

Senior League -DeKalb Girls Fastpitch Softball League Rules

- 1) Girls may not be 19 years old before August 1st of the current season.
- 2) Birth certificates must be in the coach's presence at all games. A valid Driver's License is also acceptable. If an opposing coach questions a player's age and the player's Birth certificate/ Driver's License cannot be produced, the player in question is ejected from the game and no other penalty is assessed.
- 3) Diamond availability must be given to the league president at the initial meeting.
 - a. Final rosters must be turned in at the mid-season meeting.
 - b. Must bring your score book to the mid-season meeting.
 - c. There is no limit on the number of players on a team.
 - d. Trophies will be awarded as follows: 20 per team for League Champions and 2nd place, with 20 medallions for the 3rd place. 20 trophies per team for Tournament Champions and 2nd place; 20 Medallions for 3rd place.
- 4) Make-up Games:
 - a. First half of season games must be made up by the mid-season meeting. The season starts on June 9, 2014. Mid-season meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Auburn – Rieke Park.
 - b. Second Half of season games must be made up by the start of the tournament.....tentative date July 17, 2014.
 - c. The board (coaches) will decide the fate of any games not made up by mid-season or tournament time.
- 5) League and tournament games will be played according to the N.F.H.S. rule book with the following exceptions:
 - a. Dress code not used. Although numbers are required on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times, and no jewelry is allowed (if unable to remove earrings-must secure with tape/bandaids). No cut shirts/altered uniforms allowed (sports bras are not to be seen). No uniform items are allowed to be the same colors as the ball. A 5 min time adjustment will be given to allow change if needed.
 - b. League and tournament entry fee (\$200.00) is to be paid to the league president by 06/29/14.
 - c. The base runner may not leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
 - d. The positions of the players shall be: pitcher, catcher, 1st baseman, 2nd baseman, 3rd baseman, shortstop, left fielder, right fielder, center fielder and rover (must play deeper than the infielders and at least 15 feet from 2nd base until the ball is released).
 - e. Catcher must be in full equipment: Mask with throat protector (Hockey style), body protector, and shin guards; skull helmets are permitted.

- f. The Olympic Mercy rule applies – games will be called at the end of the:
 - 3rd inning if winning team is ahead by 20 runs.
 - 4th inning if winning team is ahead by 15 runs.
 - 5th inning if winning team is ahead by 10 runs.
- g. A pitcher can only pitch a maximum of 12 outs per game. *If a pitcher exceeds her 12 outs (without extra innings being involved) the game is a forfeit (throwing a called pitch after the 12th out constitutes the violation). –Once you are in extra innings each pitcher gets and additional 3 outs per every 2 extra innings. No pitcher can enter an inning more than twice.
- h. In the event of a protest, a \$25.00 fee is to be paid to the league. The Board will meet; coaches involved will give pro and con arguments; and the Board will vote. If you win the protest, the fee will be returned to you.
- i. There will be a 2-hour time limit on games. No inning can start after the time limit. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, and the field is available, you should complete the game. If the field is not available the game must be completed before the starting date of the tourney.
- j. No cancellation of games unless due to rainout. Other than rainouts, whomever calls for a re-schedule will be charged with the forfeit until the game is made up.
- k. Games may be started with a minimum of 9 players; and can finish with any amount of players due to injury, with no penalty.
- l. After a first time player has been placed on or chosen the team they want to play for, they will be allowed a one-time move provided it is done within a one year period and only with the approval of the Board (coaches).
- m. Proper delivery of pitches should be in accordance with the N.F.H.S. rulebook, with leniency to be allowed by the umpire. Distance is to be 43 feet.
- n. Home teams will furnish 1 new ball and 1 used ball per game; green/optic yellow, stitched, leather, 12 inch ball.
- o. To be eligible for tournament play a player must be: - on the roster turned in at the mid-season meeting. – must have played in a minimum of 4 regular season games. – unless they are 14 or under and have played in your own league during the 2013 season, and no rostered player is sitting on the bench.
- p. A team may bring up players from their own major league teams to make a complete team, but may not sit a regular Senior Girl roster player to allow a younger player play time. (Does not commit that player to play for that team for the following year).
- q. Each team will supply 1 new ball for each tournament game.
- r. All games will start on time if both teams have 9 players present....If not, the game will be delayed up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes the team without 9 players forfeits. A team that forfeits without a 24-hour notice must pay the umpire fee.
- s. Umpires: Two competent umpires are to be provided by the home team; for each regular season game with the appropriate attire. **The home plate and field umpire must be 18 or older.** It is the responsibility of the home team to make sure the umpires are familiar with rules specific to the DeKalb Girls Fastpitch Softball League.

- t. Each association can re-draft once every 4 years to keep parity on each team with board approval only.
- u. DP/Flex can be used. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. Neither the pitcher nor catcher will be required to leave the game under these circumstances. The same courtesy runner may not run for both at any time during the game. Players who are currently in the game or have participated in the game in any other playing capacity are ineligible to serve as a courtesy runner.
**If there is an injured base runner – the player who made the last out will take her place.
- v. Missed bases are appeal plays.
- w. Face masks for batters helmets are mandatory.
- x. Tournament draw will be done at the mid-season meeting. Games will have a 2 hour time limit.
- y. All bats must be A.S.A. approved. 2000, 2004-2013
- z. Metal cleats may be worn.
- aa. If desired you may use a continuous batting order and free substitution (but not required) – you **must** notify opposing coach and umpires prior to start of game. In this situation, you may NOT use a courtesy runner.