

GRAPEVINE

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

GBS Softball Tournament Rules

Teams must have insurance and rosters on file through NCS software before play.

1. GBS will provide one new “game quality” ball for each game
 - 6U – 11” Incrediball
 - 8U & 10U – 11” Hard Yellow Ball
 - 12U – 15U – 12” Hard Yellow Ball
2. Maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs per half inning
3. Run rules: 12 after 3, 8 after 4, 6 after 5.
4. Maximum game time length:
 - 6U and 8U – 1 Hour
 - 10U and 12U – 1 Hour 15 Min
5. Games can start up to 15 minutes early if the field is clear and ready to play.
6. Entire line-up bats.
7. In Pool play, a coin flip will determine home team. In Bracket play, the highest seeded team is the home team.
8. Seeding for Bracket:
 - 1) Best Record (if 3 or more teams are tied – go to #3)
 - 2) Head to Head
 - 3) Runs Allowed
 - 4) Runs Scored
 - 5) Coin Flip
9. Pool games can end in a tie. The game will be split between the visiting and home teams with 1/2 point each (or .5)
10. No ties in elimination games. The modified California Tie-Breaker Rules applies if an elimination game ends with a score tied. The game shall continue using a modified California Tie-Breaker Rule until a winner is determined at the end of the next, fully completed inning.

Modified California Tie-Breaker Definition:

1. Each half inning will start with the bases loaded and one (1) out. Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning, with the three (3) previous batters occupying the bases, with the last batter occupying 1st base, the next batter occupying 2nd base and the 3rd batter occupying 3rd base. The game will continue until a winner is determined.

Example:

The game ends in a 3-3 tie. The visiting team determines the # batter is due up. The team will put the #3 batter on first, the #2 batter on second, and the #1 batter on 3rd. There will be one out assuming to start each half inning. Both teams will play like this until a winner is decided at the end of a full inning.

Game Reporting

1. GBS will provide a score cards to umpires for each game. Scores are reported by the umpires after the coaches have signed the completed score card.

Other Rules:

1. No artificial noise makers are allowed to be used. Examples include but are not necessarily limited to: air-horns, bells, shakers, rattles, drums, etc...
2. No infield practice for any teams. No infield warmups after the first inning.
3. Games can start up to 15 minutes early if running ahead of schedule, plan accordingly. No opening ceremony.
4. Closing ceremony shall include the award of trophies by the Tournament Director or a designated representative (board member or other appointed individual).
5. Follow VTD rules unless stated otherwise in age rules or noted above.
6. ALL AROUND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, that goes for the coaches, parents and of course players. Set an example to the players, treat others with respect. Coaches set the tone, be the example for the girls
7. NO SELECT PLAYERS, PERIOD! This includes players who have guest played on a select roster during the current season