



***Cypress Girls Softball***  
***Blue Book***  
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## Revision History

**Below summarizes the revision history of the 2024 CGSL Blue Book.**

01/5 Updated Table of Content pg. 2

01/5 Updated the Calendar year date to 2024

01/5 Updated the Player Agent in Board

Members pg. 3

01/5 Updated DND requirements in Drafting Rules pg. 21

01/5 Added player requests in Drafting Rules pg. 21

01/19 Updated DND requirements in Drafting Rules pg 21

01/19 Updated Time limit, The Game #2,  
page 20.

01/19 Updated Select player eligibility in B Recreation Eligibility, #7 Select Team Eligibility (k) page 28.  
Also in Select Team Formation, #10, page 42.

02/18 Updated Calendar added LBSU game

02/18 Updated Manager & Coaches Responsibilities scorekeepers needed and Game Changer #29 pg.  
14 & 15.

02/18 Added the use of music at games & practices in Message to all Managers and Coaches #13 pg.  
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02/18 Updated team scorekeepers needed in Message to the Scorekeeper #1 pg. 30

02/18 Updated the center of the pitching circle for 6u for Field #1 and Field #2 at WJH in 6u Rules #3  
(g) and the size of the pitching circle for 6u in 6u Rules #3 (v) pg 38.

2/18 Included statement saying nothat interleague published rules will be used when divisions are  
playing a interleague season in 8u, 10u, 12u, and 14u Rules and Modifications and in 6u Rules.



## ***Ten Things Your Kids Say They Don't Want to Hear***

By Darrell J. Burnett, Ph.D.

1. Don't yell out instructions. During the game, I'm trying to concentrate on what the coach says and work on what I've been practicing. It's easier for me to do my best if you save instructions and reminders for practice or just before the game.
2. Don't put down the officials. This embarrasses me and I sometimes wonder whether the official is going to be tougher on me because of my parents' yell.
3. Don't yell at me in public. It will just make things worse because I'll be upset, embarrassed, or worried that you're going to yell at me the next time I do something "wrong."
4. Don't yell at the coach. When you yell about who gets to play what position, it just stirs things up and takes away from the fun.
5. Don't put down my teammates. Don't make put-down remarks about any of my teammates who make mistakes. It takes away from our team spirit.
6. Don't put down the other team. When you do this, you're not giving us a very good example of sportsmanship, so we get mixed messages about being "good sports."
7. Don't lose your cool. I love to see you excited about the game, but there's no reason to get so upset that you lose your temper! It's our game and all the attention is supposed to be on us.
8. Don't lecture me about mistakes after the game. Those rides home in the car after the game are not a good time for lectures about how I messed up – I already feel bad. We can talk later, but please stay calm and don't forget to mention the things I did well during the game.
9. Don't forget to laugh and have fun. Sometimes it's hard for me to relax and have fun during the game when I look over and see you so tense and worried.
10. Don't forget that it's just a game! Odds are I'm not going to make a career out of playing sports. I know I may get upset if we lose, but I also know that I'm usually feeling better after we go get a pizza. I need to be reminded sometimes that it's just a game.

## 2024 Calendar & Key Dates

Day-Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday November 5, 2023- Saturday December 30, 2023	24/7	Spring Registration for Cypress Residents	cypressgirlssoftball.com
Sunday November 26, 2023- Saturday December 30, 2023	24/7	Spring Registration for Non-Cypress Residents	cypressgirlssoftball.com
Wednesday January 3, 2024	6-8pm	Uniform Fitting	Coaches Corner
Saturday January 6, 2024	8am - 2pm	8u, 10u, 12u & 14u Evaluations Uniform Fitting	Walker Junior High
Tuesday January 9, 2024	5pm-9pm	8u, 10u, 12u, & 14u Draft Uniform Fitting	Walker Junior High
Wednesday January 10, 2024	7pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
	TBA	Field Maintenance	Walker Junior High
Sunday January 14, 2024	8am-2pm	Select Evaluations & Draft	Walker Junior High
Wednesday January 17, 2024	TBA	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
Saturday January 20, 2024	6pm-11pm	Friends of Cypress Casino Night Supporting Youth Groups	Coaches Corner 4765 Lincoln Ave
Saturday January 27, 2024	1-4 pm	USA So Cal Coaches Clinic	Fountain Valley Sports Complex
Saturday February 10, 2024	7am-3pm	Opening Day	Oak Knoll
Tuesday February 13, 2024	Board Meeting	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Saturday February 17, 2024	All Day	Spring Season Starts	Walker Junior High
Wednesday February 21, 2024	RESCHEDULED	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
Monday February 26, 2024	7:30 pm	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Zoom
Sunday March 3, 2024	9am-3pm	Picture Day	Walker Junior High
Wednesday March 13, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday March 20, 2024	7 pm	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Cypress Arnold Park
<b>March 25-30, 2024</b>		<b>Spring Break-NO GAMES</b>	
Thursday March 28, 2024	5-6 pm	All Star Eligibility Forms Due	Walker Junior High
Saturday April 6, 2024	TBA	Cypress College Day vs Palomar	Cypress College
Friday April 12, 2024	6 pm	Long Beach State Day	LBSU Softball Complex
Wednesday April 10, 2024	7pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday April 17, 2024	TBA	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
April 13, 2024	All Day	Not All Heroes Wear Capes Day We Will Be Honoring The Heroes In Our Lives	Walker Junior High
Week of April 17, 2023	7 pm	Manager and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
<b>*Estimated Date</b> <b>Saturday April 27, 2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Spring Season Ends</b>	<b>Walker Junior High</b>
April 24-30, 2023	Varies	End of Season Tournament	Walker Junior High
Tuesday May 1, 2024	5-930 pm	All Star Voting, Draft	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday May 2, 2024	6 pm	All Star Parent Meeting	Walker Junior High
Sunday May 5, 2024- Saturday July 27, 2024	24/7	Fall Registration for Cypress Residents	cypressgirlssoftball.com
Sunday May 5, 2024	Varies	All Star Practice Starts	Walker Junior High
Wednesday May 8, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Friday May 10, 2024	6-8 pm	Closing Ceremonies Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser	Oak Knoll Park
Sunday May 26, 2024- Saturday July 27, 2024	24/7	Fall Registration for Non-Cypress Residents	
Wednesday June 12, 2024	7pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday July 10, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Monday August 5, 2024	6pm - 10pm	Fall Ball Player Draft	Cypress Senior Center

Wednesday August 14, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday August 21, 2024	7 pm	Managers and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
Sunday August 25, 2024	9am - 12pm	Field Maintenance Day	Walker Junior High
<b>Saturday September 7, 2024</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Fall Ball Season Begins</b>	<b>Varies</b>
Wednesday September 11, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday September 18, 2024	TBA	Managers and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
Wednesday October 9, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday October 16, 2024	TBA	Managers and Coaches Meeting	Walker Junior High
Saturday October 26, 2024	6-8 pm	Halloween Carnival	Oak Knoll
<b>*Estimated Date</b>			
<b>Saturday November 16, 2024</b>		<b>Fall Season Ends</b>	<b>Varies</b>
Wednesday November 13, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center
Wednesday December 11, 2024	7 pm	Board Meeting	Cypress Senior Center

**\*NOTE: Event dates, times and locations are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors**

## Board of Directors

<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Duties</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Contact Info</i></b>
President	Responsible for all volunteer personnel and League functions.	Amy Behen	(714) 788-1749
Vice-President	Presides in the absence of the President. Is responsible for League Insurance matters	Jenn Martinez	(714) 863-0038
Secretary	Records minutes of all meetings and conducts all correspondence for the League	Renee Gray	(714) 398-7853
Player Agent	Represents all the girls and is responsible for Registration, Evaluations and Drafts		
Treasurer	Responsible for all League Funds and Collections	Carlos Cardoso	(562) 544-3005
14U Commissioner	Responsible for the 14 & Under Division	Kenna Russell	(714) 747-1468
12U Commissioner	Responsible for the 12 & Under Division	Mike Martinez	(714) 642-1773
10U Commissioner	Responsible for the 10 & Under Division	Jill Veloz	(415) 271-8820
8U Commissioner	Responsible for the 8 & Under Division	Kristen Baker	(714) 783-5569
6u Commissioner	Responsible for the 6u Division	Mike Bowen	(714) 350-0981
Fall Ball / All-Star Commissioner	Responsible for the Fall Ball Program and All-Star Season	Karen Rokosz	(714) 742-9007
Snack Bar Director	Responsible for all food sales. Is in direct charge of League Snack Bars at any field that CGSL has home games.		
Co-Fund Raising	Responsible for all fund-raising activities for the league (excluding the snack bar)	Melissa Dunn	(714) 863-7732
Co- Fund Raising	Responsible for all fund-raising activities for the league (excluding the snack bar)	Erica Greenwood	(714) 365-8129
Equipment Director	Responsible for purchasing, distributing, collecting and maintaining League equipment	Blanca Cubillo	(714) 932-2058



