

## **GOVERNING BODY OF GSB**

The Denison Girls Softball program is staffed and supervised by Denison Parks and Recreation. All policy guidelines, procedures and rules governing the league are administered through the Denison Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission is made up of seven (7) members who are citizens of Denison and appointed by the Denison City Council to serve in this capacity. The Parks and Recreation Commission meet on the last Monday of each month at the Denison Senior Citizen Center at 12:20 pm. The Denison Senior Citizens Center is located at 531 W. Chestnut, Denison, TX 75020. Anyone wishing to address items governing the league must do so by a request in writing. The letter should be explicit and must be filed with the Parks and Recreation Director at least one week prior to the meeting.

### Parks and Recreation Commission Members

Laura Allison, Chairman  
Michael Conditt  
Ronnie Braxton  
Linda Eubanks  
Leon Criss  
Tommy Cassidy  
Jennifer Schwichtenberg

### Denison Girls Softball Administration

Danna Quinlin, DGS Administrator  
Sharon Lafitte, Director

## **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Your job as a coach is to provide immediate assistance to the injured athlete(s) based on your limited training and to summon qualified help to treat the injured athlete(s). In order to do this as quickly as possible, the emergency phone numbers must be in a very visible spot for everyone to see. The easiest way to post these phone numbers is to write them on a 3 x 5 index card, and tape it to your first aid kit. If you are out on the field with an injured player and someone else has to make the call and direct them to the ball field, the card will be there as a guide.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency Medical Services: 911

Nearest Hospital: TMC 416-4000

Fire Department/EMT: 465-2720

Police Department: 465-2422

Culpepper Concession Stand: 463-6360

HOTLINE: 903-465-GAME (4263)

Athletic Offices: 463-5116/463-7166

\*DGS Administrator: Danna Quinlin 903-624-2744

Remember that the site of the hospital and phone may change if you practice and play at different fields. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS!

# MISSION STATEMENT

**Mission Statement:** Denison Girls Softball is committed to enhance the quality of life for its participants by providing; promoting, facilitating safe, positive, and developmental softball opportunities organized by responsible and certified youth sports administrators.

**It is our mission to teach the basic skills of softball where all children get an equal chance to play regardless of skill level and DGS provides a softball environment that does not tolerate any abusive behaviors that might jeopardize a child's well-being.**



## **GSB POLICY STATEMENT**

The Denison Girls Softball Program is sponsored by the Denison Parks & Recreation Department. Community team sponsors, fundraisers, and registration fees help to offset the operation expenses of the program. Every girl between the ages of four (3) and eighteen (18) years of age, and boys (3) three and (4) four are eligible to participate in the program.

It is the policy of Denison Girls Softball and Dixie Softball, Inc. to promote the development of strong character, a right attitude, and a strong sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters, using the game of softball as a vehicle.

DGSA is a developmental program that provides a softball foundation for its participants. This developmental program shall periodically provide softball “fun shops” for its participants to learn the basic fundamentals of softball and shall continue to provide opportunity to enhance their skills as they advance to the next age division/level.

In order to provide the “best” for the girls of our program, DGSA will provide in-depth training for it’s volunteer coaches. DGSA and DISD have joined hands in the goal of equipping our coaches with the knowledge of the rules and the basic techniques of teaching the most basic of softball skills. We shall also provide our coaches the opportunity to learn how to give clear explanations, provide instruction based on the level of the participant, and provide safe and fun softball atmosphere.

We fully understand that each participant views success differently. However, we shall provide opportunity for each player to participate in every game, expose each to the fundamentals of softball, to socialize with their peers, and enjoy old friends and make new friends.

Our Girls Softball Program operates under the Dixie Softball, Inc Organization. Dixie is a softball program that is geared toward participation not perfection, local league not select/travel ball, yet offers District, State, and World Series Tournament for ages 7 years old through 18 years of age for those who want to compete on a higher level.

Our vision is for the Denison Girls Softball Program to provide the foundation for our participants to further their softball pursuits at whatever level they choose. Please join us in providing “**lifetime softball memories**” for each of our participants.

**Motto: “Softball as it should be...for the fun of it”**

# **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

## **COVERED PERSONS**

Dixie Players, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, and managers

### **COVERS WHILE:**

Participating in scheduled tryouts, games or practice sessions. Traveling under adult supervision to or from scheduled games or practice sessions. Attending and going to and from, as a supervised group, scheduled league – wide activities where all teams within the league have been invited to participate such as award banquets, parades, picnics and attendance at professional baseball games.

Participating in an official tournament. Teams or players selected to compete in official tournaments will be insured while traveling to and from the tournament city and, in addition, will be insured for any covered injury which occurs during the tournament.

No coach or parent will be allowed to catch a pitcher warming up due to the void in insurance policy if coach/parent sustains a injury.

### **ACCIDENT MEDICAL BENEFITS:**

Incurred expenses will be paid when such expenses are not already payable under any other existing plan (ex. parent's medical insurance) to a maximum of \$250,000. If no other insurance is in force, our plan pays from the first dollar up to \$250,000 of the usual and reasonable charges for eligible expenses. If an existing plan pays all medical bills except for those not payable because of a deductible or coinsurance, our plan will pay for such deductibles or coinsurance.

*\*Note\** If player or coach is injured while practicing, playing, or being transported to/from these activities they need to follow the process on page 36. It is important to contact staff immediately in such circumstances so that the correct insurance policy is followed.

## COACHING REGULATIONS

1. An individual may coach only one (1) team, either as a head or an assistant coach, unless approved by the League Officials.
2. The head coach selects the assistant coaches for their team. Each coach including the assistants must meet the requirements as specified. Coaches must be on the field/dugout during every game and are not allowed to sit in the bleachers unless it is prior or after their game.
3. Head coaches and assistant coaches may retain their daughters on their team.
4. Coaches do not have the authority to give or tell another individual they can coach a particular team. Once a coach decides not to return as a coach, he/she is no longer the coach of that team, however, they can assist in recruiting coaches with no guarantee what team they will be assigned. League officials will make sure the daughters are with their Dad's/Mom's team prior to the team selection.
5. If a coach is ejected from a game he/she will not be allowed to head coach or be an assistant coach of the all-star team. Staff must be notified of any ejections immediately.
6. It is required that there must be at least one female coach for each team. The selected coach has the option to be NYSCA certified or listed as an official coach on the roster. She will not be required to be a field coach however she must wear a team shirt. Only NYSCA certified coaches are allowed on the field

# GSB PARTICIPANTS

**Eligibility:** Girls ages four (5) - eighteen (18) may participate in the program. A registration form, birth certificate, fees, medical release, parents code of ethics, and players code of ethics must be on file prior to participating in the program. There are no height or weight restrictions.

**Equipment:** Tennis shoes or rubber cleats, socks, and gloves must be provided by participants. Team shirts, shorts, bats, balls, batting helmets, catchers mask, shin guards, and chest protectors will be provided by the Denison Girls Softball Program. DGS Administrators must inspect any equipment provided by participants to make sure it meets Dixie requirements.

**Transportation:** Participants are responsible for their own transportation to practices, league games and tournament play. However, if a coach provides transportation—2 adults must be present—the coach must meet DGS guidelines. See draft regulations.

## **Player Age Limit AND Birth Certificate:**

***Dixie Sweeties*** - Anyone whose seventh (7th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Dixie Sweeties season.

***Dixie Darlings*** - Anyone whose ninth (9th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Dixie Darlings season.

***Dixie Angels*** - Anyone whose eleventh (11th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Dixie Angels season.

***Dixie Ponytails*** - Anyone whose thirteenth (13th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Dixie Ponytails season.

***Dixie Belles*** - Anyone whose sixteenth (16th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Dixie Belles Season.

## Lil'Rookies (Girls and Boys ages 3-4)

***Girls***-anyone whose fifth (5th) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Lil' Rookies season.

***Boys***-anyone whose fifth (5th) birthday falls on or after May 1st of the current calendar year shall be eligible to compete in and complete the current Lil' Rookies season.

## **Culpepper Softball Complex Rules**

The following rules and guidelines are to be followed by ALL parents, participants, spectators, and staff:

- No tobacco or smokeless tobacco of any kind are permitted.  
There will be a designated smoking area outside the gates of Culpepper.
- Coaches and Umpires should not carry tobacco products on them during Girls Softball Event
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind are permitted.
- Only certified coaches, and league participants are allowed to warm-up pitchers.
- Any coach or participant warming up a pitcher MUST wear a catcher's mask.
- Do NOT climb fences or cut locks to get into the facility. Charges will be filed for criminal trespassing with the Denison Police Department.
- No skateboards, skates, rollerblades, scooters, or bikes are allowed inside Culpepper Softball Complex.
- All dogs brought into the Complex must be on a leash.



