

Penn Hills Girls Softball Association League Rules Revised: May 2010

I. Administrative

- A. Age Limits & Divisions: All ages are as of August 1st.
 - 1. Mighty-Mites 6 to 8 years
 - 2. Juniors 9 to 10 years
 - 3. Intermediate 11 to 14 years
 - 4. Senior 15 to 19 years (Cut-off for 19 only is January 1st.)
- B. Team rosters must be submitted to the respective league commissioner before the first regular season game. No team will be permitted to play until the roster is submitted. The team will FORFIET all scheduled games until the roster is submitted.
- C. All players must play in their respective age bracket. Due to special circumstances, the Board may permit a player to play at a lower age level. If a player plays at a lower age level, she will **not be eligible** to play tournament ball.
- D. Players uniforms will consist of an appropriate team specified uniform to include a numbered shirt for identification. The uniform must be worn at all times during the game.
- E. Teams are responsible for cleaning-up the bench area. Manager will be given one written warning. If another warning is needed the manager will be suspended for 1 game.
- F. The league commissioners will re-schedule rainouts as soon as possible. Make-up games must be played on the given date or forfeited.
- G. If a regular umpire does not show, then two volunteers may umpire the game with the consent of both managers.

II. Conduct

- A. There will be NO arguing with the umpire. If a manager or coach is ejected from the game for arguing with the umpire – their team will forfeit the game.
- B. Managers are responsible for their fans.
- C. Profanity, name-calling and trash talking are not permitted. A one game suspension maybe invoked by the Board if deemed necessary.
- D. Only managers, coaches, scorekeepers and team players are permitted on or near the bench area.

III. Game Rules

- A. The PHGSA will abide by all ASA rules unless superseded by the PHGSA.
- B. All players present at the game must play at least three defensive innings and cannot sit out more than two defensive innings. (The only exception is if the player is not allowed to play for disciplinary reasons.
- C. A team will forfeit the game if they cannot field a team with-in 15 minutes of their scheduled start time.
- D. A game may start or continue with only nine (9) players. If a tenth (10) player arrives she must be inserted in the last batting position.
- E. A manager may call-up players from the preceding league. The maximum number which may be called up is four (4) for any given game. If a team has less than six (6) players from their original roster they must forfeit the game.
- F. Call ups can be the catcher as well as playing in the outfield, they may not play in the infield, they must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
- G. A team may only use the same call-up player twice (2) during the entire season, however a team may call up a girl more than 2 times if every effort was made to call up another girl and they have all refused to come and play
- H. Pitching distances shall be as follows:

Intermediates 46' & 50'
Seniors 50'

From whatever distance the pitcher begins the game she must remain at that distance the entire game.

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- I. The distance between bases shall be as follows:
 - Intermediate 60'
 - Seniors 65'
- J. A continuous batting order will be used.
- K. If a player leaves a game for any reason and misses her turn at bat, it will not be an out. The player may not re-enter the game unless she left due to injury. The player may return but then only once (1).
- L. There is no courtesy runner permitted unless the player was injured running to the base. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last batted out. A courtesy runner can only be used once during the game.
- M. If the home team is winning by fifteen (15) runs after four and a half innings the game is over. If the home team is losing by fifteen (15) after five innings the game is over.
- N. No inning shall begin after 1 hour and 25 minutes of game time has elapsed. Once the inning is started, it must be completed. The game is complete regardless of the number of innings actually played. No game shall end in a tie.

IV. Equipment

- A. Batters and base runners must wear a helmet with a face mask and chin straps. The chin straps must be fastened under the chin and remain fastened until the player returns to the dugout area.
- B. Catchers must wear a chest protector and a batting helmet with a face mask or a catcher's helmet.
- C. No metal spikes.
- D. All bats must be ASA certified to 2000 or later. Bats with the 2000 stamp are allowed as long as they are not on the banned list.

V. Regular Season Tie Breaking Rules

- A. 1st - head to head play
- B. 2nd - least number of runs given up in all games played during the regular season.
- C. 3rd - least number of runs given up in the games played head to head.
- D. 4th - flip of a coin.

VI. Draft Rules

A. Intermediate and Senior Divisions

- 1. Draft Order will be based on the regular season records. Last place team shall have the first pick.
- 2. If there is a new team they will have the first pick. If more than one new team is being formed a coin flip will determine which team has the first pick.
- 3. This order will be followed for each age group.
- 4. Team quota is determined by taking the total number of players and dividing by the total number of teams. Each team must have at least the team quota number of players. If a team exceeds the quota by one their drafting is done.
- 5. Age bracket quota is determined by taking the total number of players in an age bracket and dividing by the total number of teams. A team may draft in an age bracket until they meet the age bracket quota or the team quota by 1 player whichever comes first.
- 6. Any player who does not participate in they tryouts will be put into a hat for the draft. Players in the hat will be drafted by age bracket. A manager may pull from the hat in place of any pick during the draft for each age bracket.
- 7. The draft will begin with the youngest age bracket. The entire age bracket must be picked before the next age bracket is begun. Once the age bracket quota is satisfied the drafting is done in reverse order for those teams which are still eligible to pick.
- 8. No manager can obtain a coach unless the coach's daughter is drafted on to his/her team