



2024 COACHES MEETING

APRIL 21ST, 2024

U13 – U19 COMPETITIVE

CATEGORY



INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA



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OBJECTIVES OF GEMSA LEAGUE PLAY

- Creating a fun and safe 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



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
 - U13 - Monday – Wednesday – 7 PM
 - 2 games – 1 practice night format
 - U15 - Tuesday – Thursday – 7:00 PM
 - Until Victoria Day – Then Tuesday Double Headers
 - 6 – 9 PM
 - U17 & U 19 - Tuesday or Wednesday
 - 7 PM
- GAME PLAY
 - 2 hours
 - 5 Runs per inning U13 & U 15
 - 7 Runs per inning U17 & U19



THE BASICS – PART 2

- DIAMOND
 - Bases –
 - U13 – 55”
 - U15 – U19 – 60”
 - Pitching –
 - U13 – 38”
 - U15 – 40”
 - U17 & U19 – 43”



THE BASICS – PART 3

- BALL –
 - U13 - 11”
 - U15 – U19 – 12”
- EQUIPMENT
 - Caged Helmet
 - Infielders Mask
 - NO Metal Cleats U13 – U15
 - Metal Cleats allowed U17 – U19



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



RULES – HIGHLIGHTS

- RULES IN EFFECT – U15 & Up Only
 - Third Strike Rule
 - Infield Fly Rule
- PITCHERS
 - MAXimum 4 innings per game for U13 – U15
 - U17 – U19 unlimited



LITTLE LEAGUE

- Regular Season will run from May through June and will be scheduled GEMSA
- Teams registered with GEMSA will be automatically registered with CRL.
- For the purpose of Tournament Play eligibility, all GEMSA games played are Little League regular season games.



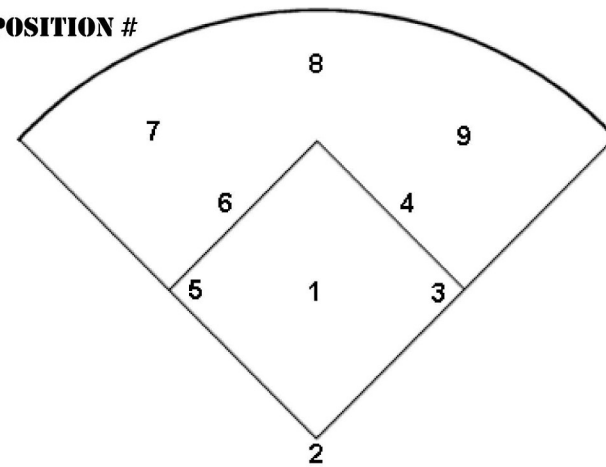
SCORE SHEET CHEAT SHEET

SCOREKEEPING CHEAT SHEET



LIST OF POSITIONS AND POSITION

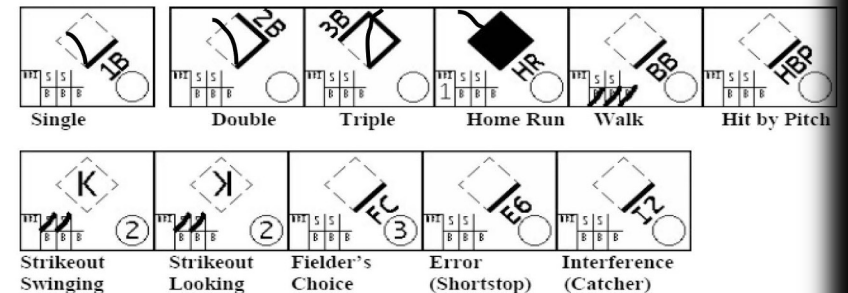
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| 1 | Pitcher (P) |
| 2 | Catcher (C) |
| 3 | First base (1B) |
| 4 | Second Base (2B) |
| 5 | Third Base (3B) |
| 6 | ShortStop (SS) |
| 7 | Left Field (LF) |
| 8 | Center Field (CF) |
| 9 | Right Field (RF) |



| # | Player | Pos | 1 |
|----|------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 9 | Smith, J. | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 29 | Lawson, A. | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Sub | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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



TIERING TOURNAMENT

- Tiering tournament will occur May 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- Each team will play 5 games.

Tiering Tournament Special Rules:

- Games for the Tiering Tournament Only will have a time limit of
- **No new innings after 1 hour and 45mins**
- **Drop Dead time limit of 2 hours**
- Mercy Rule:
 - 15 runs or more after 4 completed innings.
 - 10 runs or more after 5 completed Innings



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?

