



GRIMSBY AMATEUR BALL BANTAM SOFTBALL RULES

Regular baseball rules will be applied with the following exceptions.

- Games are to begin promptly at 6:30pm and 8:30pm. A game is forfeited by a team when it cannot field 8 players within 15 minutes after the starting time. The game will be rescheduled by the convenor when both teams cannot field 8 players within 15 minutes of the starting time.
 - No new innings are to begin after 8:10pm and 10:10pm.
 - Minimum innings are 5, maximum innings are 7.
 - All teams to play complete innings.
- A pitcher will be removed from pitching for the remainder of the game after hitting 3 batters with a pitched ball at any time during the game.
- The bantam diamond will consist of the following dimensions:
 - 60' baselines (from back of home plate).
 - A mark on 1st and 3rd baselines, 4' short of the base. Defensive players to remain behind the line until the ball is hit.
 - Pitching rubber is 40' from the back of home plate.
 - 8' pitching circle – 4' radius from center of pitching rubber.
 - On deck circle behind backstop.
 - Coaches from both teams will share in the lining of the diamond.
 - Home team occupies the third base bench.
- The fielding team will consist of 10 players, the 9 regular positions plus an extra outfielder.
- An inning shall consist of 3 batters out (or when the 6th run crosses the plate).
- Pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings with 2 mound appearances. (one pitch will constitute an inning). There is no restriction on speed of a pitched ball to either sex.
- Stealing is allowed at all bases after the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand. The third strike rule will be in effect, which is; when the catcher fails to catch the third strike before the ball touches the ground when there are less than two outs and first base is unoccupied or anytime there are two outs. **Absolutely no leadoffs.**
- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- Bunting is allowed.
- If a defensive player is injured from a batted ball, play will be called dead and runners will be placed by the umpire. (See common rules.) No substitutions of players during an inning except if injured or bathroom break.
- All base runners will abide by the 8' pitching circle which is; when the pitcher has the ball in their possession within the 8' circle, the runners will immediately return to the base or advance at their own risk.
- A player may not participate in any game without a full uniform with their current team name, once the uniforms are distributed. Exceptions can be made by coaches.

13. Running shoes and rubber cleats only.
14. Players are not allowed to wear short pants during the games or practices.
15. Helmets are to be worn when a player is at bat, on deck or by all base runners. If a player is coaching on the field they must wear a helmet.
16. (a) No player shall sit out twice until all players have sat out once, twice and so on. There are no exceptions.
(b) Each player must play an infield/outfield position within the first 3 innings
17. There will be no smoking on the playing field or in the bench area by the coaches, players or score keepers.
18. There is no trading of players between coaches.
19. Coaches, players and spectators are not to be seated or standing behind the backstop area at any time during the game. The umpire with both coaches will clear this area and the game shall not continue until the area is cleared.
20. At the end of the game, both teams are to shake hands in a sportsman like manner (no slapping, spitting etc.)
21. Plate and base umpire will be provided by GABA.
22. Absolutely no protests of games or umpire calls shall be allowed.