



2024 COACHES MEETING

APRIL 21ST, 2024

U11 CATEGORY



INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA



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OBJECTIVES OF THE U11 PROGRAM

- Creating a fun environment for youth to learn softball
- Developing sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of fair play
- Increasing skill and understanding of the game of softball
- To Focus on the core skill Development and fundamentals of Softball



WHO ARE U11

- DEVELOPMENTAL/RECREATIONAL
 - Player/Coach Pitch until Victoria Day
- ADVANCED/COMPETEITIVE
 - Player Pitch



COACHES – DO'S

- READ THE HAND BOOK
 - ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO READ THE HANDBOOK
- PLAYER ENCOURAGEMENT AND FAIR PLAY
- MAINTAIN CONTROL
 - Emotions
 - Fans/Spectators
 - Parents



COACHES – DON'T

- MISTREAT UMPIRES
- RAISE VOICE IN ANGER
- FORGET THAT POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND FAIR TEAM PLAY MAKES IT FUN FOR ALL PLAYERS



RESPECT IN SPORT

PLEASE REMEMBER

THIS IS A **GAME**
COACHES ARE **VOLUNTEERS**
UMPIRES ARE **HUMAN**

EVERYONE DESERVES
RESPECT!



- Coaches are required by GEMSA and Softball Alberta to have the Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders



THE BASICS – PART 1

- GAME NIGHTS
 - Tuesday - Thursday
 - 2 games 1 practice rotation
 - Game Start time 6:30 PM
- TEAM SIZE
 - Minimum of 8 to start
 - All Players are to bat in order
- GAME PLAY
 - Maximum 7 innings
 - 5 Runs per inning



THE BASICS – PART 2

- DIAMOND
 - Bases – 45'
 - Pitching – 35'
 - Game Start time 6:30 PM
- BALL – 11"
- EQUIPMENT
 - Caged Helmet
 - Infielders Mask
 - NO Metal Cleats



WHAT TO EXPECT ON GAME DAY

- First Team to arrive has choice of dugout
- Check the field – Safety First
- Home team is responsible for diamond set up
 - Home team will be identified on the schedule.
- Line-up cards must be completed



DEVELOPMENTAL- PITCHING

- Pitching will be a, 'no walk' format of play until Victoria day
- The batter receives 4 balls, based on the batters pitch count, the Batters Coach then pitches,
 - No strikes, coach gets up to 3 pitches
 - 1 strike, coach gets up to 2 pitches
 - 2 strikes, the coach will pitch 1 Pitch
- The batter must swing on the pitches the coach throws
 - The Player doesn't hit and the coach is out of pitches, they have struck out.



RULES – HIGHLIGHTS

- RULES NOT IN EFFECT
 - Third Strike Rule
 - Infield Fly Rule
- PITCHERS
 - MAXimum 3 innings per game
- STEALING HOME on a Wild Pitch
 - FOR U11 Advanced/Competitive ONLY