Uniform Director	Responsible for the organization, purchase and distribution of League uniforms and wearables	Regina Farfan	(714) 625-7643
Field Director	Responsible for maintaining the fields, and the equipment used to maintain the fields. Is responsible for purchasing any equipment needed for the fields. Also is responsible for reporting any safety issues that are observed on the fields that need to be reported to the City of Cypress.	Rick Cubillo	(714) 356-7405
Assistant Field Director	Responsible for maintaining the facilities that CGSL uses. Is responsible for purchasing any supplies or equipment needed for the facilities.	Jasen Higbee	(714) 381-5661
Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)	Responsible for all Umpires and related activities	Lyle Dove	(714) 412-8084
Publicity Director	Responsible for publicizing the League activities; Picture Day and Year Books; also issues CGSL approved badges	Catie Stoneberg	(310) 977-6527
Web Master	This position is responsible for updating and maintaining the League's Website, <a href="http://www.cypressgirlsssoftball.com">http://www.cypressgirlsssoftball.com</a>	Lyle Dove	(714) 412-8084
Tournament Director	Responsible for League Tournaments	Thomas Calvente	562-209-4341
USAS SoCal Commissioner Central District	For USA Softball Matters	Lori Williams	(562) 301-1673
Walker Junior High Hotline	Hotline for inclement weather updates and field conditions. Updated after 2 PM on weekdays, and 6:30 AM on weekends		(714) 761-4571
La Palma Police Department	In the event you are at Walker Junior High and need Police assistance. <b><u>If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1</u></b>		(714) 690-3370
Cypress Police Department	In the event you are at any park in Cypress and need Police assistance. <b><u>If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1</u></b>		(714) 229-6600

Note: Positions in **BOLD** are Executive Board positions.

## Player Responsibilities

1. Players shall conduct themselves in a proper manner at all league functions. Disrespect, bad language, physical altercations, or insubordination will be met with appropriate action, up to and including suspension. Unfortunately, discipline including benching, or suspending the player is sometimes necessary for the benefit of the entire team.
2. Players shall abide by their manager's and coach's decisions regarding game positions, batting order, practices, and playing strategies.
  - a. Do not argue with your manager or coach over their decisions; they run the team. If you have any questions regarding what to do or how to do it, they are there to answer those questions for you.
  - b. Players are responsible for the promptness to all games, practices, team events, or other special events. It is up to you girls to pay attention to the notices and information that you are given. You are expected to relay this information to your parents, post any notices up at home or mark things on your calendar. Your parents should not have to make unnecessary phone calls for you.
3. Players are expected to keep their uniforms in good condition.
  - a. Jerseys must be tucked in. Jerseys and pants cannot be altered from its original appearance;
  - b. Last names will be included to the back of the uniform.
4. Players must provide their own glove, helmet, with a face guard bat(s), rubber-cleated shoes and 14u may wear metal cleats if they desire. **In addition, pitchers must wear a face mask while on defense.**
  - a. Please make sure that your name is on all these items. Failure to wear proper equipment will forfeit the rights of the player to participate in a game or practice.
  - b. All batting helmets are required to have faceguards per USA So Cal rules and must be stamped with the approved NOCSAE imprint. Umpires will inspect the player's equipment prior to the start of every game.
5. During a game, players are NOT allowed to leave the dugout without the manager's permission.
6. Players are expected to participate in all league functions and fundraising events unless the parent(s) pay to opt-out of the fundraising activities.
7. For your safety, players with long hair must keep it pulled back. Jewelry cannot be worn during a game or practice. This includes body piercing of any kind. (Exception: medical ID's only and must be taped on the wrist during a game.) No metal hair barrettes are allowed.
8. Players shall be at all practices, games, team functions, and special events at the assigned time.
  - a. It is your responsibility to notify your manager ahead of time if you cannot make it on time, or at all. This is not just a courtesy, but it is very important to everyone because of planning and time schedule. Excessive unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the team.
9. Players are expected to take proper care of all league equipment used by them and their teammates and to treat school facilities with respect, i.e., dugouts, fences, benches, bleachers, restrooms, snack bars, fields, etc.
  - a. It is the responsibility of every team to clean their practice area and dugout at the end of every practice and game.
10. Girls should cheer for their own team in a positive way. Screaming or negative cheering against the other team is discouraged.
11. Players are not allowed to use electronic devices (cell phones, headphones, earbuds, or any other mobile devices) in the dugout during games or practices.
  - a. If a player needs to contact her parent or guardian during a game or practice, the player must discuss her wishes with her manager first.

## Parent Responsibilities

1. Parents will receive league parent-player sportsmanship guidelines as part of their online player registration. It is the responsibility of the parent to discuss these guidelines with their child and adhere to them.
2. Parents shall attend the **MANDATORY** team meeting with their daughter's manager and coach at the beginning of the Season.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the parents to provide transportation for their daughter to and from all team practices, games, and other league activities. Your daughter's manager is already donating a great deal of her time, so DO NOT keep her waiting for you to pick up your daughter. Find out when the activity is going to be over and BE THERE AT THAT TIME. Remember, the manager has other things to do too.
4. Please inform the manager prior to the practice or game if a player will be leaving before the conclusion of the practice or game.
5. Parents must notify the manager, coach, or team mom **AHEAD** of time in the event of illness.
  - a. In the event of a serious injury that requires medical attention, a written medical release is required in order to return to a game or practice.
6. We ask parents to provide their daughter with an appropriate softball glove, rubber cleated shoes, 14u may wear metal cleats if they desire, a bat, and a helmet.
  - a. All batting helmets are required to have, per USA Softball ruling, faceguards and must be stamped with the approved NOCSAE imprint. Umpires will often inspect the player's equipment prior to the start of the game.
7. Your presence, support, and enthusiasm at all games, fundraisers, opening day ceremonies, tournaments, etc. are essential to the success and enjoyment of the program.
  - a. Please note that pictures will be taken periodically at various league events and may be posted on the league's website.
8. It is the responsibility of the parents to make sure their daughter arrives at the designated time at the league sponsored picture day .
  - a. The league will provide a basic package and any additional individual and team pictures may be purchased if you wish, at an additional charge.
  - b. If a player cannot make it on picture day they may have their picture taken on make-up day. Only individuals can have pictures taken on make-up day, there are no team make-ups
9. Each team will need two (2) scorekeepers.
  - a. One will be keeping score on the Game Changer scorekeeper online app, and the other will keep score in the team scorebook.
  - b. Please let your manager know if you are interested in keeping score.
10. Parents must always show sportsmanlike conduct.
  - a. Bad language, physical or verbal abuse, and other unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to disciplinary action by the CGSL Board of Directors.
  - b. Please refrain from approaching coaches and/or managers with individual problems during the game.
11. There will be **NO** smoking around any CGSL player. This includes practices, games, and league functions.
  - a. If you must smoke, it must be in one of the parking lots.
  - b. If you are observed smoking near the fields or players, you will be asked to move to one of the parking lots.
12. Parents are responsible for understanding the concussion protocol that is used by CGSL and the CDC.
  - a. The manager/coach is required to remove any player from a game or practice if they are having concussion symptoms.

- b. A player must have a doctor's release to return to a game or practice.
- 13. Parents are responsible for cleaning up their area after any practice or game at Walker Junior High or any other field where CGSL games or practices are scheduled.
  - a. Trash at Walker Junior High must be disposed of in trash cans or taken with you. Please don't leave trash in the school parking lot.
  - b. Our league may lose field privileges at the fields if they are not kept clean.
- 14. Parents are invited to the monthly board meeting that is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please contact the President of CGSL to obtain the time and location of the meeting.
- 15. It is the parent responsibility to meet league deadlines when turning in paperwork or fundraiser money.
  - a. Any money turned in for fundraising may not include any coins.
- 16. The league runs a merchandise store through our website. Parents should be aware of the opening and closing dates in which they can order items.
  - a. Our Facebook and Instagram social media accounts will post updates.