**2011 Girls Softball  
Registration Fees**

<b>1 Participant</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>2 Per Family</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>3 Per Family</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>

**After February 15th \$110.00 (for each participant)**

**2011 Girls Softball  
Registration Locations**

*Monday January 31st-February 4th DPARD offices 8am-5pm*  
**Saturday February 5th McDonalds in Denison 10am-3pm**

*Monday February 7th-11th DPARD offices 8am-5pm*  
**Saturday February 12th McDonald's in Denison 10am-3pm**

## **DIXIE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Dixie Softball Inc. offers college scholarships to deserving young ladies in the Dixie Softball program who meet the requirements set forth in the Dixie Softball, Inc., Scholarship Program. Rules for applying include: Applicant must have participated in Dixie Softball for two (2) seasons; must be a senior in high school, and must make application prior to March 1 of her senior year in high school. Playing ability is not a determining factor in the awarding of a Dixie Scholarship.

The Dixie Scholarship is based on financial needs not ability. It is important to note your career plans and how you plan to reach them. Grades are also important, but are only part of the consideration.

Dixie Scholarship information is available online at [www.dixie.org](http://www.dixie.org), through DGS or contact DHS Softball Coach--- (903)-462-7188.

## **Fundraiser Agreement**

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand I am responsible for  
Child's Name  
helping my child to meet the fundraising requirements of selling \_\_\_\_\_ boxes of candy.

I also realize that these terms are asked of me to help provide my child with a fun, safe, and positive recreational experience. I realize that failure to return monies collected could result in charges being filed through the County Attorney's Office. I also realize that the failure to return monies collected could result in my child not being eligible to participate in games.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Fundraiser's DUE** **MARCH 11th 2011**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents Code of Ethics

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Insurance Card

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraiser Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Handbook

\_\_\_\_\_ Release of Liability

\_\_\_\_\_ Boxes of candy

\_\_\_\_\_ Notary Page

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of DPARD Employee** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT'S HANDBOOK**

I have been notified that the Denison Girls Softball Handbook is available online at [www.cityofdenison.com](http://www.cityofdenison.com) and [www.quickscores.com](http://www.quickscores.com).

Print Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Team Selection Regulations

All players will be put into an annual draft and will be selected to a team. A pitcher/catcher clinic will also be provided for those interested. Any player that does not attend tryout will still be selected to a team.

1. Sisters may be drafted together (other relatives not included). Consideration shall be given to other relatives living in the same household as long as “proof of residence” is provided.
2. Head coaches may protect his/her daughter, and select assistants prior to the draft. Assistant coaches daughters will be placed on the team prior to the draft. **ALL ASSISTANTS CAN BE SELECTED PRIOR TO THE DRAFT. When selecting assistant coaches a team can have no more than (1) one pitcher and (1) catcher.**
3. Players may not be switched by coaches from one roster to another. Players may be moved to another team if there are extenuating circumstances as determined by League Administrators. The decision is based on what is in the best interest of the participant. The following procedure must be followed.
  1. Parent shall submit a letter of request to the GSB conduct official no later than one (1) week prior to team selection.
  2. A parent may request only one (1) coach to be ineligible, and each request will be evaluated on an individual basis.
  3. Approval of request protects a child through leagues season and tournament play.
4. The head coach of each team is required to attend all clinics and the draft.
5. A coach is required to contact the players within 24 hours of team selection. Remember these players are anxiously waiting.
6. A coach is required to practice his/her team a minimum of two (2) times a week until the league begins and should continue to have practices when time allows.

### 7. DRAFT PROCESS

For ALL age divisions: Head coach and assistants kids will be given to you prior to the start of the draft. We will draw numbers to see what order we will draft. Before the draft can begin teams must be even. (example if team A has 3 players and team B has 4 player team A will select one player to make the teams even)

All drafts will be done in the ladder draft format. (1,2,3,4, 4,3,2,1)

#### **ONLY HEAD COACHES WILL BE ALLOWED UPSTAIRS FOR THE DRAFT**

**Lil'Rookies:** After teams have an even number of players, they will be divided into groups Boys age 3 and Boys age 4/Girls age 3 and Girls age 4. This is done to keep teams as even as possible. We will select BOY/GIRL 3 year old first, and then BOY/GIRL 4 year olds.

In the end each team should have 10-11 players. There is the possibility of having up to 12 players per team, but we will not go past 12 per team.

**Sweetees:** After teams have an even number of players, they will be divided into age groups Girls age 5/Girls age 6. This is done to keep teams as even as possible. We will select 5 year olds and then 6 year olds.

In the end, each team should have 11-12 players. There is the possibility of having up to 12 players, but we will not go past 12 per team.

**Darlings/Angels/Ponytails/Belles:** After the draft is complete you will have 5 minutes to talk with you assistants about the tryout.

We will select numbers for the PITCHER/CATCHER draft. Teams that start with a pitcher will NOT be able to select a pitcher in the draft. Teams that start with a catcher will NOT be able to select a catcher in the draft. Teams eligible to select in the pitcher/catcher draft will get ONE selection. Pitchers/catchers that are not selected will go into the regular draft.

We will draw numbers a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to select the order teams will draft in the regular draft. Teams will be made even before the regular draft begins.

*(example: if Team A starts with a pitcher, and catcher Team B has an infielder, and no pitcher/catcher. After the pitcher/catcher draft team B will have 1 more player than team A. So team A would get a selection to make the teams even.)*

All forms will be face up, and have a number on them. It is your responsibility to know if the girls attended the try-out.

DPARD staff will NOT give you information on the player's ability, or tell you if they attended the try-out.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP TEAMS AS EVEN AS POSSIBLE SO THEY CAN ALL BE COMPETITIVE. SO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN SELECTING PLAYERS. THE GOAL IS FOR ALL OF THE PLAYERS THAT ARE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND PICKS TO BE THE BEST PLAYERS OUT THERE, AND IN THE LAST ROUNDS OF SELECTION BE THE LEAST EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.

8. It is the coaches responsibility to contact every player/parent on the dates, time, and location of practices.
9. A coach shall contact league administrators if they have a player that is not attending practices, injured and any other situation that involves a player not attending team functions.
10. Any player quitting a team for any reason will not be eligible to participate in the program for the remainder of the season unless she rejoins her original team and is approved for reinstatement by the Parks & Recreation Commission.
11. The written request for removal of a player by a coach will be investigated by the Parks & Recreation League Administrators and determined by facts.
12. A player can only be dropped from a team for the following reasons:
  - a. Moving out of town
  - b. Sickness (doctor's excuse) or injury
  - c. Disciplinary reasons (documented-this item is to be used by coaches who have attempted to correct disciplinary problems with no results) and have communicated with parents as outlined.

13. Disciplinary action for unsportsmanlike behavior during practice/games will be handled as follows:
  - a. Written report given to staff and parent of player.
  - b. Once the letter is received, the player must have a parent or responsible party remain on premises during practices.
  - c. Written report must be submitted to DGS Administrator if a parent is requesting removal of practice restrictions.
  - d. Any type of disciplinary action that requires the player to sit out a game must be in compliance with the notification to DGS Administrator and Umpire prior to the game. Once the game begins a player may not be sitting on the bench for disciplinary reasons.
  
14. Disciplinary action for failure to attend practice sessions or regular season games may be implemented after a warning. A coach must attempt to resolve the problem with the players and parent (s), and approved by Administrators before these disciplinary procedures take effect.
  - a. Players missing three (3) unexcused practices will not be allowed to start the next game.
  - b. Players (s) missing four (4) unexcused practices, will be required to sit out the next game and a written report must be furnished to the league official presiding.
  - c. Coach must submit to DGS Administrators the process he/she has implemented that outlines what is an unexcused practice prior to any disciplinary actions.

