# West Bend Little League

# GFP Softball League – Senior League

# 2017 Summer By-Laws

# March, 2017

# (In Accordance with Little League Operating Manual)

# Section 1 – GFP Softball League Outline

1. The GFP Softball – Senior League teams will consist of 13 through 16 year old players. Exceptions can

be approved by the GFP League co-directors and/or the Board of Directors for girls wanting to play up as based on availability of league players and skill (Maximum Player age is 16 as of 1/1/17).

# Section 2 – GFP Softball – Senior League Playing Rules

1. The manager of each GFP Softball – Senior League team agrees that a minimum of two to a maximum

of three practices a week will be scheduled and carried out during the preseason. Preseason begins in May and once team rosters are handed out. A minimum of one practice a week will continue throughout the regular season.

2. The manager of each GFP Softball – Senior League team agrees to use “roster batting.” All players

eligible and present will be placed in the batting lineup as the manager sees fit. As such the traditional

nine player batting order is replaced by a multiple player batting order. If a player arrives after the start of

the game, that player is inserted at the end of the batting order.

3. Each player has to fulfill a minimum of 6 defensive outs in a regulation 7 inning game. Do not need to

be consecutive.

4. No new inning can be started after 1 hour and 45 minutes. Tie games: If the game is tied at the end of 7 innings and the time regulation time limit (1 hour 45 minutes) is not over, the game will continue by use of a “California” tie breaker system. Each team will begin their inning with 1 out and a runner on 2nd base (whoever made the last out). Play will continue through 3 outs for each team until a winner is determined. If a game is scheduled after your game, the tie game should be either (1) moved to an open diamond provided umpires are available or (2) suspended and rescheduled to finish later. If game is still a tie at end of time limit, game will end as a tie and be marked as such. Tie games are considered a half win and a half loss for each team.

5. Before the start of each game a manager from each team will meet with the umpires to go

over ground rules, starting time, and ending time of the game.

6. There is no maximum runs per half inning. The run rule of having a lead of 10 runs or greater after completion of 5th inning will be applied.

7. In the event of a rainout, managers must notify a GFP League Co-Director within 24 hours to reschedule a game, or the GFP League Co-Directors will reschedule the game on the next open date. Rainouts will be attempted to be rescheduled. All reschedules besides rainouts will be at the GFP League Co-Directors’ discretion only.

8. Pitching rules will follow the Official Little League playing rules:

a. Senior League will follow the Seniors - Softball pitching rules (p. 39 – 40, 2016 Rulebook)

b. Rest requirements:

i. Seven innings or less: (0) calendar days rest

ii. More than seven innings: requires (1) calendar day rest

c. Maximum number of innings by any pitcher is 4 innings in a game but only 3 may be

consecutive. One pitch in an inning is a full inning. Maximum number of innings by any pitcher is

8 innings per week. In the case of California tie-breaker rule, a pitcher will be allowed to reenter

after the maximum pitched innings up to 2 additional innings to complete a total of 6 innings per

game.

d. NOTE: The goal is to expose players under the age of 15 to pitching to gain valuable

experience without sacrificing integrity of a game.

9. The infield fly rule will be in effect (fewer than two outs with runners at first and second base or when

the bases are loaded – if signaled by the umpire, the batter is out regardless if the fielder catches the ball.

Runners are not required to tag-up and may advance at their own risk).

10. Drop 3rd strike WILL be in effect.

a. When the catcher fails to catch the third strike before the ball touches the ground and there are

fewer than two outs and first base is not occupied at the time of the pitch or any time there are

two outs. If the batter does run, the catcher must throw her out at first or tag batter to complete

the out.

b. If a runner is on first, and the batting team has no outs, or only one out, a dropped third strike is

automatically an out.

c. With two outs, the batter can run to first on a dropped third strike even if a teammate is already

on first base. The dropped ball is considered live, and the defensive team can try to force an out

at any base.

10. A game may begin with 8 players.

11. No interdivision substitutions will be allowed.

# Section 3 – GFP Softball – Summer League team “Draft” By Laws

Unless stated below in the West Bend GFP Softball – Senior League team Bylaws, the rules for the draft

will be stated in the Little League Operating Manual.

1. All players, returning or new, are required to try-out.

2. Players will be evaluated at tryouts by members of the community and members of the

West Bend Little League Board of Directors. Evaluators should NOT have a child playing at the particular level being evaluated and at a minimum should not evaluate their own child.

3. Players ranking will be a composite score of all judges.

4. Players will be placed on teams by ranking with attention paid to balancing ages, pitchers and

catchers.

5. Coaching preferences will be given to an individual who has a player in the GFP league. A maximum of 2 assistants and 1 scorekeeper in the dug-out will be allowed per team. Only the Head Coach may approach the umpire during the game on play calls.

# Section 4 – GFP Softball – Senior League Championship Game Rules

All league play rules will apply with the exception of the following:

1. Section 2 – 8c. There are no inning restrictions for the pitcher.

2. Championship game will NOT have a time limit and will consist of 7 full innings played. California rule will still be in effect.

# Section 5 – GFP Softball – Senior League Umpire

All individuals interested in umpiring for current season will be REQUIRED to attend the sanctioned Little

League Umpire Clinic at set date organized by the WBLL Chief Umpire.

1. Any new umpire to the league must maintain a minimum of 6 games as field umpire before being

allowed to umpire behind home plate.