## Manager and Coach Responsibilities

1. CGSL always needs managers and coaches in every division. If you are interested in becoming a manager or coach, please do the following:
  - a. Interested managers and coaches can register through our website [cypressgirlsoftball.com](http://cypressgirlsoftball.com) or
  - b. They can contact their division commissioner.
  - c. Managers and coaches will then be approved as a set by the board. Each set of manager and coach must contain at least one woman.
  - d. Once approved they must register through our website. All registrations must be completed before the divisional draft.
2. Managers and coaches are obligated to maintain and teach the goals of the league: Fun for all, good sportsmanship, fair play, team effort, and the skills necessary to play the game of softball.
3. Managers and coaches have complete responsibility for the operation and control of their teams, including the players and parents. They are expected to listen to individual problems and/or complaints away from their team members.
4. Managers and coaches are expected to practice fairness and impartiality for all the girls on their teams. Batting order and playing position decisions are up to the coach and manager of each team. These decisions should be based entirely on the individual player's softball skills, experience, attitude, sportsmanship, and the overall benefit of the team.
5. Managers and coaches **MUST** conduct a mandatory parent meeting before the first team practice to introduce herself and her coaches, outline the training program, explain what is expected of the girls and the parents, obtain necessary forms, enlist parent help for her team, explain functions and policies and to answer any questions.
  - a. Please note that a CGSL board member **MUST** be present at the first parent meeting and cannot be a parent of a player from your team.
6. Managers and coaches and/or team mom shall be present at all team functions including practices, games, and special events.
7. Managers must communicate with the parents about all league activities as well as informing them about league deadlines, concerning fundraising activities.
  - a. When collecting money for fundraisers the manager must not accept any coins.
8. Managers are responsible to communicate information about Opening Day Ceremonies. This includes the pancake breakfast, the day's activities, and the silent auction. This is a busy day and a great way to kick off our spring season!
9. Managers and coaches are responsible for all equipment.

- a. The equipment must be returned to the equipment manager at the completion of the season.
  - b. The equipment will include: the team equipment bag, catcher's helmet, chest protector and shin guards, first aid kit, batting tee (6u) base digging tool, shed keys, and 5 practice softballs.
  - c. Each team is required to leave a deposit in the form of a check with the equipment director, which will be destroyed when all equipment is returned.
10. Managers are responsible for the overall conduct of the team's players and spectators. The manager shall institute appropriate disciplinary action, if necessary.
11. The manager must explain the concussion protocol to both the parents and players on your team that is used by CGSL and the CDC.
  - a. It is the responsibility of the manager and coach to remove a player from a practice or game if they are showing concussion symptoms.
  - b. A player may not return to the team activities unless they have a doctor's release.
12. Managers and coaches shall conduct themselves in a proper manner at all league functions.
  - a. Bad language, physical or verbal abuse, and other unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to disciplinary action by the CGSL Board of Directors.
13. Managers shall have all pertinent information including the team roster with addresses and phone numbers of players and parents,
  - a. If the manager is unable to attend any team function, she must provide all the above to a board-approved female representative from her team.
14. Managers and coaches must have the first aid kit provided by the league at all practices and games.
15. There will be a mandatory manager and coaches meeting that is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month.
  - a. Each team must have a representative present at the meeting. Important information is discussed at the monthly meeting so it is imperative that your team has representation.
16. Managers and coaches are invited to the leagues monthly board meeting that is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please contact the President of the league for information about the time and place of the meeting.
17. Managers and Coaches should maintain notes throughout the season for All-Star selections, however, they are NOT reviewed or discussed with other coaches, managers, or parents. The notes are helpful when preparing for the All-Star Draft at the end of the spring season.
18. Managers and coaches should specify when and where practices will take place. They should attempt to keep as close as possible to their practice schedule and not keep the girls longer than specified.
  - a. For insurance purposes, please contact the vice president for approved practice locations.
19. Managers and coaches will be provided a schedule to sign-up to use the fields for practice at Walker Junior High, following the player draft.
  - a. The number of times each team may use the fields will be determined based on the number of teams registered during the current season
  - b. 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U teams are prohibited from practicing on the 6u field.
20. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to properly put away league equipment into the field shed at all facilities
  - a. All sheds and gates MUST be locked by the last scheduled team using the field.
  - b. The fields at Walker Junior High must be drug and watered at the conclusion of your practice and games.
  - c. Failure to comply will result in future loss of use of the fields.
21. By City Ordinance, no vehicles are allowed on school grounds. Only CGSL board-approved vehicles (field cart, snack bar cart, etc.) are allowed on the field.

22. All managers and coaches must be at least 18 years of age. The CGSL Board of Directors must approve assistant coaches and helpers.
  - a. Junior coaches under the age of 18 are permitted to help during practices but are not permitted to coach during games
23. Each team should acquire volunteers based on your division.
  - a. 6u division: 6 volunteers including managers and coaches.
  - b. 8u-14u divisions: 4 volunteers including the manager and coach.
  - c. Each volunteer, along with the manager and coach must have a cleared background check administered by USA softball.
  - d. Each volunteer, along with the manager and coach must complete the online SAFESPORT (safesport.gov) certification program, with the fee being paid by the league. The SAFESPORT certificate must be acquired every year.
24. Each manager and coach must have a current HEADS UP to Youth Sports online concussion certification training(cdc.gov).
  - a. The concussion certificate is good for 2 years.

25. CGSL has adopted the following policies from the **U.S. Center for SafeSport for Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention:**

**The minor athlete shall be defined below as the registered player of CGSL. Adults will be defined below as members who have regular contact with amateur athletes who are registered players of CGSL and are minors; any adult who has been approved by CGSL to have regular contact with or authority over an amateur athlete who is a minor; and any adult board member of CGSL.**

- a. Meetings between adults and minor athletes may only occur if another adult is present. Meetings must be easily observed and in a location that is easily interpretable.
  - b. Individual training sessions with adults and a minor athlete are permitted if the session is observable and interruptible by another adult. Parents, guardians, and other caretakers must be allowed to view the training session.
  - c. All electronic communication between adults and minor athletes must be professional in nature.
  - d. If an adult needs to communicate directly with a minor athlete via electronic communication (including social media), another adult or the minor's legal guardian must be copied.
  - e. If a minor athlete communicates with the adult privately first, the adult should respond to the athlete with a copy to another adult or the athlete's legal guardian.
  - f. When an adult communicates with the whole team, the adult will copy another adult.
  - g. Minor Athletes may "friend" the team's official page.
  - h. Unrelated adults may not "friend" a minor athlete's personal social media page. Existing social media connections on personal pages with unrelated minor athletes will be discontinued.
  - i. Legal guardians may request in writing that their minor athlete not be contacted through any form of electronic communication by the organization or adult.
  - j. Electronic communication will generally only be sent between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, unless emergency circumstances exist.
  - k. CGSL will monitor the league's and individual team social media page, and will remove any posts that show inappropriate behavior.
  - l. CGSL will inform the legal guardian of a minor athlete of any inappropriate posts.
  - m. CGSL encourages parents/legal guardians to pick up their minor athlete first and drop off their minor athlete last in any shared or carpool or shared arrangement.
  - n. Adults shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with a minor athlete (unless the adult is the legal guardian, sibling, or is otherwise related to the minor athlete).
26. There will be **NO** smoking around any CGSL player. This includes practices, games, and league functions.
- a. If you must smoke, it must be in one of the parking lots.
  - b. If you are observed smoking near the fields or players, you will be asked to move to one of the parking lots.