## Calendar of Events

### January

14th-Coaches Applications Due

26th-Coaches Meeting at 7:30p Denison Parks and Recreation Office

January 31st-GSB Registration Begins

### February

5th-Registration at McDonald's in Denison 10a-3p

12th-Registration at McDonald's in Denison 10a-3p

**15th-Last day to register**

16th-NYSCA COACHES CERTIFICATION CLASS

**19th- Players Tryouts and Team Selection**

22nd- Parent Orientation PARENTS NEW TO GSB and LIL ROOKIES MUST ATTEND

25th-Team practices begin

### March

2nd-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

**11th-Fundraiser monies are due to Parks and Recreation**

16th-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

23rd-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

26th-OPENING DAY

### April

6th-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

20th-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

### May

4th-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER

18th-Pitching practice at Culpepper. Darlings/Angels 6-7p Ponytails/Belles 7-8p MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN CATCHER



## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE GENERAL RULES - ALL DIVISIONS**

### **ALL DIVISIONS**

1. No parent shall warm-up a pitcher before or during a game. Only a properly protected player/coach may do so. Any player/coach warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's mask with throat protector. If a volunteer coach, player, or parent is injured then, General Liability coverage will be voided; in the event of injury to such player, coach, or volunteer. Only a DGS Approved Coach or DGS Player can warm-up a pitcher.
2. No smoking or chewing tobacco products in the facility. This applies to players, coaches, and spectators. Violators will be ejected from the facility. Coaches may not have tobacco in their possession at practice or at a game.
3. Helmets must be worn by any player while on the playing field (on deck batter, base runner). Penalty: First Offense- player shall be warned by the umpire, Second Offense and Subsequent Offenses in the same game, the player shall be called out. If the violation is by a on deck batter, or base coach the penalty for their Second Offense is removal from the game and field.
4. Each batter and base runner must wear a batters helmet and each catcher must wear a catcher's helmet which meet the Dixie Specifications. No other hat or cap may be worn underneath a helmet. Must have chin strap/throat protector.
5. Body protectors should be adjusted for a snug fit and shin guards shall cover the catchers' knee when in a squatting position.
6. Profanity or throwing equipment (i.e. bats, unsafe throwing of balls, helmets, gloves, etc.) shall result in automatic ejection and possible suspension from coaching/playing
7. Players shall not wear jewelry (earrings, watches, rings, necklaces) deemed unsafe by the umpire. Umpires may not wear jewelry deemed unsafe for players
8. Players shall not wear plastic visors while playing due to the safety of players
9. Head first slide is illegal with the exception of a player diving back to a base on a pick off or run down situation. Penalty: First Offense- player shall be declared out, Second Offense- player shall be declared out and coach removed from the game.
10. All teams must have an adult female that has been approved by DGS in the dugout at all times during the duration of the game.
11. Teams may not participate in pre-game warm-up on the infield. Players may warm-up in the outfield, pitching area, and practice area. This is to prevent game delay.

12. Clarification of Throwing/Slinging of a bat:

- If a player throws/slings a bat during a game situation, the player will be ruled out and each occurrence afterwards will be ruled an out. The batter can NOT be ejected from the game.
- It is up to the umpire to determine the throwing/sliding of a bat. The rule will be within the umpires judgment and cannot be protested.

13. Team uniform guidelines:

Numbers must be visible and of a contrasting color so that players can be identified by umpires and scorekeepers.

14. Teams will bat a continuous line-up. Teams will be allowed to pick up players from the lower division age division if need be. Ex: If your team had 10 players and my team had 11 Players then we would play as is, making the required substitutions and batting the continuous lineup.

## **Head Lice Guidelines**

If Denison Girls Softball is notified that a participant has head lice:

- The participants hair will be checked for lice
- If lice is found parents will be given suggestions on forms of treatment.
- The participant will not be able to participate in practices or games until the lice is gone.
- DGS staff will have to check for lice and release the player to participate.

**DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**LIL' ROOKIES DIVISION (ages 3-4)**  
**(Boys and Girls)**

**Rules governing play can be found below. Lil' Rookies is a developmental league to introduce boys/girls to the game of baseball/softball. Lil' Rookies will use an 11" Safety Softball for girls and 9" Safety Baseball for boys.**

**GAMES:**

Games will be complete after each team has batted their full line up twice. Official game score or standings shall **NOT** be kept. In the Lil' Rookies Division our goal is to introduce the boys/girls to the game of baseball/softball, and **we want them to have FUN!!**

**PARTICIPATION:**

**Offense-** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. A team completes it's offensive half when all members of the team have batted. Lil' Rookies should use tee ball bats. If it is an official baseball/softball bat it should be no longer than 31 inches.

Each batter will receive 5 swings; the offensive coach shall be responsible for placing the ball on the tee.

No outs will be kept per half.

Line up must be alternated by gender as long as possible.

**Defense-** All players will play in the field during defensive play; however, only five (5) players including a pitcher will be allowed in the infield. The remaining players **MUST** be behind the infield positions. **WE WILL NOT USE A PLAYER CATCHER.** The distance from the front of the pitcher's plate to the point of home plate shall be twenty five feet (25'). **It is our responsibility to let ALL the boys/girls have fun and learn the game of baseball/softball. Players MUST be rotated to different positions after every other batter. This gives players the opportunity to learn each position and will help keep their attention on the game.**

**Coaches**

The Lil' Rookies shall be allowed 5 coaches, 3 **MUST** be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must remain in dugout with the players. All coaches must have completed background checks and be approved by DGS Administrator.

## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL SWEETEEES DIVISION (ages 5-6)**

**Rules governing play can be found in the Dixie Official Rule Guide. These are options and/or exceptions to those rules. Any situation NOT covered in these league rules shall revert back to the Dixie Official Rule Guide. Sweetees will use an 11” Safety Softball.**

### **GAMES:**

Games will have a 50 minute time limit. Teams should play the full 50 minutes, even if it means both teams don't bat the same number of times. Play is stopped at point of expiration of time; unless offensive player is batting in which case the player will be allowed to complete her at bat. Official game score or standings shall **NOT** be kept. In the Sweetees Division our goal is to introduce the girls to the game of softball, and **we want them to have FUN.**

### **PARTICIPATION:**

**Offense-** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. A team completes it's offensive half when all members of the team have batted. Dixie Sweetees bats can be no longer than thirty-one (31) inches in length, but they can use “tee ball bats”.

**Defense-** All players will play in the field during defensive play; however, only six (6) players including a pitcher and catcher will be allowed in the infield. The remaining players **MUST** be in the outfield grass. A coach may be used as a Coach-Catcher if the team is short of players.

**It is our responsibility to let ALL the girls have fun and learn the game of softball.**

**Players MUST be rotated to different positions after every other batter. This gives players the opportunity to learn each position and will help keep their attention on the game.**

### **Pitching Rules**

**Sweetees pitching rules shall be a combination of coach pitch and a batting tee which will be used in order to allow every player the opportunity to hit the ball.**

### **SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES WHEN A BATTING TEE IS USED IN THE SWEETEEES DIVISION.**

1. The coach-pitcher will pitch from a distance of thirty feet (30). He/She shall pitch the ball in an underhand manner.
2. Each batter will be allowed three (3) pitches from the coach-pitcher and two (2) swings off the batting tee.

**NOTE:** If, on the second (2) swing from the batting tee, the ball is not hit into fair territory past the ten (10) foot arc, or is fouled off the batter shall continue to bat until she either hits the ball into fair territory past the ten (10) foot arc, or she swings at and misses the ball.

3. The player playing the pitcher's position **MUST** have both feet in contact with the pitcher plate inside the eight foot (8') radius drawn around the forty feet (40') pitcher's plate distance at the point of time the ball is hit.
4. The catcher **MUST** stand beside the home plate umpire when a batter is striking at the ball The catcher **MUST** stand to the right of the umpire if there is a right handed batter and to the left of the umpire if there is a left handed batter.
5. All catcher's equipment **MUST** be used for the participants sake.

### **Vertical Line**

**The Playing Field, Local League Option, SPECIFIC PLAYING AREA RULES FOR SWEETEEES. The vertical line is ONLY used in the Sweetees Division.**

### **Coaches**

The Sweetees shall be allowed 5 coaches, 3 **MUST** be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must remain in dugout with the players. Offensive Coaches: one (1) coach shall be the Coach-Pitcher, two coaches shall be the 1st and 3rd base coaches respectively (inside the coach's box). All coaches must have completed background checks and be approved by DGS Administrator.



## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL DARLINGS DIVISION (ages 7-8)**

**Rules governing play can be found in the Dixie Official Rule Guide. These are options and/or exceptions to those rules. Any situation NOT covered in these league rules shall revert back to the Dixie Official Rule Guide. Darlings will use an 11” Softball.**

### **GAMES:**

Games shall be considered complete after 60 minutes of play or 5 innings whichever comes first. Play is stopped at point of expiration of time. No inning will start after time has expired but an inning will be completed, if mathematically feasible. Tie game stands.

### **PARTICIPATION: See page 62, V - The Game, Offense (D) SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES FOR DARLINGS**

**Offense—** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. Each team will retire with three (3) outs or five (5) runs per inning. **Players will bat a continuous line up!**

**WHEN BALL IS IN PLAY, COACH-PITCHER SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LEAVE THE BALL FIELD OPPOSITE WHERE THE BALL IS HIT. IF THE BALL IS HIT UP THE MIDDLE THE COACH SHOULD TRY TO LEAVE THE BALL FIELD TO THE SIDE HE/SHE FEELS LESS LIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH PLAY.**

**NO vertical line will be used !**

**Defense-** Teams will play with ten (10) fielders, six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders. The outfielders **MUST** be in the outfield grass. A coach may be used as a Coach-Catcher if the team is short of players. Coaches will be required to substitute players every other inning.

