A. PURPOSE. GAA All Star Tournament participation is by invitation only. All girls available to play will be eligible for participation.

B. SCOPE. All teams participating in tournament play under the auspice of GAA, wearing uniforms bearing the name of GAA, or logo, or using equipment provided by GAA, will abide by the subsequent guidelines.

C. EMPOWERMENT. In accordance with the Grayson Softball League By-Laws, the GAA Softball Board is empowered to make decisions in accordance with these guidelines.

D. NUMBER OF TEAMS. Any league that has a least 10 teams, in the regular season, may field a second All Star team, with the Softball Board's approval. In the event that two teams are selected, the top 12 players would be on the first team, and next 12 players would be on the second team.

E. ALL STAR DRAFT

1. All regular season players and only regular season players will be eligible for the All Star draft. Players will be drafted based on availability, participation, skill level, and must have played and/or participated in at least 50% of the games, during the regular season. It will be at the discretion of the team manager and softball board, if any player, that is selected, has a scheduling conflict, with one or more events, as to whether that player will be allowed to participate.

2. All Star players will be chosen by the regular season managers within their respective divisions, based on a majority vote of all managers within the division. There will be a mandatory meeting for all coaches to conduct the all star draft, lead by the softball board. The Softball Board will serve as the tie-breaking vote if needed. All star vote forms will be turned into each league director and be kept on file by the softball board secretary.

3. A minimum of twelve(12) positions will be chosen for each age group. The additional list of players will be put into the

availability pool. These names will be maintained by the League Director and a copy of the file will be turned into the softball board secretary.

4. The All Star Manager will be selected based on three criteria's, a) Vote of the coaches for that division, b) the winner of that division, c) the vote of the softball board.

5. The selected manager must select assistants from other managers, coaches, and personnel within his division listed on official league rosters. A manager may go outside his division only when these positions cannot be filled internally. The manager may select up to three(3) assistants listed as official coaches on the league rosters.

6. All Star Teams will be notified after the last scheduled game is played.

7. All Star Teams will maintain a minimum of twelve(12) rostered players from tournament to tournament.

8. Every All Star team will be required to wear the same color and style uniforms. Style and color will be determined by GAA.

9. If a player should become sick or injured, she may be replaced, at the manager's option, by a player from the availability pool. Any recourse, to this, may be addressed with the GAA Softball Board.

10. Only players who have played with GAA will be eligible for All Star teams.

11. Players will only be drafted into the same All Star age division that they played in during the regular season.

12.If it shall become necessary, the softball board shall have the authority to replace any All Star Manager.

F. PRACTICE

1. The following guidelines will pertain to ages ten(10) years and under:

- a. Practice will be limited to four(4) outings per week.
- b. Tournament games will not be considered an outing.
- c. Practices will be limited to two(2) hours per outing.

2. The final guidelines will apply to all age groups:

- a. The batting cage will not be considered an outing.
- b. Managers and coaches will hold a general meeting with parents and/or players and league director and/or board member. in which expectations for practice and games will be clearly defined.
- c. All players will be notified in advance as to time and location of practice and games.

F. GAMES

1. GAA All Star guidelines will supersede tournament rules where necessary, unless these guidelines are in direct conflict with tournament rules.

2. All players must play a minimum of four(4) complete innings per tournament; unless by tournament design a team has been limited to one(1) competitive outing. In such case this rule will not apply.

3. GAA will supply balls and equipment only for approved tournaments.

G. SPORTSMANSHIP

1. All players, managers, coaches and assistants will be expected to exhibit proper sportsmanship at all times during practice and games.

2. All uniforms will be worn as designed; i.e. shirrtails tucked in and socks pulled up.

3. Tournament officials will be accorded respect at all times regardless of any disagreements.

4. Any player, coach or adult associated with an GAA Tournament team who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct toward an official, team member, or representative during tournament play will be subject to disciplinary action by the GAA which may lead to dismissal.

5. Abusive or threatening language, overt physical gestures, or aggressive physical contact will be considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct.

6. Failure to comply with the guidelines established herein will be considered to be a breach of confidence with the GAA and will result in probable disciplinary action.