27. The manager and coach of record may not be living in the same household or have the same interest in the same child.
28. Each manager must email our website, Team Sideline, at the conclusion of their game to report the outcome of the game.
  - a. The email will include the date of the game, team (s) played, and score of the game.
29. Pitching outs will be tracked by a league representative using the online scorekeeping app Game Changer.
  - a. Each team must allow the representative access to your game summary in the app as a staff or family member.
  - b. Each team will need someone to keep score using Game Changer as well as keeping score in a scorebook that will be provided by the league.
30. The head coach of record and either the manager or assistant coach is required to attend USA Softball of Southern California coaching clinic at a date to be determined.
  - a. The registration fee for the two (2) people mentioned above will be paid by the league.
  - b. Any other coaches who would like to attend the clinic may sign up and are responsible for the registration fee.
31. Managers must report any injuries requiring medical attention to the division commissioner and/or the CGSL vice president and player agent within 24 hours of the injury.
32. It is the manager's responsibility to report any excessive absences or players who have dropped to the division commissioner and player agent immediately.
33. Coaches and managers are expected to wear appropriate team attire which shall include team colors or spirit wear.
  - a. Coaches/managers should not wear their hats backwards or sideways when coaching on the field.
  - b. For safety reasons, coaches/managers should not wear open-toed shoes in the dugout or on the field.
34. A person entering into an agreement to manage or coach a Cypress Girls Softball team shall not enter into the agreement with the intent of recruiting CGSL players to play for other leagues or teams.
  - a. Any manager or coach found violating this term will be prohibited from managing or coaching any CGSL team, including select and all star teams, in future seasons.
35. The manager or coach may be asked to help umpire games. Unfortunately as with most things, there is a shortage of umpires.
  - a. The league will host an umpire training clinic, provide the equipment needed, and help you register as an umpire.
  - b. You will also be provided the information about the pay.
36. CGSL runs a merchandise store through our website.
  - a. The league will provide you with information concerning the opening and closing dates of the store.
  - b. The manager should please remind parents about any deadlines that are implemented to be able to purchase any merchandise.
  - c. Please also refer them to our Facebook and Instagram social media accounts for reminders.

## **Message to all Managers and Coaches**

The first week of the season usually brings forth those problems that could turn into a problem for the rest of the season if they are left unresolved. In an attempt to correct these problems, the following items must be adhered to by all concerned.

1. All games must start at their scheduled starting time. **NO INFIELD PRACTICE IS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD PRIOR TO ANY GAME.**

2. Do not allow unnecessary delays to take place during the game. Remember the games are on a time limit and there are games after yours. Please clean and exit your dugout immediately upon completion of your game.
3. Do not instruct a girl in the art of playing ball while a game is in progress. This sort of thing should be reserved for practice sessions or another time that does not conflict with the game.
4. Do not intimidate the umpires, or act unprofessionally towards any umpire.
5. No new inning shall start after the time limit has expired. Do not request umpires to continue the game after the legal time limit has expired, especially if the game was called because of darkness. It is for the girl's safety.
6. All umpires must be treated with respect by managers, coaches and all spectators.
  - a. Any disrespect or intimidation may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
  - b. Some games may be using trained 8u umpires. Please give them the same respect as an adult umpire.
7. Should there be an umpiring problem or any questions, contact the CGSL Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) immediately.
8. All managers or coaches are responsible for informing the home plate umpire that you are making a pitching change. You are telling the umpire as a courtesy. You must also inform the opposing team of any such changes.
9. It is the responsibility of managers, coaches, and parent volunteers to prepare and tear down the Cypress fields.
  - a. For any games played Monday-Friday the HOME team will prepare the field prior to their game (drag and chalk the field and put the bases out). The VISITING will put the bases away and drag and water the field.
  - b. For any games played on Saturday the HOME team will prepare the field for the 1st game of the day (drag and chalk the field and put the bases out). For every game following, the HOME team will prepare the field prior to their game (drag and chalk the field). At the conclusion of the last game of the day, the VISITING team will put all equipment away, including bases, and drag and water the fields.
  - c. For any game that is Cypress vs Any other league, the Cypress team will prepare the field prior to their game (drag and chalk and put the bases out), as well as put all equipment, including bases, and drag and water the field at the end of the day.
10. If you are having challenges with a player, parent, spectator, or any other person(s) during the season, you should consult with your CGSL Division Commissioner before it escalates into a problem.
11. If a parent or other spectator from your team is ejected by an umpire, USA Softball of Southern California Commissioner, or CGSL Board Member [for any reason], that person must leave the park for the remainder of the game and is suspended and not allowed at the next scheduled game.
12. It is the responsibility of the manager and coach to always manage your parents and to make sure they are showing good sportsmanship at all games, practices, and events.
  - a. There is no alcohol allowed at any fields or parks where CGSL players are present.
13. Teams have the privilege to use music during practices and games.
  - a. Music must be appropriate and may not include foul language, negativity, or words that need to be blocked out.
  - b. Appropriate walk-up music is permissible during games, but may not be played when the



ball is live.

c. The team at bat may play appropriate music ONLY between innings. Between innings is NOT between plays. The music must be stopped when the batter is starting her at bat.

d. The volume of the music must be at a level where it is only heard at the field where your game is being played.

e. Music will not be allowed by both teams if there are any complaints from the neighbors around WJH or any of the neighboring fields, or if music is being used to intimidate the opposing team, for the duration of the game.

f. If a CGSL board member feels that the playing of the music is causing a negative impact on the game, they shall remove the privilege.

## League Volunteers

1. The League depends on parents and other volunteers to help ensure the league runs smoothly. Your team may ask you to volunteer and help with the team. CGSL has implement the following procedures if you are asked to volunteer:
  - a. The 6u division is allowed 6 additional volunteers including the manager and coach
  - b. Divisions 8u-14u are allowed 4 additional volunteers including the manager and coach.
  - c. Each volunteer must have a cleared background check through USA So CA Softball.
  - d. Each volunteer must complete the SAFESPORT online certification program.
  - e. Each volunteer must provide their information to Register USA.
  - f. All fees will be paid by CGSL.
  - g. Any board member from the team, who has a role as a manager, coach, or parent, will be considered a cleared volunteer.
2. Volunteers are not allowed to interact with the players until their background checks have been submitted.
3. Teams may be asked to help the league with providing umpires. CGSL will provide a training clinic for all adults and juniors (7th grade or older) who are interested.
  - a. Any person interested must attend the clinic and register as an umpire through Register USA. Only those registered will be used to umpire games
  - b. Any fees paid to register will be reimbursed by CGSL.
  - c. Junior umpires will only be used in 8u games, when needed.
  - d. Any fees paid to umpires will be approved before the season starts.

## Registration

1. Registration for our league is online only, and can be found on our website, **[cypressgirlsssoftball.com](http://cypressgirlsssoftball.com)**.
  - a. All registration payments must be in the form of debit or credit cards only. Sorry, we do not accept checks or cash.
2. Girls must register in Divisions according to age as of **August 31, 2023**. The only exception would be because of physical or medical reasons based upon Board approval.
3. After playing one season in 6u, a player's parent may request to advance their daughter to the 8U division upon approval of the CGSL Board of Directors.
  - a. The player must be a minimum of six years old on **August 31, 2023**, to be considered for advancement.
  - b. Players must participate in the 8U evaluations and will be notified prior to the draft.

- c. Any/all other requests for advancement to the next division will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the board of directors.
  - d. A request for advancement must be in writing and submitted to the board.
  - e. Factors that will be considered include (but are not limited to): If the requesting parent is a board-approved coach or manager taking a team, sister combos if the player has already played in a lower division, skill, ability, etc.
4. Registration will be accepted as long as spaces are available.
    - a. Additional fees will be required for late sign-ups; however, registration will be closed one (1) week after the division draft. Any exceptions will be on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the CGSL Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Player Agent, and Treasurer) and the appropriate Division Commissioner.
  5. Registration must be paid in full prior to the draft. If not paid in full, the player will be placed on the waiting list and will not go through the draft.
  6. Based on the above, waiting list placement on a team is not based solely on registration number. Priority will be given to those who pay in full, then based on the city of residence. For example, Cypress residents will be given priority over other non-Cypress residents.

