



## **ADULT 16" SOFTBALL 2022 LEAGUE RULES**

### **LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

- All softball games will be played in accordance with USA Softball (formerly Amateur Softball Association of America) with the exception of any rule changes specifically stated in these rules or on the team schedules as pertaining to local situations.
- There shall be a definite starting time established by the Athletic Supervisor. Any team that is not ready to play (minimum number of players to start game must be on the field or in the dugout) at the time scheduled shall have the game forfeited to the opposing team by the umpire. The only exception is for games starting at 6:30 PM or earlier on weeknights. A 10-minute grace period will be allowed for games starting at this early time. Any grace period time used cannot be made up at the end of the game. (See Time Limit Rule also.)
  - 1 game forfeited – must pay \$35.00 forfeit fee before playing in your next game.
  - 2 games forfeited - must pay \$35.00 forfeit fee before playing in your next game.
  - 3 games forfeited - Team dismissal at the discretion of the Athletic Supervisor.
- In the event that a regular league umpire does not appear, the two managers have the privilege of agreeing upon officials selected at random; these selected umpires shall be considered official and the result of the game shall stand as played. In the event that an umpire, agreeable to both managers, cannot be secured, the game shall be declared postponed. In the event the chosen umpire, for some reason, refuses to complete the game and no agreeable substitute can be found, the game is postponed unless five (5) complete or 4 1/2 innings by the losing side have been played, in which case, the game shall stand. The game may be considered a forfeit if the umpire leaves due to harassment or abuse. Scheduled Glenview Park District Field Supervisor cannot fill in as a substitute umpire.
- All leagues will play regulation seven (7) inning games.
- The Athletic Supervisor shall arrange all schedules and assign all umpires where necessary.
- Scorebooks will be properly completed for each game by each team. Full proper last names and first initials of all players and substitutes must be legibly shown. In the case of a protest over an ineligible player, any recognizable alterations will be construed as a decision against the offending team. If a scorebook is not legible, the decision will be against the offending team. (See Protest Rule also.) Each captain is responsible for putting the scorebook in the hands of a competent scorekeeper.
- The home team for each game will keep the game ball.
- All players must be 18 years of age or older or finishing their senior year in high school when the season starts in order to play in the Men's, Women's or Co-Rec Leagues. A player must have a picture ID on his person at all games. Failure to produce an ID can result in forfeiture.

- At all lighted facilities, the lights will be turned out no later than ten (10) minutes after the conclusion of the final game.
- Roster Limit is 20. Unlimited roster changes allowed up until the final regular season game. Additions must be made prior to a player playing in a game. A player is only legal if their signature appears on the official roster.
  - NOTE: Roster additions/changes will be made on site. New players must sign the roster before they will be allowed to participate. Rosters will be filed on location at the ballfield.
- No team will be allowed to take the field with less than nine (9) players. (Except Co-Rec). Scheduled Glenview Park District Field Supervisor cannot fill in as an extra player for any team. If a team starts the game with nine (9) players and a tenth (10) shows up, he may be inserted into the game. A team may play with ten (10) players if, and only if, all ten players are on the roster. The late arriving player can be inserted anywhere in the order if that turn at bat had not yet occurred. If the batting order had already turned over, the late player must bat last in the lineup.
- Courtesy runners are permitted, but the courtesy runner must be declared prior to the start of the game. Courtesy runner will be the player who made the last batted out. If the need for a courtesy runner is not declared prior to the game, the opposing team captain must be asked permission before a courtesy runner is allowed. If the umpire sees that the player was injured during the game, he may allow a courtesy runner without consent from the opposing captain. Teams are not permitted to take advantage of this rule. Umpire reserves the right to deny a courtesy runner if the procedure is perceived to be being abused.

### **TEAM PLAYING REGULATIONS**

- There will be a maximum of two (2) warm-up pitches after the first inning and each pitcher will receive five (5) in the first inning.
- Managers and umpires will discuss ground rules prior to the start of all games and the umpires' decision will be final. Prior to the game if both captains and the umpire are in agreement to a rule variance, the rule will apply to that game only and the end result will stand as the official score.
- If a team is leading by twelve (12) or more runs at the end of five (5) innings the game will be terminated and the team with the most runs declared the winner. The rule only applies at the end of an inning (or half inning if the home team is winning).
- No smoking on the playing field. Smoking is only allowed in the designated bench area. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY AT ANY TIME. RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
- First foul ball after two (2) strikes is an out.
- No metal spikes will be allowed in any Glenview Park District Softball Leagues.

### **BASE INTERFERENCE**

- A fielder is not allowed to be blocking a base without the ball. If this occurs and the runner is tagged out trying to go around the fielder, interference will be called and the runner declared safe. At no time is the runner allowed to barrel into a fielder with or without the ball. If the fielder has the ball and is blocking the plate, the runner must either slide or try to go around. There are times when unintentional and/or incidental contact occurs. In such cases the umpire will allow for this type of contact. What the umpire is looking for is deliberate and/or forceful contact which is not allowed.