**It is our responsibility to let ALL the girls have fun and learn the game of softball.**

**Players MUST be rotated to different positions after every other batter during the scrimmage games. This gives players the opportunity to learn each position and will help keep their attention on the game.**

### **Pitching Rules—See p.64 VIII Darlings Pitching Rules**

The games shall be played by the player/coach pitch rules. The player shall have three (3) pitches and the coach pitcher shall have two (2) pitches. The count shall continue from the player pitcher to the coach pitcher, however, only a swing strike shall be called from the coach pitcher (no called strike). Coaches teach the girls how to hit the ball, instead of instructing them to wait for you to pitch.

A pitcher shall not pitch more than seven (7) innings between Monday through the following Sunday night except that in a tie game at the end of the five (5) innings the starting pitcher may pitch the sixth (6th) inning. Under no condition shall a pitcher pitch in more than five (5) innings in one (1) game except as noted above.

**Coaches:**

The Darlings shall be allowed 4 coaches, 3 MUST be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must stay in the dugout with the players at all times. Offensive coaches: one (1) coach shall be the Coach-Pitcher, two coaches shall be the 1st and 3rd base coaches respectively (inside the coach's box). **ONLY CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD AND CAN ONLY WARM UP A PITCHER BEFORE A GAME OR DURING PRACTICE. CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS MUST WEAR HELMET WITH A FACE MASK WHILE WARMING UP PITCHERS.** Defensive coaches must stay in foul territory (in the grass behind 1st and 3rd respectively)

**Rule Clarifications:**

Clarification of Darlings Division Rule VII Regarding Base-Running

With Coach Pitch in Darlings division base running rules revert to Sweetees.

- **If the ball and player-pitcher are in the circle at the same time, the ball is dead. The players will stop at the base the umpire rules they are entitled to.**

Umpires award the next base if base runner is more than halfway to the next base when play is ruled dead. The rule will be within the umpires judgment and cannot be protested.

EXAMPLE

VII C 1: A player-pitcher has possession of the ball inside the circle.

VII C 2: A thrown ball which hits the ground inside the circle while player-pitcher is inside the circle.

VII C 3: A defensive player with possession of the ball enters the circle while player-pitcher is in the circle.

The player-pitcher does not have to have possession of the ball in the 8' circle.

NOTE: If an umpire feels the ball was thrown in order to make a play on a base runner, even after touching inside the circle, then the ball will remain live and play shall continue. (Please note that the rule could change upon the guidelines of the Dixie Inc; handbook).

Protocol for picking up players:

A team must field a minimum of six (6) players from that original team to compete in a game. Teams will play with ten (10) fielders, six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders. If short, a team can pick up from the division below them. A maximum of three (3) players may be picked up and those players must play in the outfield. The players must be of the age six (6) and must be approved to play by Denison Parks and Recreation Administration/Certified Youth Sports Administrators. The request must reach the office before 3pm on game day in order for staff to verify participants age. **If an original team member arrives to the game late she will be allowed to enter the game as a substitute at the top of the next inning. The pick up player will remain on the line up for the duration of the game allowing her to bat.**





## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL ANGELS DIVISION (ages 9-10)**

**Rules governing play can be found in the Dixie Official Rule Guide. These are options and/or exceptions to those rules. Any situation NOT covered in these league rules shall revert back to the Dixie Official Rule Guide. Angels will use an 11” Softball.**

### **GAMES:**

Games shall be considered complete after 75 minutes of play or 5 innings whichever comes first. Play is stopped at point of expiration of time. No inning will start after time has expired but an inning will be completed, if mathematically feasible. Tie game stands.

### **PARTICIPATION: See page 67, V– The Game, Offense**

**Offense–** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. Each team will retire with three (3) outs or five (5) runs per inning. **Players will bat a continuous line up! NO FORFEITS OR AUTOMATIC OUTS**

**Defense–** Teams will play with ten (10) fielders, six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders. Coaches will be required to substitute players every other inning. If short a team can pick up players from the lower division. **It is our responsibility to let ALL the girls have fun and learn the game of softball. Players MUST be rotated to different positions after every inning during the scrimmage games. This gives players the opportunity to learn each position and will help keep their attention on the game.**

### **Pitching Rules**

**See pages 69 - 70, VIII - Pitching Rules. Angels shall play Player-Pitch.**

A pitcher shall not pitch more than eight (8) innings between Monday through the following Sunday night except that in a tie game at the end of six (6) innings the starting pitcher may pitch the seventh (7th) inning. Under no condition shall a pitcher pitch in more than six (6) innings in one (1) game except as noted above.

### **COACHES:**

The Angels shall be allowed three (3) coaches and all **MUST** be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must stay in the dugout with the players at all times. Offensive coaches: two certified coaches shall be the 1st and 3rd base coaches respectively (inside the coach’s box). Defensive coaches: must remain in the dugout during play. Only one coach may be seated outside the dugout to give signals to players, but must be within reach of dugout opening. **ONLY CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD AND CAN ONLY WARM UP A PITCHER BEFORE A GAME OR DURING PRACTICE. CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS MUST WEAR A HELMET WITH A FACE MASK WHEN WARMING UP A PITCHER.**

Protocol for picking up players:

A team must field a minimum of six (6) players from that original team to compete in a game. Teams will play with ten (10) fielders, six (6) infielders and four (4) outfielders. If short, a team can pick up from up from the division below them. A maximum of three (3) players may be picked up and those players must play in the outfield. Coaches will be required to substitute players every other inning.

**If an original team member arrives to the game late she will be allowed to enter the game as a substitute at the top of the next inning. The pick up player will remain on the line up for the duration of the game allowing her to bat.**

**PROTESTS:**

- **\$50 fee** (cash or check-payable to Denison Girls Softball Association) must be presented at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in favor of the protester, the \$50 fee will be returned. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed for protest.
- Rules for protest– pages 41-43



## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL PONYTAILS DIVISION (ages 11-12)**

**Rules governing play can be found in the Dixie Official Rule Guide. These are options and/or exceptions to those rules. Any situation NOT covered in these league rules shall revert back to the Dixie Official Rule Guide. Ponytails will use a 12” softball.**

### **GAMES:**

Games shall be considered complete after 90 minutes of play or 6 innings whichever comes first. Play is stopped at expiration of time. No inning will start after time has expired, but an inning will be completed, if mathematically feasible. Tie game stands.

### **PARTICIPATION: See page 67, V– The Game, Offense**

**Offense:** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. Each team will retire with three (3) outs or six (6) runs per inning. **Players will bat a continuous line up!**

### **NO FORFEITS OR AUTOMATIC OUTS**

**Defense:** Teams will play with nine (9) fielders, six (6) infielders and three (3) outfielders. Coaches will be required to substitute players every other inning. If short, a team can pick up from the division below them. **It is our responsibility to let ALL the girls have fun and learn the game of softball. Players MUST be rotated to different positions after every other inning during the scrimmage games. This gives players the opportunity to learn each position and will help keep their attention on the game.**

### **PITCHING RULES: See p. 69 VIII**

### **PONYTAILS WILL PITCH FROM 40 FEET.**

A pitcher shall not pitch more than eight (8) innings between Monday through the following Sunday night except that in a tie game at the end of six (6) innings the starting pitcher may pitch the seventh (7th) inning. Under no condition shall a pitcher pitch in more than six (6) innings in one (1) game except as noted above.

### **COACHES:**

The Ponytails shall be allowed three (3) coaches and all **MUST** be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must stay in the dugout with the players at all times. Offensive coaches: two coaches shall be the 1st and 3rd base coaches respectively (inside the coach’s box). Defensive coaches: must remain in the dugout during play. Only one coach may be seated outside the dugout to give signals to players, but must be within reach of dugout opening. **ONLY CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD AND CAN ONLY WARM UP A PITCHER BEFORE A GAME OR DURING PRACTICE. CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS MUST WEAR A HELMET WITH A FACE MASK WHEN WARMING UP A PITCHER.**

Protocol for picking up players:

A team must field a minimum of six (6) players from that original team to compete in a game. Teams will play with nine (9) fielders, six (6) infielders and three (3) outfielders. If short, a team can pick up from the division below them. A maximum of three (3) players may be picked up and those players must play in the outfield. Coaches will be required to substitute players every other inning.