## Snack Bar Information

1. There is only one (1) snack bar available at Walker Junior High School. We provide it for your convenience and appreciate your patronage as a way of providing revenue for the league.
2. Managing the snack bar is a monumental job and concession sales from the snack bar is the single largest stream of income that the league uses to offset our operating expenses; consequently, operating the snack bar efficiently and profitably is critical to the continued success of our league.
3. As part of the registration fee, parents pay an additional fee which will be used to pay league-approved workers during the hours that the snack bar is opened. The snack bar is opened during scheduled games during the season for the convenience of everyone. Workers are scheduled by our snack bar directors and must meet the criteria listed below:
4. Snack Bar Workers:
  - a. Must be at least 14 years of age by January 1st of the current year.
  - b. Have participated in a league-sponsored completion of the snack bar orientation training.
  - c. Please contact the snack bar director if you are interested in becoming a snack bar worker.
5. Parents of players participating in a CGSL-hosted tournament may be required to work a snack bar shift during the tournament.
6. Snack Bar Policies:
  - a. Children under the age of 14 years are not permitted in the snack bar.
  - b. The snack bar is a major source of income for our non-profit league. If workers wish to consume products from the snack bar, they are expected to pay full prices for all items like everyone else, and NOT UNTIL the shift has ended.
  - c. The snack bar is not to be used as a storage place for strollers, equipment bags, etc.
  - d. Lost items found at the school are stored in the Snack Bar. Please try to claim them in a timely manner. Any items unclaimed at the end of the year will be disposed of or donated.

## Team Sponsors

Since there are many teams in CGSL, it is absolutely vital to obtain a Sponsor for each one of them. We have been very fortunate in the past years to meet or come close to meeting this quota.

1. A Sponsor fee provides the funds necessary to operate our league. Therefore, each team is required to obtain a minimum of one (1) sponsor; however, sponsors are not required during the Fall season.
2. Any sponsorships obtained for the All-Star and Fall season will be reimbursed at 100% to the team.
3. Sponsor plaques will be issued only to those sponsoring an individual team for the entire \$250.00.
4. Sponsors receive a handsome plaque with their team's photo and an engraved inscription to them from the league as a lasting memento and thank you for their support and generosity. Sponsors get the double satisfaction of helping a worthwhile cause while obtaining quality means of advertising. We ask you to patronize these establishments and be sure to mention Cypress Girls Softball.
5. An incentive of a percentage of the total amount of the full sponsor fee will be provided back to the individual teams to be used for the players on the team.
  - a. Team incentives will be 35% back for the first sponsor, 50% back for the second sponsor, 75% back for the third sponsor, and 90% back for the fourth sponsor and beyond.
  - b. League sponsors and donations will be displayed in our CGSL yearbook.
  - c. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or know of someone who is, contact the treasurer listed in this booklet or any board member. All sponsorship fees must be received by March 20, 2024, to receive the sponsorship incentive.

## League Insurance/ Injuries

A secondary sports league insurance policy is provided for league participants. Any accidental injury occurring during practice, games, tournaments, and travel to and from the same are covered.

1. Coverage includes players, league directors and executive officers, sponsors, managers, coaches and auxiliaries (umpires, scorekeepers, authorized snack bar workers, etc.). It does not cover injuries to spectators or any non-accidental sickness or injury. **Coverage does not include any deductible not paid by the injured person's primary insurance.**
2. A secondary insurance policy means that they pay second after your own personal insurance company has met their obligation. League insurance will pay the remaining medical fees resulting from league-related injuries.
3. If you have an injury and should need to file a claim, please ask your team manager to get the paperwork from your divisional commissioner listed in this booklet, or in the event that you cannot reach them, notify the vice president and the player agent.
4. If a player sustains an injury that disables her for a period of seven (7) days or more, a written release from either her doctor or parent must be turned into a CGSL board member.
  - a. The manager has one week from the date of the release, to play the girl in A1the regular league game and/or practice.

## Banners

1. Each team is responsible for providing a team banner during the Spring Season only.
2. Banner size is to be 4 feet by 3 feet. No poster board. Any sizes different than 4' x 3' will be disqualified from the banner competition during Opening Day Ceremonies.
3. Banners should include the name of the team, team members, manager, coaches and the name of the team Sponsor(s). Anything else may be added if appropriate.
4. All banners will be judged at CGSL Opening Day Ceremonies and winners will be announced at that

time.

5. Each Division winner will receive awards announced by the CGSL board for the winning banner.
6. Any banner that is professionally made or airbrushed or does not meet the size requirements will automatically be disqualified from judging. Professional banners are acceptable, but not eligible for judging.
7. Banners should be hung at every game on the fence close to your dugout.

## Fundraising Activities

During the spring and fall Seasons, your daughter will be asked to participate in various fundraising activities. Since the annual cost of operating the league is substantial, these sales are one of the major sources of revenue necessary to meet league expenses.

1. This spring our major fundraiser will be the **Golf Ball Drop**.
  - a. Every family is required to sell \$100.00 worth of tickets. The buy-out for this fundraiser is \$80.00 and can be done during the player registration process.
  - b. There will be many cash prizes and this is a great opportunity to raise funds for our snack bar at the newly renovated Cypress Arnold Park.

## Fundraising Policy

As a non-profit organization, CGSL relies on fundraising to provide a sizable portion of its annual operating budget. In order to benefit as many players as possible, fundraisers should, if possible, be league-wide. However, we recognize that this requires significant organization, and if the league is not already raising funds for a specific purpose, individual teams may wish to raise funds on their own. CGSL teams may wish to raise funds to cover various team costs including, but not limited to, tournament fees, team bonding events, team apparel, and/or equipment. CGSL encourages this, so long as any team fundraiser does not interfere or overlap with an existing league effort.

1. All fundraisers must be approved by the CGSL Board before they are advertised. Approval must be received from the CGSL Treasurer and CGSL Fundraising Coordinator.
2. Certain types of fundraisers may be prohibited by state or federal law. The CGSL Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator(s) can help advise teams about good types of fundraisers to hold.
  - a. Any team fundraiser which overlaps with or is expected to interfere with a league-wide fundraiser or event may be denied. We strongly encourage teams to communicate with the CGSL Fundraising Coordinator early in the planning process to avoid this.
  - b. The overlap of TEAM fundraisers will not be grounds for disapproval. We encourage teams not to schedule similar fundraisers at the same time, but also recognize that scheduling issues may require it.
  - c. Direct solicitation of area businesses is considered fundraising by CGSL and is subject to this policy. Fundraisers which are deemed to conflict with an existing team sponsor will not be allowed. CGSL Fundraising Coordinator will be responsible for this determination.
3. Teams may be asked to provide CGSL with an accounting of all income and expenses related to a fundraiser. Reports must be turned in to the CGSL Treasurer within two weeks after the fundraising event.
  - a. Teams are responsible for all upfront costs related to a fundraiser including the purchase of items to be sold and items needed to hold the fundraiser.

- b. Teams are encouraged to obtain a copy of the CGSL nonprofit designation letter when soliciting donations so that businesses can have records for tax purposes. If a business requires a receipt for large donations, contact the CGSL Treasurer.
- c. Funds must be used for activities directly related to the CGSL team.
- d. Funds from sponsors must be made out to CGSL. Once the funds are cleared, the CGSL Treasurer will provide payment back to the team manager .

## General Evaluation Procedures

The following guidelines apply to the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 14u Divisions. Evaluations are held prior to the Spring Season, and may be held prior to the Fall season based on the discretion of the board.

1. The general location of each activity is in relation to the respective division. The players will be assigned to manageable groups of not more than ten girls. The groups will be judged in general defense and offense categories.
2. Each girl that has previously pitched in an organized league or has any type of formal pitching training will be identified and are encouraged to be evaluated for the convenience of all managers and coaches. (Refer to Gen. Eval. pitching, item #1.
3. When you arrive for check-in you will be asked to fill out an evaluation questionnaire which will help the managers and coaches identify who is being evaluated.
  - a. Please make sure the information on the questionnaire is accurate. Any other sport that interferes with CGSL must be disclosed on the questionnaire.
  - b. Every player should hold onto the questionnaire until their group is called.
  - c. Once your group is called you will be asked for your questionnaire.

### 4. Defensive evaluations:

- a. The player, standing in the left field, will attempt to catch three fly balls and throw the ball as directed.
- b. The player, at the shortstop position, will attempt to field three ground balls hit from home plate and throw the ball to first base.

### 5. Offensive evaluations:

- a. The player, standing at home plate, will attempt to hit five pitches.
- b. On the last attempted hit, the player will drop the bat and run to first base at full speed.