- There is no "SLIDE RULE" in effect for Glenview Park District Softball. (This means a player is not required to slide at any time.)

### **PICK-OFF RULE (Co-Rec - see page 7)**

- On a pick-off attempt by the pitcher or catcher, a runner played on may advance one base if the base ahead is unoccupied. A pick-off attempt will be defined as a release of the ball by the pitcher or catcher to the base where the runner originally started. If in the umpire's opinion a pitcher is wasting time making too many pick off attempts during one at bat, the umpire may command the pitcher to pitch the ball and refrain from further pick off attempts.
  - Overthrow on a pickoff attempt will result in one (1) base advance only. If runner attempts to take two (2) bases, they are liable to be tagged out. Only the runner played on may advance. No double steals/Home Plate is always unoccupied.

### **PITCHING RULE**

- Two (2) hesitations will be allowed.
- Two (2) feet must begin on the rubber in order to take a drag step. (Co-Rec - see page 7)
- Ball must be presented to the batter for one full second.
- Drag step or free-style pitching will be allowed. One step off the mound in any direction will be permitted. (Men's 16" and Women's 14" only)
- The ball must be delivered slowly.
- The wells will be called a strike in all leagues.
- Unlimited arc - no minimum, no maximum limit; the ball must be delivered slowly.

### **PROTEST**

- A protest must be submitted in writing within 24 hours after the end of the game to the Park District Office. Protests will be decided on by a Protest Committee consisting of at least three (3) of the following: Athletic Supervisor, Chief Umpire, Softball Supervisor, Manager of Program Services and Assistant Director of Recreation.
- Teams are allowed a maximum of 20 players on the team roster. All players must have their signature on the roster in order to be eligible.
- Roster Protest: No fee will be charged for roster protests. Below is the procedure to request a roster protest:

#### **PROCEDURE:**

- Protest the player before the player takes an official turn at bat. If the player steps into the batter's box and a pitch is thrown or a pickoff attempt is made, that player will be ruled eligible and cannot be protested during the rest of the game.
- Notify umpire, opposing team captain and Field Supervisor of protest.
- Player in question must sign the scoresheet and also print his name and produce identification. Failure to sign or refusal to sign the scoresheet will result in the questioned player's team forfeiting the game immediately.

- The signed scoresheet will be checked privately between the umpire and field supervisor who will determine if the signatures match. If they disagree, the umpire's judgement will rule. The game will be delayed while this is occurring and no more than 5 minutes of time will be added to the end of the game to compensate for the time it takes to check the roster.
- If the signatures do not match, the player is ineligible and an automatic out will be recorded for the first time the batter is due up in the game. If it's the first inning and the ineligible player's team had not yet written the batting order on the official scoresheet, that team will start their half of the first inning with one out.
- A player who is ruled ineligible may be replaced in the lineup and on the field. If there is no replacement for the ineligible player, an out will be recorded each time that player was due up to bat.
- The umpire's decision on comparing signatures is final.

### **TIME LIMIT RULE**

- Games will end at the scheduled starting time of the next game. At this point the game would be stopped and the score would revert back to the last complete inning unless the home team has attained the lead in the bottom half of that inning. If the score is tied the game will be called a tie and go down as such in the league standings.
- NOTE: The Time Limit Rule will only be in effect when there is a scheduled game to follow. If no game is scheduled to follow, game will go to full seven (7) innings or play 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever comes first. See Below:
- Curfews on late games will be 10:45 p.m. This will be strictly enforced.
- Teams stalling on the field or at bat in an effort to invoke the Time Limit Rule shall be first, warned by the umpire, then may forfeit the game.
- Rain or Darkness: If a game does not reach the 5 or 4 ½ inning point with the home team winning, the game will be replayed in its entirety. If it does reach the 5 or 4 ½ inning point, the game will officially count in the standings.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- In Men's & Women's games, there is an option of teams placing all players present for the game in one big batting order and using free substitution on the field (this has always existed for Co-Rec). This method can be used in place of the standard re-entry rule. The two methods cannot be combined – at the start of the game, the team must decide which method to use. If teams use the re-entry rule, it is used as follows: Any player may be replaced and re-entered once, provided players occupy the same batting positions whenever in the lineup. Substitutes and person they replaced may not be in the line-up at the same time. If teams choose to use the bigger batting order with free substitution, the batting order must remain constant and you must finish with the exact same lineup that you started the game. Only in the case of an injury may a team finish with less players in their original lineup, but an out will be assessed to that team whenever that player's turn at bat occurs. So if you start with one big batting order of 16 players, you must finish with the same number of players.

### **FIELD DIMENSIONS**

- Base distances will be 55 feet.