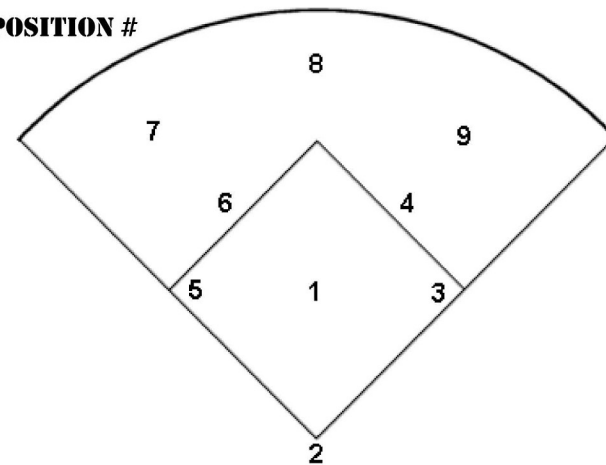
SCORE SHEET CHEAT SHEET

SCOREKEEPING CHEAT SHEET



LIST OF POSITIONS AND POSITION

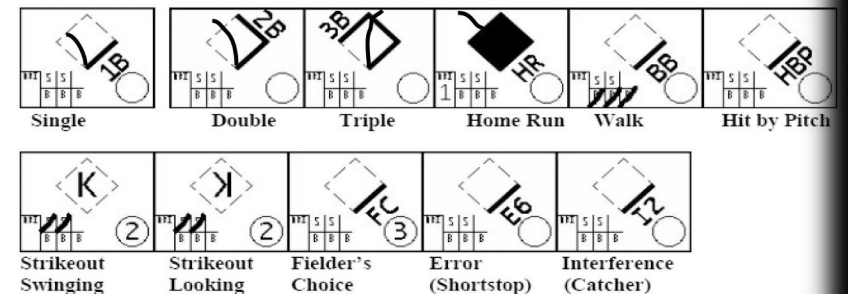
1	Pitcher (P)
2	Catcher (C)
3	First base (1B)
4	Second Base (2B)
5	Third Base (3B)
6	ShortStop (SS)
7	Left Field (LF)
8	Center Field (CF)
9	Right Field (RF)



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9	Smith, J.	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
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29	Lawson, A.	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
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17	Henry, D.	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sub	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Jones, T.	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sub	<input type="checkbox"/>

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1B Single | B Balk |
| 2B Double | PB Passed Ball |
| 3B Triple | WP Wild Pitch |
| HR Home Run | GRD Ground Rule Double |
| K Strikeout Swinging | DP Double Play |
| X Strikeout Looking | FC Fielder's Choice |
| BB Base on Balls | IFR Infield Fly Rule |
| IBB Intentional Walk | I Interference |
| HBP Hit By Pitch | DI Defensive Indifference |
| SB Stolen Base | ! Great Play |
| CS Caught Stealing | E Error |

The Basic plays that occur in Softball are scored as follows;



Often, on a base hit, a scorekeeper will also draw a line to show where the ball was hit

UMPIRES

WILL Be respected at all times

- Umpire present – NO Pay at Plate
- No Umpire present...
 - Expectations
- Teams will provide a parent umpire –
 - Home teams to Provide plate umpire/Away team Base umpire
 - IF Switching each half inning (Home team umpire when their team is in the field/Visiting team while at bat)



YELLOW CARD

- **Yellow Card**

- **Why a yellow card program**

- **As we have an issue with recruiting and retaining officials, it is important to protect, encourage and respect them.**
 - **These officials in most cases are young officials and are still learning the game, no different then your players. We need to be able to give these officials a mechanism that they can use with confidence and be respected.**



YELLOW CARD

- **What Happens if a Yellow Card is Presented.**
- **Please give the umpire some space and respect to gather their thoughts and composure. Don't keep on approaching them. If your fans are being unruly, yellow card can be presented**



ARE WE PLAYING?

- Diamonds
 - Games are on, unless diamonds are closed by city/county.
 - Check rainout websites
- Air Quality – Rain outs – too cold – too hot
 - Games are on, unless you have received a notification from GEMSA thru RAMP
- ANY information we have will be sent to coaches thru RAMP



RESCHEDULING

- Diamonds
 - Book your own
- Umpire
 - contact GEMSA (min 48 hr notice)
- Games cancelled due to Weather/Air quality if not made up will be considered a tie
- Games cancelled for any other reason will be considered a forfeit



WHAT ARE OUR STANDINGS?

- Scores are to be entered in RAMP
- League Standings will then calculate



2024 FINALS

- Location – Leduc, Alberta
- Diamonds –
 - LEDE 1-7, ELKS 1-2, AILEEN FALHER 1-2,
 - We are working on additional diamonds
- Playoffs MAY start on Thursday June 20th, 2024.



WHO DO I CONTACT?

- Book Umpires
 - treasurer@gemsa.ca & scheduler@gemsa.ca
- Umpire Concern
 - commissioner@gemsa.ca & admin@gemsa.ca
- Game Concern
 - commissioner@gemsa.ca & admin@gemsa.ca
- General questions
 - admin@gemsa.ca
- I can't Make the Finals
 - registrar@gemsa.ca & admin@gemsa.ca



OTHER INFO

- Schedules
 - Will be posted on- line - Coaches will receive an email Notification
 - Ensure you are notified by updating your contact information in RAMP
- RAMP
 - UPDATE Coach/Contact Information



Questions?