### 6. Pitching evaluations:

- a. All eligible pitchers who are not frozen should be evaluated after sufficiently warming up their arm.
- b. Players are considered eligible pitchers after they have pitched during the previous USA Softball Southern California spring season.

### 7. Catching evaluations:

- a. From behind Home Plate, Catchers will defend a bunt and throw to first base 2 times.
- b. From behind Home Plate, Catchers will make a throw to 2B (2 times)

## Pitching Categories

1. All players who have recorded pitching outs during the previous spring season will be assigned a category based on the following criteria:
  - a. **A Pitcher (P) will be defined as:** Any one of two pitchers on the same team who

pitched the highest number of outs on their previous spring season team. A pitcher must have made an all-star team, *as a Pitcher*, or their team had to have finished in the top three in the standings of their division at the conclusion of the previous spring season.

b. **A Secondary Pitcher (SP) shall be defined as:** Any one of two pitchers on the same team who pitched the highest number of outs on their previous spring team. An SP did not make an all-star team as a Pitcher **and** their team did not finish in the top three of their division in the standings at the conclusion of the spring season.

c. **All other Pitchers who are not defined as Pitchers or Secondary Pitchers will be defined as Players Who Pitch (PWP):** These are players who pitched but were not one of the two pitchers on the same team who pitched the highest number of outs in the previous spring season. These are players who play another primary position(s) but did pitch some outs during the previous spring season

2. The player's category will be determined by any or all of the following:

a. Each team's pitching outs will be recorded while using the online scorekeeping app Game Changer.

b. A designated board member will collect all outs and generate a list with all recorded outs.

c. Copies of the final list must be filed with the CGSL President, Vice President, Secretary, Player Agent, and all Commissioners. This completed list will be passed on to the current officer of the board when board members leave office.

d. The draft list will include the pitchers and their designated category.

e. During the Fall season outs will be recorded, collected, and indicated on the draft list.

There will not be any categories assigned during the Fall draft, but the information should be used as a tool to identify pitchers and help with their draft.

## Drafting Rules

### 1. General Drafting Rules

a. A list of all Board-approved managers and coaches will be available at evaluations.

b. After reviewing the list, a parent or guardian may complete a "Do Not Draft Request" form. Requests will only be approved if the player, or siblings within the same family, have been previously coached or managed by that individual during the last two (2) calendar years. DND must be sent to the PLAYER AGENT at least 24 hours before the draft.

c. Players requesting to be on the same team as another registered player, manager or coach must notify the PLAYER AGENT at least 24 hours prior to the draft.

d. Player requests to be on the same team as another registered player, manager, or coach will only be guaranteed in the 6u division.

e. Player requests to be on the same team as another registered player, manager or coach, in all other divisions, will be considered by the managers and coaches at the draft, but are not guaranteed.

f. All teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and divisions shall be formed by a general draft for each division.

g. The Spring season player draft will be conducted in early January, after a player evaluation for each division.

h. The Fall season player draft will be conducted in early August. There may be Fall evaluations based on the discretion of the board.

i. All girls in the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions must participate in the Spring and Fall evaluations

j. If a player does not make it to evaluations, she will either go into the hat pick or in the draft, depending on how many coaches and managers are aware of the player's skills and

abilities. Coaches and managers will be asked for their preferences during the draft. A simple majority will be the determining factor.

k. Hat picks will be discussed prior to the draft by the coaches and managers of each division to determine whether or not the child will be taken out of the hat and made draft-able. Hat picks will be drawn at the start of the 9th round or any down round if there are less than 11 rounds in a draft.

## **2. 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U Drafting Procedure**

- a. The draft for each division will be held on a date/place selected by the board of, teams shall draw for their position in the draft order.
- b. Drafting order will be determined by each manager drawing a number out of a hat. The drawing order will be the alphabetical order of the manager's legal last name.
- c. Selections will start with the manager drawing the first position, etc.
- d. The draft will continue with the next manager based on team number.
- e. Selections will continue in serpentine order, with the team drafting last in each round making the first selection in the following round until all eligible players are drafted.

## **3. Pitcher Drafting Rules**

- a. Prior to each draft, the player agent will classify all eligible pitchers according to their correct category and inform all managers and coaches.
- b. Any disputes of pitcher classifications should be discussed openly by all coaches and managers prior to draft commencement.
- c. Teams who have **more than one P frozen may not draft a P or SP** as their first available draft choice. This team may draft a *PWP* as their first available draft choice.
- d. Teams who have **at least one P frozen may not draft a P** as their first available draft choice. This team may draft an *SP* or *PWP* as their first available draft choice.
- e. Teams who have at least **1 frozen SP or PWP may draft a P, SP, or PWP** as their first available draft choice.
- f. **P, SP, or PWP** who are hat picks will be determined a draft-able player or a hat pick player based on their category.
- g. Any Late sign-ups who are **P, SP, or PWP** will be placed on teams based on drafting privileges.

***NOTE: The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify drafting rules for pitching to maintain league competitiveness based on the quality or quantity of the players involved.***

## **4. Manager and Coach Exclusive Draft Rights**

- a. Managers and Coaches of record must freeze their daughter(s).
- b. Only one Manager and one Coach per team shall be officially recognized and approved by the board of directors for the purpose of exercising these exclusive draft rights.
- c. Any Coach or Manager who does not have a daughter in the division they are coaching may freeze a child with written permission from the child's parent and notification to the Division Commissioner and Player Agent.
- d. An All-Star player(s) shall be defined as one who has been officially recognized by the board of directors as a CGSL "Blue" / USA Softball Southern California "Gold" or CGSL "Red" / USA Softball Southern California "Silver" All-Star.
- e. Managers and coaches drafting rights for an All-Star daughter(s) **returning to the division** in which she was recognized as a **Blue All-Star** shall be exercised starting in the **first** round.

f. Managers and coaches drafting rights for a **Blue All-Star** daughter(s) **advancing to the next division** shall be exercised starting in the **second** round.

g. Managers and coaches drafting rights for an All-Star daughter(s) **returning to the division** in which she was recognized as a **Red All-Star** shall be exercised starting in the **second** round.

h. Managers and coaches drafting rights for a **Red All-Star** daughter(s) **advancing to the next division** shall be exercised starting in the **third** round.

i. No team may protect more than one **returning Blue All-Star**. Exception: Sister Combinations only which must be frozen in the **first** and **second** rounds.

j. The protected daughter of a manager or coach who was an All-Star in a league *other than CGSL* will be frozen starting in the **third** round, upon verification. If she was a pitcher, she would be frozen in the second round.

**NOTE: If more than one frozen player is defined in the section above, it is possible that they could be frozen in consecutive rounds. For example, if a Team has a returning Blue All-Star and an advancing Blue All-Star, they will be frozen in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round as noted above.**

## **5. Other Exclusive Draft Rights for Managers and Coaches**

a. Managers and coaches' exclusive draft rights for any daughter(s) not defined in section above will be exercised starting in the **fourth** draft round.

b. Where there is more than one daughter involved, the exclusive draft rights must be exercised in alternate rounds for sisters remaining after the fourth round. For example, round 4, round 6, round 8, etc. **Starting in the fourth round, no team will be frozen in consecutive rounds.**

**NOTE: It is possible for a Team to be frozen in the third and fourth round if one player is an advancing Red All-Star (per Section B.4, above) and the other player is not defined in Section B above.**

c. The protected daughter(s) of managers or coaches who did not play in the previous spring season in CGSL, shall have their draft rights exercised starting in the fourth round if not recognized as an eligible pitcher.

d. If the protected daughter is a player who has previous pitching experience and did not play in the previous spring season with CGSL and is not recognized as an eligible pitcher, will not be allowed to pitch during the entire Spring season.

## **6. Sister Combinations**

a. Managers who are selecting a player (not a daughter) who has a sister(s) must draft the remaining sister(s) providing the parents of these sisters have not requested otherwise.

b. The remaining sister(s) shall be taken as the draft choice for every second remaining draft round until all sisters have been taken. (Example: The remaining sister(s) of a fifth-round choice must be taken as the seventh-round choice, ninth-round choice, etc.). However, under no condition shall the second sister be considered higher than a fifth-round draft choice.

c. To start the ninth round, any remaining sister combinations will be taken

d. All sister combinations will be offered to managers in draft rotation.

e. If any combinations remain, random selection will be instituted in the draft order.

