

## 2019 Gilman Middle League Softball Rules

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- Eligible players must have completed grades 5-8 in the 2018-2019 school year
- 8 Runs per inning maximum
- Games are 50 minutes long. No grace period. Be on time.
- If you are 5 minutes away from the 50 minutes, DO NOT START ANOTHER INNING. Please be considerate of all times.
- First team listed on the schedule is the home team
- Boys will use a 12" mens league ball
- Girls will use a 11" women league ball
- Every player on the roster present at the game MUST be in the batting order and play at least 2 innings in the field with in the first 5 innings. 3 innings of a 7 inning game.
- Each team will have at least 3 girls in the field. If playing with less than 3 girls, the spot in the batting order will be an out. Spot 5 or 6. Needs to be decided with the coaches prior to the game starting.
- Teams can start with 8 players with at least 2 girls. Wherever the girls fall in the batting order, it will be an out.
- If only 2 girls, only 9 players can be on the field.
- 2 girls must play in the infield other than catcher. 3 total on the field minimum.
- All teams are expected to keep scorebooks accurately. If there is a question, the umpire will go off of the home team book regardless.
- No steel spikes
- No infield fly rule
- 3-2 count with 1 courtesy foul
- Catchers helmet must be worn
- Arc Limit: batters height to 10 feet. (Umpires will call flat or illegal and it will count as a ball) Umpires to control the speed of the pitch.
- Pitchers will pitch from 40 feet. Pitching rubber will be placed, Umpires will enforce the rule.
- Rainouts will be made up the following Sunday. Mondays will be the second back up night. \*\*If a team chooses not to make up the game, it will be a forfeit for that team. The opposing team will be awarded the win.
- Rainout decision will be made at 5PM of game day.

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- Rosters must be signed and turned in by the beginning of the second week. Adding additional players after that will need to be approved by Park and Rec
- Each player must play in half or more of the games to be eligible to play in playoffs.
- Batting order will alternate boy/girl till you're out of either gender
- Swearing from the team/benches/parents/coaching staff will be an automatic out for the first offense, second offense will be an automatic forfeit.
  
- Players only on the bench
- Must use bats provided by Park and Rec
- Base coaches must not be any one who is playing in the little/middle league
- Head coach (Or acting head coach) is the ONLY one who may dispute a call or present an issue with the ump. IF anyone else involves themselves, it is an automatic out.
- Playoffs only-No run limit per inning. 7 inning game. 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5 applies
- A coin flip for play offs, No matter the team placing
- NO batting in the open grass area on game nights
- No parents are allowed on the field during the game.
- A player who demonstrates disrespectful behavior or any form of taunting/ bullying to teammates, coaches or ump's will be sat for the remainder of the game and the following game that they are in attendance to. This will be decided at the discretion of the ump, coach or a Gilman Park and Rec member
- During a game, any arguing, yelling or inappropriate behavior from a coach, parent(s) or team that does not stop when asked by ump, opposing coach, or Gilman Park and Rec member, the game will be stopped and the team will be asked leave the park for the remainder of the evening for a cooling off period.

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The teams who play the last game on the field for the evening are responsible for cleaning up the fields. We ask that each coach puts all the bats, balls and other equipment away in the white shed in its accurate place. There are labels with the amount of each time to make sure all items are returned so they are available for the season.

All coaches and parents will email [gilmanparkandrec@gmail.com](mailto:gilmanparkandrec@gmail.com) for any issues. The constant phone calls and texts to one board member is deemed inappropriate, unnecessary and disrespectful. We are all volunteers and have our daily jobs and do not always allow us to respond immediately.