



Adult Local League Rules

The City of Greenville Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to change and implement new rules at any time. We are committed to provide the best programs possible to ensure the best environment for the players, coaches and their respective families.

LOCAL PLAYING RULES

1. In case of inclement weather, it will be the manager's responsibility to contact the Recreation Department to verify game status. Decisions on game cancellations will be made after 3:00pm.
2. Scheduled game time is forfeit time. No exceptions!!!
3. All games will have a 50-minute time limit, or 7 innings. Game clock will begin immediately following the end of the manager's meeting.
4. Line up Cards must be turned in to the umpire - (FIRST NAMES, LAST NAMES, and NUMBERS).
5. Games are played with 10 players in the field. All leagues may start with 9 players. Teams that start with 9 players must take an out in the 10th batting position. Teams must enter the 10th player when he/she arrives in the 10th batting position. Mixed must have five (5) girls to begin the game.
6. All levels will be able to bat up to 12 batters. If mixed, batting order must alternate sexes.
7. On any walk to a male batter (intentional or not), he will be awarded first and second bases. The female batter behind him has the option of walking or hitting.
8. All teams must have shirts alike in color with legal numbers on the back. (Must be on the same end of the color wheel)
9. Each team must furnish their own USSSA approved game balls per game with the SportsPark stamp. SportsPark stamped softballs will be the only ones legal for play in our GSL slow pitch leagues. Mixed must have (1) 11" (classic W) and (1) 12" (classic M) game ball per game. Stamp must be visible. (Two balls will be provided to each Men's team as part of registration fee, one Men's and one Women's for each coed team. Additional balls will be for sale in the concession stand for \$6 per ball)
10. No Steel Cleats
11. The "Halo Rule" will be in effect for all divisions.
12. In the event, extra innings are needed, or time expires, the batters will begin with a 3-2 count. One pitch only (This rule will only be used at the beginning of the next full inning)
13. Each team will be entitled to one (1) courtesy runner per inning. The runner must be the last possible out. In coed, it must be the same sex as the courtesy runner.

All Leagues Run Rule	Home Run Limit
20 runs/ 3 innings - Flip flop after 2 innings	See new home run rule below
15 runs/ 4 innings - Flip flop after 3 innings	
10 runs/ 5 innings - Flip flop after 4 innings	

2018 RULE CHANGES

1. GSL will be using a one-for-one home run rule starting Fall 2018. Teams will each be allowed one (1) homerun to start the game and will not be allotted another home run until the opposing team has also hit a home run. Once both teams have hit their first home runs, they will be allowed to hit a second. This process continues for the entire game. If another home run is hit by a team before the opposing team has matched with a home run of their own, it will count as an automatic out.

ROSTER & WAIVERS

1. Any player added after your roster is turned in, must sign a waiver and roster before being able to be a legal player.
2. Rosters will remain open; however, you cannot pick up anyone that is currently already on a roster in our league. A team may not have more than 20 people on their roster at any time.

HALO RULE

1. The “halo” will be an area that will extend two feet on each side of the pitching plate and six feet behind the pitching plate, and ultimately will be the umpire’s judgement in which they feel will put the pitcher in danger. This area will be clearly marked at the time of play.
2. The “halo” rule implies that any ball that is hit in the air that doesn’t touch the ground prior to reaching the front edge of the pitching plate and travels through the six foot by six-foot area and is in the umpires opinion hit in a fashion that puts the pitcher in danger will result in a: “DEAD BALL” - AUTOMATIC OUT.
3. Any ball that is hit through the halo area and hits the pitcher, while they are occupying the halo area, will result in a: “DEAD BALL” - AUTOMATIC OUT- with an OFFENSIVE EJECTION
4. Any pitcher hit after there has already been a hit pitcher, will result in a FORFEIT for the offending team.
5. If there is an offensive ejection, the player will be eligible to play defense only and the offensive spot will be an out for the remainder of the game, no substitute will be eligible in that spot.
6. Any ball hit through this area will be an automatic “DEAD BALL” at the time it goes through the halo. No runners will be allowed to advance and will be made to return to the last base legally touched prior to the pitch.
7. In the event the Parks and Recreation Department office is made aware of threats of players intentionally hitting through the halo, those players are subject to be called in and questioned and possibly face suspension from all league play. If in the umpire’s judgment a player has retaliated or been talking about hitting through the halo the result will be an automatic ejection and possible, league suspension.

GREENVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION BAT POLICY

In the event the Greenville Parks & Recreation staff does a random bat check and finds a bat to show signs of alterations. The player/ person claiming the bat will have the following choices:

1. The owner/ or person claiming the bat will turn the bat over to The City of Greenville Parks & Recreation Staff to be destroyed or used as a training tool for our staff and umpires, and that player will be continued to allow to participate.
2. The owner/ person claiming the bat will have the option to have us send the bat in for testing, during which time the player will be suspended pending the test results which could take up to 6 months. At which time if it is found to be altered then you will be suspended for a time of two years from league play and all USSSA events.
3. The owner/ person claiming the bat that doesn’t want to turn the bat over, will then be suspended from league play and all USSSA events immediately for one calendar year from the date.

Here is the stamp that ALL BATS must have.