Exception: A three-sister combination must be drafted starting in the seventh round. Selection (a) and (b) will apply here.

## **7. Miscellaneous Draft Rules**

a. All managers must notify each girl of her selection within 24 hours following the draft.

b. Under no circumstances will a team be drafted without a manager and coach.

c. No team will consist of more than 12 players except for the fall season. This rule may be modified with the approval of the board of directors to avoid waiting lists, etc.



- d. Team color choices and practice times are granted in reverse order of the drafting sequence.
- e. A player drafted on a team shall remain on that team until the conclusion of the season. **There will be no trading players.**
- f. In the event that a player makes an All-Star team, she must remain with her “league” team during all practices until the spring season is completed.

## **8. Waiting List**

- a. Any girl registered after the divisional draft, but prior to the cutoff, will be accepted as a tentative player upon payment of all fees (registration, and fundraiser buyout) and will be placed on a waiting list.
- b. The waiting list will be used to fill vacancies on the original rosters due to an unequal number of players on the original list due to 1) illness, 2) injuries 3) resignations.
- c. Following the original draft, the Player Agent, assisted by members of the Board of Directors, will hold a random selection of players on the waiting list to fill vacancies. (Minimum of 2 teams or 2 girls involved).
- d. At no time after the original draft will a team be permitted to add a player to its roster if any other team has fewer players.
- e. Placement of players on teams who have fewer players than all the other teams in the same division will only be allowed after registered players have been on the waiting list for a period of 1 week. No new player will be placed on a team after one (1) week of the division draft.
- f. If for any reason a player cannot be placed on a team, her fee for registration will be refunded. If a player resigns from a team, she becomes ineligible to play on any other CGSL team during that season.
- g. At the board’s discretion, any player who registers after the draft may not be subject to normal hat pick drafting rules.

## **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

1. Any participant, member of the board, coach, manager, player, or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or actions detrimental to CGSL is subject to disciplinary action. Any participant suspended from a game shall not participate or attend any team functions.
2. Ejection from any CGSL game will carry the following penalties:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> ejection - Suspension from the next scheduled game.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection - Suspension from the remainder of the season and all CGSL activities including the postseason.
3. Any physical altercation (for any reason) will result in an immediate suspension for the remainder of the season and all CGSL activities including the postseason.
  - a. **Any ejection by an umpire will not be overruled by the CGSL Board of Directors.** If a participant is ejected from a game by an umpire, the participant is to leave the field and shall not be in the umpire’s view, or within hearing distance of the umpire. This is to help prevent any further delays in the game.
    - a. Per USA Softball Rule 4, Section 8: “An ejected participant must leave the grounds and have no contact with the umpires or participants in the game”. If the ejected participant does not leave the grounds, this could result in the game being forfeited.
    - b. CGSL further interprets this rule - “leaving the grounds” as leaving Walker Junior High or any other location of a CGSL game such as Oak Knoll, or another league’s park.

- c. In addition, the league interprets no contact with the umpire as - the umpire should not be able to see or hear from the ejected participant. If the ejected participant refuses to leave the park, the game will be forfeited per the USA Softball rule cited above.
4. A manager may bench a player for any conduct unbecoming a member of CGSL.
  - a. The manager or coach must notify the player agent or any board member prior to the game. The opposing manager shall also be notified prior to the game. The player should be identified as "Benched" in the lineup prior to the beginning of the game.
  - b. Disciplinary actions necessary during a game are allowed; however, it is up to the manager or head coach to report this action to the CGSL Division Commissioner and/or Player Agent within 24 hours. Benched players during a game will be counted as an out each time at-bat. The umpire and opposing manager must be notified.

## **Procedure for Filing a Complaint**

1. Step 1: You must discuss the difference of opinion with the respective Manager and/or Coach.
  - a. If there is no satisfaction between the two parties, then proceed to step two.
2. Step 2: Your complaint must be given in WRITING, dated, and signed to the Divisional Commissioner or any Board Member.
  - b. A meeting will be called with all concerned parties; the Manager, Coach, you, and the Divisional Commissioner. If you are still unsatisfied, then proceed to step three.
3. Step 3: Your written complaint goes to the Board of Directors.
  - a. You will be notified of the time, date, and place where it will be discussed.
  - b. The board of directors will reach a decision, which shall be final.

## **Protests**

1. Protests shall be received and heard pursuant to USA Softball. rules. Protests shall not be based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an umpire.
2. Protests must be made in the following manner:
  - a. The Manager or coach of the protesting team must inform the plate umpire that the game is continuing under protest.
  - b. The plate umpire shall inform the opposing manager, coach and official scorekeeper of the protest and shall cause to be noted in the official scorebook the exact point in the game at which the protest was made. This should include the inning, number of outs, pitchers' name, locations of base runners, count on the batter, and name(s) of the umpires.
  - c. The game shall then proceed to conclusion.
  - d. The protest must be made prior to the next pitch being delivered to a batter.
3. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Umpire-in-Chief, or in the absence, a CGSL Board member within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.
  - a. The written protest shall be accompanied by a \$50 protest fee that will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
4. The manager and/or coach of both teams and the umpires (if possible) involved should be at the protest hearing.
  - a. The manager and/or coaches shall be heard separately in order to avoid unnecessary debating between the two parties.
5. Should a protest be upheld, the game shall be replayed from the point at which the incorrect decision was made with the decision corrected.
6. The protest committee shall consist of the umpire-in-chief, the division commissioner, and the president or vice-president

7. The ruling of the protest committee shall be final.

## Appeals

1. Appeals shall be limited to violations of the CGSL rules and shall differ from protests in that notification of the alleged violation need not have been brought up during the game in question.
2. Appeals shall be limited to violation of such rules as pitching regulations and/or player obligations.
  - a. You may not appeal an umpire's call or interpretation of a rule. These must be handled as protests.
3. Only the team manager may make an appeal.
  - a. It must be in writing and delivered to the umpire-in-chief, or in their absence, to a CGSL board member within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.
4. The Umpire-in-Chief shall have the authority to rule on appeals.
  - a. At his discretion, he may seek consultation with other members of the board.
  - b. Prior to the ruling on the appeal, he shall contact the manager of the other team involved and allow the manager an appropriate time to respond to the alleged violation.
  - c. The umpire in chief's ruling shall be final and he shall cause the appropriate changes to be made in the official scorebook.
5. All games shall be played to completion per CGSL rules.
  - a. Should a violation of the rules occur and become known during the game, regardless of how obvious the violation, the game shall be completed.

## USA Softball "B" Classification Program (Recreation)

The information included in this section is taken directly from USA Softball of Southern California Junior Olympic 2023 Rules and Regulations, otherwise known as the yellow book. The book in its entirety can be found online at [usasoftballsocal.com](http://usasoftballsocal.com).

CGSL uses some of these regulations as guidelines; therefore, please be informed that our league regulations may take precedence over any of these listed below.

### **1. Recreation League Teams**

These teams, in age classifications 6u through 18u, shall represent a recreation league. A recreation league is defined as below:

- a. An organized league that is associated with a recognized neighborhood or community.
- b. Participation is open to any interested youth.
- c. Tryouts or demonstration of skills are not required for participation.
- d. A draft draw or other District Commissioner-approved method is used to ensure equitable distribution of talent amongst all the league teams.
- e. All league teams will be classified "B" on September 1 of each year.

### **2. Recreation League All-Star Eligibility**

- a. Each 6U through 18U player participating in recreation league play shall be individually registered with USA Softball of Southern California before April 1st of the current year.
- b. Each team adult staff member, e.g., manager/coach/team parent/ and all board of directors' members, shall be individually registered and have proof that a background check has been conducted through the RegisterUSASoftball system before the league's opening day. Additionally, all board of directors' members and at least two (2) adults on each team shall be Concussion Certified.

- c. Each All-Star manager and at least one other adult staff member must be ACE Certified and Concussion Certified and show proof of such.
- d. Two (2) members of the All-Star coaching staff shall be Concussion Certified and show proof of such.
- e. A team shall ONLY play against other teams and leagues that are USA Softball registered.
- f. Recreation leagues or select teams that play in USA Softball or non-USA Softball travel events, including but not limited to travel ball friendlies, are not eligible for “B” or “C” classification.
- g. Pick-up players are not permitted at District Championships. Roster additions prior to the District Championship are permitted only in case of an injury or another unexpected situation and must be approved by the District Commissioner.