**If an original team member arrives to the game late she will be allowed to enter the game as a substitute at the top of the next inning. The pick up player will remain on the line up for the duration of the game allowing her to bat.**

**PROTESTS:**

- **\$50 fee** (cash or check-payable to Denison Girls Softball Association) must be presented at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in favor of the protester, the \$50 fee will be returned. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed for protest.
- Rules for protest– pages 41-43



## **DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL BELLES DIVISION (ages 13-15)**

**Rules governing play can be found in the Dixie Official Rule Guide. These are options and/or exceptions to those rules. Any situation NOT covered in these league rules shall revert back to the Dixie Official Rule Guide. Belles will use a 12” softball.**

### **GAMES:**

Games shall be considered complete after 90 minutes of play or 7 innings whichever comes first. Play is stopped at expiration of time. No inning will start after time has expired, but an inning will be completed, if mathematically feasible. Tie game stands.

### **PARTICIPATION: See page 71, V– The Game, Offense**

**Offense:** The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster. Each team will retire with three (3) outs or seven (7) runs per inning. **NO FORFEITS OR AUTOMATIC OUTS**

**Defense:** Teams will play with nine (9) fielders, six (6) infielders and three (3) outfielders. Coaches will be required to substitute players in the top of the third (3rd) inning. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If short, a team can pick up from the division below them

### **PITCHING RULES: See p. 72 VIII**

#### **BELLES DIVISION WILL PITCH FROM 43 FEET!**

A pitcher shall not pitch more than ten (10) innings between Monday through the following Sunday night except that in a tie game at the end of seven (7) innings the starting pitcher may pitch the eighth (8th) inning. Under no condition shall a pitcher pitch in more than seven (7) innings in one (1) game except as noted above.

### **COACHES:**

The Belles shall be allowed three (3) coaches and all **MUST** be NYSCA certified. One female coach/team mom must stay in the dugout with the players at all times. Offensive coaches: two coaches shall be the 1st and 3rd base coaches respectively (inside the coach’s box). Defensive coaches: must remain in the dugout during play. Only one coach may be seated outside the dugout to give signals to players, but must be within reach of dugout opening. **ONLY CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD AND CAN ONLY WARM UP A PITCHER BEFORE A GAME OR DURING PRACTICE. CERTIFIED COACHES AND PLAYERS MUST WEAR A HELMET WITH A FACE MASK WHEN WARMING UP A PITCHER.**

Protocol for picking up players:

A team must field a minimum of six (6) players from that original team to compete in a game. Teams will play with nine (9) fielders, six (6) infielders and three (3) outfielders. If short, a team can pick up from the division below them. A maximum of three (3) players may be picked up and those players must play in the outfield. Coaches will be required to substitute players in the top of the third (3rd) inning. **NO Exceptions! If an original team member arrives to the game late she will be allowed to enter the game as a substitute at the top of the next inning. The pick up player will remain on the line up for the duration of the game allowing her to bat.**

Any player participating on the DISD JV and/or Varsity shall not practice or play any Dixie game until the school has concluded their softball season. However Dixie practices and games shall be played with no penalty for the DISD participants. Dixie Belles games shall not begin until Monday April 25, 2011.

**PROTESTS:**

- **\$50 fee** (cash or check-payable to Denison Girls Softball Association) must be presented at the time of the protest. If the protest is ruled in favor of the protester, the \$50 fee will be returned. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed for protest.
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# RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Players and all bench personnel will be subject to ejection from a ball game if they make derogatory remarks (such as screaming out any obscene or abusive language) directed toward any league official, umpire, coach or other player. A spirit of good SPORTSMANSHIP should prevail during and after the game. Any chatter must be directed to their own team. Questioning umpires decision on judgment calls (balls, strikes, etc.) is considered to be unsportsmanlike behavior and will not be tolerated.
2. Coaches and managers are subject to ejection same as above. Each coach must be in the prescribed area during the game. Ejection will be for the game being played and the next regular season game. Two ejections will warrant a hearing with the department and/or the Parks and Recreation Commission however DGS reserves the right to invoke stricter penalties to those actions if deemed appropriate.
3. If a fan, coach, or player uses obscene language, comes in physical contact, or directs derogatory remarks toward the umpires, league officials, coaches, players, parents or any personnel during or after a ball game, the fan/coach will be removed from the ballpark for that game and the next scheduled game. If a fan/coach/player is under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or engages in a fight at the ball park, then DGS Administrators will have the option on subsequent incidents to ban the fan from the ballpark for any portion or all of season.

**All violations of these rules will be reported to the DGS Administrators, and they will have the authority to make an immediate decision. It is the participating coach's responsibility to report conduct violations pertaining to the game in progress.**

## REPRIMANDS

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Action</u> <i>(not relevant with 1,2, &amp; 3 from above)</i>
First	Warning to and/or apology from coach
Second	Probation and/or a game suspension
Third	Multiple game suspension or season suspension and/or <u>Permanent Revocation of Certification</u>

The rules of conduct are adopted for the protection of the players participating in the Denison Girls Softball Program. The Denison Girls Softball Program request that inappropriate behavior from the players, fans, coaches, etc. be reported to DGS Administrators. There will be a zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct.

# UNIFORMS

Community Team Sponsors provide uniforms for the program.

1. T-Shirts
2. Visors

DGS provides local businesses the opportunities to support our program girls softball program in the form of advertisement for their business. Business have the opportunity to sponsor a girls softball team for a small fee of \$250. This sponsorship provides a uniform for each player and coach of that team.

The sponsor's name will be on all coaches and team member shirts. Any additional funds that are received in the name of Denison Girls Softball for any team must be deposited to the Denison Parks and Recreation office so that monies can be earmarked for use. Team shirts must have Arabic numbers on their uniforms, numbers must be at least 4" high. Team shirts, shorts, and visors must be purchased from the specified vendor determined by the low bidder on the uniforms. The Girls Softball League Officials are not responsible for any items purchased through other vendors.

It is up to the coach/coaches to locate their team sponsor, however, if one cannot be located, the Girls Softball League Officials will assist in locating one. The team may select their uniforms colors, but must adhere to guidelines and deadlines.

**Please submit in writing any problems you encounter with your uniform order. We must be aware of the facts surrounding the problem before the problem can be corrected.**

Uniform orders including team name and logo must be submitted to the vendor by March 1st. Uniforms will be distributed by Denison Parks and Recreation.

**The Denison Girls Softball Program is NOT responsible for parents shirts!!!!**



## Denison Girls Softball Uniform Order Form

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colors** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name	Number	Shirt Size
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Coaches	Shirt Size	Coaches	Shirt Size
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**Your signature verifies specific details as required by the Denison Parks and Recreation. Please sign and date.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Head Coaches Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## T-Shirt Example For Dixie Softball Teams

### FRONT OF SHIRT



Sponsor's NAME

Sponsor's LOGO

The front of the shirt may only have the Sponsor's NAME AND LOGO. The name and logo must contain the same colors but with no more than 3 colors combined. I.E.- If your team sponsor is USA and you color it RED, then your USA FLAG must be red but can be white and blue also.

### BACK OF SHIRT

TEAM NAME

ONE COLOR



Back of shirt must contain a one color print of person's LAST NAME or may contain TEAM NAME. It may not have both last name and team name. ALL OF THE TEAM MUST HAVE OR TEAM NAME !!! Number must be one color print as well.

## **AWARDS**

**League-**DGS and Dixie Softball are developmental programs. The goal is to provide a quality fast pitch softball program to as many girls within our boundaries. Therefore, we believe it is very important to provide every participant a trophy rather than recognizing only the top two (2) teams per division.

**T-Shirts-** A shirt will be given out each night for outstanding plays, sportsmanship, and good hits.

**Sportsmanship-**A team will receive a sportsmanship spirit award in each age division. Umpires and Coaches will vote after each game. Voting will be based on players, coaches, and fans.

Sportsmanship is playing hard to win, but realizing all cannot win the game. It is always being a gracious loser and an even more gracious winner. Good sportsmanship involves such matters as fair play and a generous attitude toward an opponent.

**Dixie District, State, and World Series-**Trophies will be given for 1st and 2nd place individuals as well as a sportsmanship award. This has been determined by Dixie Softball, Inc.

## **PICTURES**

Denison Girls Softball goes through a bid process for the contractual agreement of a local photographer to take team, individual, and action shot pictures for our league.

1. All pictures shall be taken at Culpepper Softball Park
2. Pictures may only be taken by the photographer designated by GSB.
3. The designated photographer shall be responsible for scheduling team and individual pictures, distribution and the collection of fees.
4. The photographer shall have a designated location to view pictures at Culpepper Softball Complex. Any other access must be arranged with the Photographer.
5. The photographer shall also take action shots of the players participating in the girls softball program.
6. The designated photographer is the only one that is allowed to take any kind of pictures within the confines of Culpepper Softball Complex. This same photographer shall take all tournament pictures with the exception of the World Series.
7. Please inquire prior to hiring a photographer to take pictures for out of town tournaments. The tournament host has the ability to provide its own Photographer for the tournament.