- Pitching distance will be 38 feet.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- No fielding gloves or mitts will be allowed in any Men's 16" League.
- Every player must wear a shirt. Uniforms are not required.
- Shoes of some kind must be worn. Metal spikes are not allowed in any Park District leagues or tournaments.
- Illegal bats will be considered the following: Bats that have been altered in any way, bats without continuous tape. Umpire's decision is final!
- No batting gloves will be allowed in the field.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

- Each captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team players and is responsible to see that all rules are observed. The captain must maintain complete
- control of himself and his team members at all times; this includes before, during or after a game and any other time involved with the softball program. The key to a successful program is in the hands of the manager and, in turn, his players. Good leadership will insure a good program.
- Officials and their decisions will be respected and not interfered with at any time. Unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, vulgarity, or profanity will not be tolerated at any time.
- Any captain or player removed from a game will receive an automatic minimum of a one (1) game suspension to be served in the next consecutive game. A second ejection in the same season will result in suspension for the rest of the season. The Athletic Supervisor may impose harsher suspensions depending on the severity of the offense.
- If requested by Umpire or Supervisor, ejected players must leave the park immediately. Failure to comply will result in extended individual suspension or team suspension.
- If a team receives a forfeit win or a forfeit loss, this will count as a game played. A report will be submitted to the Athletic Supervisor; whose disposal of the matter is final.
- A game will be forfeited in the event a team fails to respect the officials' authority or decisions; one warning will be given prior to such action.
- Personal harassment of officials (umpires, directors, scorers, supervisors) may be cause for either the team or individual to be suspended from league play and/or tournaments. A player does not have to be in the game for this rule to be in effect. He/she could be a spectator of a team.
- In any discussion on the playing field with an official, only the captain will be permitted to enter the discussion. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. The threatening of an official will have an automatic removal for the season, both league and tournament play.
- Fighting will result in an automatic suspension from ALL Glenview Park District Leagues for one (1) full calendar year.
- Any player, captain or spectator guilty of physically striking an official will be immediately suspended for the season and the team put on probation with possible suspension resulting. Suspension for such an infraction is a league suspension for one calendar year from the date of the infraction. In the event that a more serious battery takes place toward an Official or Supervisor, expulsion up to life can be directed after referral and

review by the General Superintendent of the Glenview Park District. Alcohol is NOT allowed on park property. It is the responsibility of the team manager and members of the team to help control their own team and spectators in this matter. If, in the opinion of an umpire or Field Supervisor the situation warrants, a game will be forfeited.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Tie for first place will be decided by Head-to-Head Competition. If the teams split in head-to-head competition, the winner will be determined by run differential against each other. If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by runs allowed during the season. If the teams have not played, a playoff will be held (only to determine 1st place).
- Roster additions may not be made to any roster after that team has played its final regular season game.
- Each league will have its own tournament.
  - Any rule not listed in the above Glenview Park District Softball League Rules, will be covered by the USA Softball 2021 Official Softball Rulebook.

### **STRIKE GUARD – Lightning Prediction System:**

- The STRIKE GUARD lightning prediction system is designed to detect lightning in a local area BEFORE lightning strikes. Even though the Strike Guard System helps assess potentially dangerous conditions, neither the signal nor the system is intended to guarantee that conditions are safe. Participants using outdoor facilities should take appropriate shelter when the warning signal are activated. If the weather is threatening but no warning signal is heard or seen, use good judgement and clear the area. Do not wait for the warning signal to activate.
- What does strike guard report? Alarm mode is initiated when the Strike Guard sensor detects a lightning strike within 0-5 miles.
- Warning Signal to Suspend Activities: One 15-second blast of the horn signals that outside activities should be suspended. A strobe light will begin flashing and remain flashing until safe conditions return. You should immediately seek an appropriate safe shelter.
- Notice that Activities May Resume: Three 5-second blasts of the horn signal that outdoor activities may resume. The strobe light will also stop flashing.

### **SCHEDULES**

- Schedules can be found online at [www.quickscores.com/gpd](http://www.quickscores.com/gpd). All scores, standings and updates to the schedule will be posted here.
- Rainout information will be posted here, <https://glenviewparks.org/weather-cancellations/>. Emails will not be sent out.
  - Download the FREE “Rainout Line” app for iPhone or Android.
    - Once you have downloaded the app., search for “Glenview Park District” — click the star to the right.
    - On the next screen, click the stars next to the events/programs/facilities you want to be notified about.
  - EMAIL & TEXT ALERTS

- Subscribe to email and/or text alerts by clicking on the link located under the blue and gold Rainout logo below and on the left side of this page.
- Manage your text and/or email subscriptions by selecting the activity and facility categories, and establishing the length of time you want to receive notifications.
- WEBSITE
  - View the status of all available activity and facility categories at the bottom of this page at any time by clicking on the Rainout Line button on the homepage of this website.
- HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER
  - Call the Glenview Park District Rainout Line at 847-724-3337 and enter the extension number for automated updates to any program listed below.



#### Adult Softball

Canceled - Adult softball has ended for the season. We will be back late spring 2022.

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NOTE: Any rule not listed above in the Glenview Park District Softball League Rules, will be covered by the Amateur Softball Association 2021 Official Softball Rulebook. Glenview Park District has the right to modify/change rules.