## PLAYER'S CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Player's Code of Ethics pledge:

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.

I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.

I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.

I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.

I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents and coaches if it stops being fun.

I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain their use at all youth sports events.

I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.

I will do my very best in school.

I will remember that sports is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT'S CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics Pledge:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for youth- -not for adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches Code of Ethics.

I will read the National Standards For Youth Sports and do what I can to help all youth sports organization implement and enforce them.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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DISCLOSURE & AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

As part of our hiring/volunteers background and investigation, we may obtain consumer reports to prepare an investigative consumer report. The investigative consumer report may consist of contacting all listed prior employers to verify your employment history. It may also include, but not be limited to, credit information reports, criminal history reports and driving history records. Under the provisions of the fair credit reporting act (15 USC at 1681-1681u) as amended, before we can seek such reports, we must have your written permission to obtain the information. You have the right, upon written request, to a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation, you are also entitles to a copy of your consumer rights us the fair credit reporting act.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION

Under the provisions of the fair credit reporting act, 15 USC, Section 1681 ET SEQ., the Americans with disabilities act and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, I hereby authorize and permit "The City of Denison" to obtain a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report which may include the following:

- My employment records;
- Records concerning any driving, criminal history, credit history, civil record, worker' compensation (post-offer only) and drug testing;
- (For truck drivers only) In accordance with the department of transportation motor carrier safety regulations, Section 382.413, information concerning alcohol and controlled substances for the past two years;
- Verification of my academic and/or professional credentials, and information and/or copies of documents from any military service records.

I understand that an "investigative consumer report" may include information as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living which may be obtained by interviews with individuals with whom I am acquainted or who may have knowledge concerning any such items of information.

I agree that a copy of this authorization has the same effect as an original.

I hereby release and hold harmless any person, firm, or entity that discloses matters in accordance with this authorization, as well as "The City of Denison" from liability that might otherwise result from the request for use of and/or disclosure of any or all of the foregoing information.

I understand and acknowledge that under provision of the fair credit reporting act may request a copy of any consumer report from the consumer reporting agency that compiled the report, after I have provided proper identification.

I hereby authorize "The City of Denison" to obtain and prepare an investigative consumer report as set forth above, as part of its investigation of my employment/volunteer application.

Full Name-- \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print / Signature / Date

# DENISON GIRLS SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

To be completed by all volunteers including coaches, managers, umpires, etc. of the sports organization who have regular access to or repeated contact with athletes.

**Denison Parks and Recreation Phone**  
903-463-5116  
**Fax Number**  
903-465-1676

**a valid driver's license must be submitted with your application.**

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## Personal Information

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Other Names (maiden, alias, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Valid Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

## Current Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_ apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Previous Addresses (list all of the past 5 years- Use another sheet if necessary)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ apt# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Present Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company Name of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe Position \_\_\_\_\_



**Qualifications**

What position are you applying for? **Circle one:**

Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Practice Helper, Dug Out Mom or Umpire

If coaching, what age group are you applying for? **Circle One:**

Lil' Rookies (3-4) Sweetees (5-6), Darlings (7-8), Angels (9-10), Ponytails (11-12), Belles (13-15), Debs (16-18)

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? (If yes, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth sports program? (If yes, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your reason for volunteering? What do you want to accomplish? \_\_\_\_\_

What attracted you to Denison Girls Softball? \_\_\_\_\_

What experience do you have working with children? \_\_\_\_\_

List the sports that you have coached/umpired? \_\_\_\_\_

List any formal training you have received in coaching/umpiring? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you qualified to coach? \_\_\_\_\_

What experience have you had working with adults and/or children in a volunteer or employment setting? What skills and qualifications do you have that will help you in this position? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how you would engage other volunteers during practices where you are responsible? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to attend orientation/training sessions to assist in your volunteer role? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe a time when you have been involved in a conflict with another individual or group. How did you handle the situation? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you handle an upset parent or volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of discipline techniques would you use with: disruptive children or child who deliberately defies your request for cooperation? \_\_\_\_\_



References (list 3 not related) *Please do not include Parks and Recreation employees*

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**Consent/Release**

I authorize and give consent for the Denison Girls Softball and the City of Denison to obtain my personal information.

This includes, but is not limited to employment records/employer's references; criminal background records/information; criminal background checks/fingerprints; driving record check, financial bankruptcy information, coaching experience, personal references, and addresses.

I authorize this information to be obtained either in writing, via internet, or via telephone in connection with my volunteer application.

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I agree to hold harmless and indemnify from liability the sports organization and its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from all liability arising out of the use of the information that is uncovered in the above referenced checks.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**

\_\_\_\_ Completed Volunteer Application

Coaching Status:

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Driver's License

\_\_\_\_ Qualified To Coach-Green

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Social Security Card

\_\_\_\_ Pending-Yellow

\_\_\_\_ References Checked

\_\_\_\_ Denied-Red

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Liability Insurance

# Practice Policy

Denison Girls Softball practices at Ray Park and other facilities. Culpepper Softball Complex, will be reserved for no more than two (2) practices a week one (1) week in advance.

\*One practice at Culpepper will be scheduled for every team up to Opening Day. Practice times will be set, and coaches will draw to select their times. Times for practice will be five thirty (5:30) to seven (7), seven (7) to eight thirty (8:30), and eight thirty (8:30) to ten (10). Sweetees will be drawing for the five thirty (5:30) to seven (7) time slots. All remaining time slots will be picked up by the older age divisions. The set practices at Culpepper will be for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday and Saturday will be left available for those teams who draw a practice day where DHS has a game scheduled. All other available times at Culpepper and other facilities will need to be scheduled thru Denison Parks and Recreation. This includes the batting cage, Ray Park, Jones Park, and T-Bar Fields.

- The batting cage is not included in the 1 ½ hour practices at Culpepper. The batting cage will be available for one (1) hour for teams that do not have a scheduled practice at Culpepper.
- Each team must have a minimum of two (2) practices per week.
- Practices must be scheduled one (1) week in advance. Practices can be scheduled by phone, 903-463-5116, or walk-in at the Denison Parks and Recreation Office 531 W. Chestnut.
- Any coach not utilizing a reserved field without calling to cancel the practice will lose practice privileges for the following week.

Please notify staff of any safety issues at practice facilities as soon as possible.

Culpepper Softball Fields are scheduled for GSB teams through the duration of the program. GSB teams are scheduled to practice at Ray Park during the softball season. Little League teams are scheduled to practice at Munson South during baseball season. Note: Woodard St. Park is no longer available.

Coaches MUST report all practices to the DGS Administrators @ 903-463-5116. A log will be kept in order to ensure that each team is practicing the required two (2) times per week. It is a DGS requirement that each coach will have his/her practice monitored. This monitoring will ensure that each coach is following proper guidelines for coaching/teaching the basic fundamentals. Basic drills and fundamentals will be devised by DGS and provided to coaches. If a coach doesn't adhere to the policies and procedures administered by the governing body then certain penalties may follow. The penalties for not following proper procedures and guidelines may include but may not be limited to:

## **REPRIMANDS**

*Action for those actions other than mentioned above*

First	Warning to and/or apology from coach
Second	Probation and/or a game suspension
Third	Multiple game suspension or season suspension and/or <u>Permanent Revocation of Certification</u>

The goal is to keep these girls actively participating in softball. It is your responsibility as a coach to notify the players and parents of practice times, game times, with some advanced notice so alternate plans may be made. If a coach feels that they need assistance in a management of a practice, staff and DGS Council are willing to assist if requested. It is also imperative that staff be notified of any players not participating/attending practices or games so that contact can be made to determine the situation. Families are extremely busy and must have time to work out details in order to get their daughters to practices and games.

If you have a scheduled practice and the facilities are locked, please notify one of the following:

Danna Quinlin 903-624-2744 (cell)  
Andrew Means 903-624-4145 (cell)  
Ben Reeves 580-920-9639 (cell)  
Culpepper Softball Fields: 1601 Loy Lake Road

**\*DO NOT CLIMB FENCES OR CUT LOCKS. CHARGES WILL BE FILED FOR CRIMINAL TRESPASSING WITH DENISON POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

### **All-Star Practice**

Parks and Recreation recommends teams participating in the District, State and World Series tournaments practice anywhere from two (2)-four (4) times a week. Parks and Recreation recommends practices ranging between one (1)-two (2) hours. Coaches should be sensitive to the age group and needs of each respective all-star team when scheduling practices. Coaches should also take into consideration the need for scrimmages and team building exercises.

We appreciate the valuable time that our volunteer coaches contribute to help make our girls softball program successful. We recognize the sacrifices made in order to teach and mold the players on your team. We are also aware of the difficulties, and additional time and effort that go into the preparation of our all star teams. Coaches, the dedication and volunteer hours contributed are priceless. In terms of providing "Lifetime memories for the players on your team".

All star coaches, we are asking for sensitivity and understanding of the families participating in our tournaments. Parents, we ask that you show appreciation for the time and dedication of your coaches and share the time constraints that your family is experiencing. Both coaches and parents need to work toward meeting in the middle.

## Minor Injury Plan

1. Stop Play
2. Evaluate Injury.
3. Administer basic first aid (if capable)
4. Remove athlete from practice or game if she is in pain or cannot walk, run, throw, or jump.
5. Contact the athlete's parents/guardian and DGS Administrators.
6. Discuss the injury with the athlete and the parents.
7. Encourage the athlete to see a physician.
8. Complete an injury/accident report form and provide a copy to DGS Administrators immediately.  
*\*Contact Danna Quinlin on all injuries for documentation and the safety of our participants.*
9. Call the child's parents/guardian to check on the athlete the evening of the injury or the following day and report to DGS Administrators.
10. Do not allow a player to return to the game if it jeopardizes her health. The player's health is more important than missing a practice or a game.

## **FIRST AID**

First Aid kits are available at Culpepper Park concession stand. First Aid kits shall be provided to each team at the coaches meeting. It's important for coaches not to panic if an injury should occur. Remember to administer only as much First Aid as you are trained to provide. NYSCA recommends these points if an accident occurs:

C – Is player CONSCIOUS?

O – Is sufficient OXYGEN available; are airways clear?

A – ASK player where it hurts.

C – CONTROL area in pain or injured.

H – HOSPITAL – Is it necessary to take player to hospital?

(Rather be safe than sorry.)

A secondary insurance policy will cover accidents that occur either during practices and games or travel to and from practices and games. Make your practices and facilities as safe as you can by always checking grounds for hazards. Please report hazards to DGS Administrators or contact if you have questions at 903-463-5116.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

\*Please contact DGS Administrators of any injury and provide the required documentation of the injury for the safety of our participants. Coach, this is your responsibility along with providing all of the details pertaining to the incident in a written report. The insurance company requires specific paper work detailing the incident. This paperwork can be obtained from DGS Administrators, All reports-documentation will be which will be submitted to the company in a timely manner. Please notify Sunny Mackey, Parks and Recreation Administration Secretary 903-463-5116, as quickly as possible. So the appropriate documentation can be forwarded to our insurance company in a timely manner.

**DGS Insert**

## **Game Scheduling**

When making the game schedule the only events/Holiday that Denison Girls Softball will be honoring are the following:

- TAKS Test
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Denison/Pottsboro High School Graduation

We are aware of the busy schedules that families are faced with today. It would be great to have the opportunity to devise a softball schedule that would allow no conflicts. However we all know that is not possible.

DGS must work within the boundaries of Dixie Softball. Therefore our league must be complete about mid June. We begin our league as early as our weather permits which is late March.

Therefore, we are scheduling around the listed events/holidays. Please review your schedule and notify your daughters coach so that arrangements can be made to cover that particular player. Our rules allow coaches to pick up players from the lower divisions to fill positions when players must miss a game.

DGS appreciates you understanding and support.



## **FIELD LOCATIONS**

**Culpepper Park**  
1601 Loy Lake Rd.  
Denison, Tx 75020  
903-463-6360

**Ray Park (gsb)**  
800 N. Ray Drive  
Denison, Tx 75020

**T-Bar Fields**  
Hwy 69 East  
Denison, Tx 75020  
903-463-6152

**Jones Park**  
100 Shepherd St.  
Denison, Tx 75020

**Forest Park**  
300 W. Crawford St.  
Denison, Tx 75020

# WEATHER PROCEDURES

## RAINOUTS

A decision on whether the fields are playable will be made at 3:00 p.m. on game day. After 3:00 p.m., the coach (or designated team representative), shall call the Denison Parks & Recreation's **GAME AND ACTIVITY HOTLINE 903-465-GAME** to find out the status of that night's games. The number of teams prohibits staff from contacting all players and coaches, therefore, it is each head coaches responsibility.

In threatening weather, the game status will be determined by the DGS Administrators at the fields. After 5:00 p.m., coaches can call the **GAME AND ACTIVITY HOTLINE** to find out if the games will continue that night. Again, it is up to the coach or team representative to contact the office during potential inclement weather.

Rainouts will be rescheduled as follows: rainouts on Mondays and Tuesdays will be rescheduled for the next available times on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Rainouts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be rescheduled for the next available time the following week. Rainouts may be scheduled on Saturdays. Coaches will be notified of the new schedules, and a copy will be posted at the concession stand at Culpepper Softball Park. If you have not been notified, please call!

During lightening or inclement weather the DGS Administrators will make the decision to cancel games due to dangerous weather. To help assist in determining dangerous weather the DGS Administrators utilizes a Sky Scan Lightening Detector, which can detect lightening from 40 miles away and an All-Hazards Emergency Alert Monitor. The Supervisor on duty also has contact with the local weather station as well as access to a television tuned in to the weather channel. We feel these precautions are necessary to make a more informed decision as to when games should be cancelled for the safety of players, coaches, and spectators.

Please assist staff in clearing the facility once the decision has been made to cancel the games. These decisions are made to protect our participants, coaches, and supporters. Once the game has been canceled, there is no time to argue—get your players and parents off of the field immediately.

# Lightning Safety

## Plan of Action

Updated 2006

1. **Detecting Lightning-** To help assist in determining dangerous weather the DGS Administrators utilize a Sky Scan Lightening Detector, which can detect lightning from 40 miles away. The Supervisor will also be in contact with the local weather station as well as have the television tuned in to the weather channel.
2. **Plan-** When you first see lightning or hear thunder you need to notify umpires and /or the DGS Supervisor. At this time Parents and Participants need to evacuate the field and dugouts, and proceed to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so we will not wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.
3. **When at practices or games** AVOID water, high grounds, metal objects, and high spaces. Participants and Parents need to evacuate dugouts, canopies, and soft top convertible vehicles. Participants and Parents need to go to their hard top vehicles and roll up the windows, or take shelter inside of bathrooms. If there is NO possible way for Participants and/or Parents to take shelter they need to crouch down with their feet together, and place their hands over their ears. They need to be at least fifteen (15) feet apart. *In case someone was to be struck by lightning this will keep the current from jumping.*
4. **Activities will be suspended** for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.
5. **Injured Persons** DO NOT carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Apply First Aid procedures to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Call 911 or send for help immediately.
6. **Emergency Numbers:** Emergency Medical Services: 911  
Texoma Medical Center: 903-416-4000  
Fire Department/EMT: 903-465-2720  
Police Department: 903-465-2422



**Denison Girls Softball**

531 W. Chestnut  
Denison, Texas 75020

Phone: (903)-463-5116  
Fax: (903)-465-1676

The 2011 Denison Girls Softball season is just around the corner! We had a very successful 2010 season. Denison Girls Softball participation has nearly doubled in the last five years. We offer a recreational program for girl's ages 3-18, and boys 3 & 4. After regular season play we offer an All-Star program where our participants continue to be successful. Our Ponytails division (11-12 yr olds) played late into the District Tournament, with our Angels (9-10 yr olds) and Belles (13-15 yr olds) divisions becoming District 5 Champions. Both divisions participated in Dixie State Tournaments. Finally our Darlings (7-8 yr olds) participated in the Dixie Darlings World Series that was held right here in Denison, TX.

The success of our program is largely due to businesses and organizations such as yours. We thank you for the support of our program over the past 20 years.

Businesses who so graciously support our program will receive several benefits: effective advertisement for a minimal cost, assist in providing a tool to develop character, responsibility, and citizenship in our community's leaders of tomorrow.

The donation made on behalf of your business will provide a team of 12-15 players with a shirt and visors; and 3-5 coaches with a coach's shirt. Your business will be the name of the sponsored team as well as displayed on the teams jersey.

On the behalf of Denison Girls Softball, may I encourage you to assist us in this very beneficial program for our youth and join in our success by becoming a team sponsor? If interested, please submit a \$250 check addressed DPARD along with your business name and or logo ONLY (with an approved logo that shall include a maximum of 3 colors) to Denison Girls Softball, 531 W Chestnut, Denison, Texas 75020.

Sincerely,

Danna Quinlin  
Youth Sports Administrator

Sharon Lafitte  
Parks and Recreation Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME (MANAGER/OWNER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
MANAGER/OWNER SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS

## **Clarification of proper attire for coaches**

Coaches must wear proper attire during all practices and games. When choosing attire, coaches should pick clothing that is suitable when dealing with children. T-shirts and shorts must be of appropriate length and of good taste. No clothes should be suggestive in nature. Coaches are role models and have great influence on the participants of our program. It is imperative that we dress appropriately.

Example of proper attire:

- T-Shirts
- Sweat Shirts
- $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeves
- Sleeveless Shirts
- Pants
- Shorts must be modest in length

Examples of improper attire:

- Muscle shirts
- Halter tops
- Swim suit tops
- Shorts that do not meet proper length

The coaches that are not dressed appropriately shall be removed until proper attire is obtained. We appreciate your cooperation in setting a good example for our participants.

## Parents Checklist in Sports

1. Maintain a “FUN is #1” attitude.



2. Treat others as you wish to be treated.



3. Praise athletes for just participating regardless of their athletic skills.

4. Look for positives in softball; avoid ridicule or sarcasm.

5. Remain calm when mistakes are made, and help athletes learn from mistakes



6. Help athletes from getting down on themselves when things don't go well.



7. Don't be obsessed with your involvement in softball. There is life after softball.

8. Maintain a sense of humor.

9. Emphasize teamwork in team sports; teach them to think “we” instead of



10. Lead by setting a good example in sportsmanship  
Winning without gloating and  
Losing without complaining.

## **All-Star Uniforms**

All-Star teams in each age division will be responsible for doing a fundraiser to raise money to pay for their All-Star uniforms. Each team will need to raise \$600 . It is up to each team how the money is raised. (ex. Car wash, bake sale, etc.) All monies are being raised in the name of Girls Softball so ALL monies must be turned into the Parks and Recreation offices at 531 W. Chestnut.

All-Star uniforms, (logos and colors) will be the same throughout all age divisions for all-star tournament play. Staff will bid out the all-star uniforms and will use school colors to promote school and community pride. DGS will also choose the design for uniforms as well as purchasing the all-star coaches with the same shirt for all divisions. DGS will design the uniform logo so that it can be used throughout post season play. This is to include the District, State, and World Series Tournaments.

## **All-Star Coaches**

Any Coach listed on a Season Team Roster may turn in a request to be considered for the Head All-Star Coach in their age division. Coaches will be selected after careful review. Coaches will be selected with the following considerations:

- Attitude
- Knowledge of the game
- Attendance of Regular Season Games
- Availability



## **All-Star Selection**

### **Player Selection**

#### **To be considered participants must:**

- Sign up for all-star selection
- Meet the game requirements set by Dixie Inc.
- Be available to participate all-star tournaments District through World Series

#### **Selection Process**

- There will be a try-out for those participants who have signed up to be considered for the team.
- All participants who sign up will be considered for the all-star team
- Coaches will vote for players listing them in order of priority. (first –last)
- The six (6) participants or any tie in the top six (6), with the most points from coaches will be selected to the team
- Coaches will NOT be allowed to vote for players on their team.
- Head Coach and assistants of the All-Star team will select the remaining six players.
- NO ALTERNATES

### **Coach Selection**

Head coaches will not be determined by winning the league as in years past. Applying head coaches will go through a nomination process where he/she will be selected by the following characteristics: personality, knowledge of the game, coaching ability, interaction with participants, following policies and procedures etc.

DGS feels that this new selection process will eliminate the win at all cost philosophy and will redirect coaches to focus on developing fundamentals

#### **To be considered coaches must:**

- Submit a letter stating they will be available for all tournament dates, and why they want to be the Head Coach
- Submitted letters are only for the Head Coach position
- You may only apply in your age division
- You must be listed on a season team roster

#### **Selection Process**

- DPARD commission will review submitted letters
- Interview coaches, if needed
- DPARD staff will give input on each applicant
- Commission will select the applicants who will be the best asset to the participants
- Head Coach will then be able to select their assistant coaches (they must be on a season team roster for that age division)

**COACH'S \* ALL-STAR\* NOMINATION LIST**

Coaches list players from you team that can meet the all-star requirements. This includes being able to make practices and ALL tournament dates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR TEAM NAME)

**Players who signed up:**

**POSITIONS PLAYED:**

- |          |       |
|----------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_  
(COACHES SIGNATURE)

\*\*\*\*\*  
Fill in top portion and return the entire sheet to the Parks & Recreation Department--The bottom section will later serve as the Official "All-Star" Ballot. Please do not detach.  
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**ALL STAR BALLOT**

**IMPORTANT: LIST PLAYERS IN ORDER OF RANKING 1st to 12th.**

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_  
(COACHES SIGNATURE)

## **All-Star Travel Policy**

- All-Star teams will travel to and from games as long as they are within Districts four (4), five (5), and six (6).
- Teams that travel will be provided one (1) meal during the duration of their tournament.  
(\$7 per meal per participant and coach)
- The coach will need to notify DPARD supervisor traveling to and from the Tournament when/where they want to eat.

## **All-Star Overnight Travel Policy**

- Teams that travel to tournaments within Districts one (1), two (2), and three (3) will be provided five (5) motel rooms.  
(1 room for coaches/4 rooms for players)
- Teams that stay overnight will be provided two (2) meals a day at seven dollars \$7 per meal per participant and coach.  
(continental breakfast will be provided at the hotel)
- In order for players/coaches meals to be paid for they must eat at a designated restaurant.

## UMPIRES

Every umpire in the Denison Girls Softball program is required to attend a training clinic and pass a Dixie certification test. These regulations are implemented to help insure that every umpire is knowledgeable of the rules and will apply those rules fairly and equally to all participants, teams, and coaches. All umpires must be a member of the Denison Umpire Association. A volunteer application must be completed as well passing a background check.

DGS umpires expectations include abiding by all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. DGS Umpires are required to remain at the fields for 15 minutes after their last game. This is in case a coach decides to protest a game. Coaches are allowed 15 minutes after a game is complete to protest a game. DGS reserves the right to remove an umpire that does not follow these procedures.

Umpires may apply at Denison Parks and Recreation Office, 531 W. Chestnut, Denison, Texas 75020. We encourage our umpires to remember that the Denison Girls Softball program is an opportunity for the kids to learn good sportsmanship and to enjoy the game of softball.

# UMPIRE APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First
Middle
Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Circle the highest grade you completed in school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Work History (Last 10 Years)

Company	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Why do you want to umpire Girls Fast pitch Softball? (Be specific)

4. Have you umpired/officiated before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. If yes,

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Age Level</u>	<u># of Years</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

6. Have you had formal training as an umpire? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe (For example: Courses, Clinics, Etc)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any medical conditions that might affect your ability to umpire?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Please rate your knowledge of the following topics with regard to this sport by Circling the appropriate number:

1 = You know very little about it

2 = You have reasonably good knowledge about it

3 = You know a great deal about it

1 2 3 Rules of the sport

1 2 3 Communication skills

1 2 3 Working with parents

9. Please list three (3) persons as a reference to your character.

Name

Address

Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to hold harmless and indemnify from liability the sports organization and its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from all liability arising out of the use of the information that is uncovered in the above referenced checks.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS**  
**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING**

I realize that softball is vigorous physical activity that involves certain inherent risks and regardless of the precautions taken by the City of Denison, Parks and Recreation Department, and the participants some injuries may occur.

In order to protect the safety of all participants we agree to present the playing field, equipment, and surroundings in a reasonably safe and acceptable condition. Further, in recognition of the importance of shared responsibility for safety, you agree to immediately report any noted deviations from the safety rules as well as any observed hazardous conditions or equipment to the Denison Parks and Recreation Department and/or the attending staff member.

I have carefully read the foregoing document. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered. I am confident that I fully know, understand, and appreciate the risks involved in active participant in softball.

Having been informed of the above program to provide games for girls, I, the parent/guardian of the named registrant, do hereby give my approval for her participation in the 2011 Denison Girls Softball program. I assume all the risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities, and I do further release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Denison, Parks and Recreation Department, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, volunteers, and officials, any or all of them. In case of injury to my daughter, I hereby waive all claims against the organizers, the sponsors, or any of the supervisors appointed by them. I am voluntarily requesting permission for my daughter to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Childs Name

**Permission for Photography/Video Taping**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, who participates in a Denison Parks and Recreation program, understand that from time to time the Department, or its agents, may photograph or videotape its athletic programs for promotional purposes and that I may be included randomly in such photographs or videotapes, I hereby grant permission to the CITY OF DENISON and DENISON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT to use such pictures or images of myself for promotional purposes only (non-commercial purposes) and do hereby waive any and all claims for compensation to myself for such photographs or videotapes. This grant and waiver shall be effective until withdrawn by me in writing and delivered to "DPARD"

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant or parent/guardian