**NOTE: This applies to All-Star Teams only and is limited to four (4) travel ball players per team.**

### **3. League Team Eligibility**

- a. Team rosters may include up to 20 players
- b. A team may be a single league team, an All-Star team, or a Select team as certified by the League Board of Directors
- c. If the league selects an All-Star team, they may not nominate, choose, or tryout before **May 1, 2024**. Practice and/or playing together before **May 5, 2024**.
- d. If the league chooses a single league team or most of the players are from a single team, this team must meet the requirements of the paragraph of recreational league All-Star eligibility above.
- e. A team shall not have more than four (4) players who participated on a **travel-type team** at any time after **February 1** of the current season.
- f. A team that participates in a USA Softball “A”, **or any non-USA Softball travel type event**, including friendlies, is not eligible for participation in “B” classification Championship Play.
- g. Leagues may not choose All-Star managers or coaches before **April 24** of the current season. **EXCEPTION:** Select Teams.
- h. Teams participating in recreation tournaments between January 1 and May 1 of the current season must be composed of the original drafted league team. No pickup players of Select Teams are allowed.
- i. The Championship Season (e.g., All-Star) shall not commence earlier than **May 1** and ends immediately after the National Championships. Every team participating in Championship Play must acknowledge and be prepared to accept a berth, if earned, to the next higher level. Refusal to accept a berth can result in the loss of eligibility for All-Star participation the following year.
- j. All Star teams may not participate in a All Star tournament. before May 10, 2024.

**NOTE: Travel Type Team is defined as any team that is not part of the player’s approved recreation league team or league select team.**

### **4. Player Eligibility**

- a. A player must play a minimum of 75 percent of the current season’s league games.  
**Exception: High school players who are age-eligible to return to the 14U age classification may return to the league in which they participated during the previous year providing the league has less than 30 14U eligible players. The 14U All-Star team shall not include more than four (4) players who attended high school. A player returning to the 14U age classification must have been registered with the league before May 15 of the current season. Returning high school players must be approved by the league Board of Directors.**

b. A player may appeal the 75 percent minimum rule to their respective District Commissioner in cases of documented injury.

c. A player who played in a higher age classification during the current season is eligible to play in their proper age classification in Championship Play.

**NOTE: CGSL rules do not allow players to move down from the higher age division to their proper division. Parents may appeal to the board of directors to allow a change in this rule in a case-by-case circumstance.**

d. A player who played on a school team or other recreation league team after **March 31** of the current season is eligible to play if all other eligibility rules are met.

e. A player participating in more than one (1) USA Softball recreation league must declare in writing by **April 15** to the league player agent and the All-Star commissioner in which league they wish to be eligible for All-Star selection. The league is required to provide a copy of the player's declaration to their respective District Commissioner.

f. A player who has participated on a team other than a team in their own recreation league after **March 31** of the current season is NOT eligible as provided for in League Team Eligibility #4 above. For example, a player shall not participate on any other All-Star or Travel type team, whether USA Softball of Southern California or **non-USA Softball team**, All-Star team or travel type team after **March 31**.

g. A league that has more than one postseason team within an age classification may elevate a player within the same league from the second All-Star team to the All-Star team with the approval of the respective District Commissioner. When a player is moved, that player is locked on the team to which they were moved until the team is eliminated from Championship play.

h. A player shall not participate on more than one team in USAS SoCal play during the same season, except as a pick-up player

**NOTE: "Participate", above, is defined as a player or team taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, scheduled game, friendly, or tournament.**

i. A player participating in Championship Play shall have USAS SoCal authorized photo identification.

## **5. League "Pick-up" Players (see USA Softball Code):**

a. A "B" Classification All-Star pick-up player shall meet all player eligibility rules in this section.

b. A player can be a pick-up player only once per season.

c. A "B" All-Star player whose team is no longer eligible for Championship Play is eligible to be a pick-up player per the USA Softball Code.

d. A pick-up player must have played on a USA SoCal registered "B" or "C" team during the current season.

e. A pick-up player, after District Championships but before the USA SoCal All-Star Championships (State), may be picked up from within their own league. After the USA SoCal Championships, a pick-up player may be picked up within the appropriate age classification from anywhere within Southern California.

f. Pick-up players must be approved by the CGSL Board of Directors

## **6. Interleague All-Star Teams**

Leagues that combine to participate in interleague play may choose a combined All-Star team providing all the above and below listed requirements are met.

a. A league that combines with another league must have the approval of its District Commissioner.

b. More than two (2) leagues may combine to form an All-Star team.

c. No player from either league interested in participating on the combined All-Star team

shall be denied the opportunity. **EXCEPTION:** A player who declines to participate in Championship play.

d. An All-Star team formed by combined "B" leagues shall be classified "B". All other combined All-Star teams shall be classified by the District Commissioner.

e. Combined teams must be approved by the Board of Directors of each league that combines.

f. Leagues may combine to form a second All-Star team when approved by their District Commissioner.

## **7. Select Player Eligibility**

The select program was established to provide an additional opportunity for players who wish to approve their softball skills beyond the regular league season but who have not yet reached the Junior Olympic "A" classification skill level. This program is for 10u through 14u players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit themselves as well as their league. The select program will be in effect from January 1 through March 31 of the current season.

a. Select players must be individually registered with a recreation league, as required in recreation league teams and recreation league All-Star eligibility listed above.

b. Select players must be drafted onto an active recreation league team roster in the current season.

c. Select players must play a minimum of 75 percent of the league's games during the current season.

d. Select teams may be established in the 8u,10u, 12u, and 14u age classifications.

e. The team roster may include up to 20 players.

f. Participation is limited to one day per week.

g. Select team participation may not interfere with any regular season participation.

h. Select teams may not have more than four (4) players who have participated on a travel-type team after **February 1** of the current season.

i. Select teams shall be composed of players from a single recreation league.

j. Select teams must be approved by the league Board of Directors.

k. A drafted select team or player that participates on any USA or non-USA team during the spring season will be ineligible for any CGSL All-Star team.

l. Recreational leagues may not host their own select tournaments.

m. Select teams may not participate in select team friendlies that conflict with their District select tournament. All select team friendlies must be approved by the District Commissioner

***NOTE: All select teams must be approved by the CGSL Board of Directors. More information concerning the formation of select teams can be found in the section titled Select Team Formation.***

## **Message to the Scorekeeper**

1. It is required that each team has two scorekeepers. One will keep score in a scorebook that is provided by the league, and the other will keep score in the Game Changer app. The Game Changer app is primarily to be used to track the pitching outs by a designated board member.
2. The home team will be designated as the official scorekeeper. If a team is designated as the home team for a game, but they do not have a scorekeeper, the visiting team (assuming they have a designated scorekeeper) will be responsible for becoming the official scorekeeper.
3. List VISITORS first and the HOME team second in the book, as this is the order in which they will bat during the game.
4. Indicate which field the game is being played at and enter the day and date of the game where indicated. When the game starts, get the official start time from the plate umpire and record it at the top of the scorebook. Remember to also record the ending time of the game.

5. Your coach and manager must have an accurate accounting of pitching outs. It is the scorekeeper's responsibility to track and record these pitching outs accurately. When a pitching change is made, record it by her name immediately so you don't forget. Be sure to give the retiring pitcher credit for any outs she may have before being replaced. Periodically count the outs you have recorded and make sure it is the same number as the inning you are in. EXAMPLE: Top of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inning, both pitchers should have nine (9) outs (3 completed innings each \* 3 outs each), etc. If there are any errors in counting pitching outs, this will make it easier to check back and find out where the error was made before the end of the game. **NOTE: Please check the REVERT BACK section in this book to get a better understanding of how pitching outs are recorded.**
6. Put the final score in BIG NUMBERS with the winning team written underneath it. If the game is called on darkness or time, the score reverts to the last completed inning.
7. Sign your name where indicated
8. All players on each team must be listed in the book by first AND last name and jersey number, even if they are injured, absent or late. THIS IS MANDATORY.
9. The official scorekeeper (Home Team) cannot sit in either dugout.
10. When you are an official scorekeeper, you are the only scorekeeper that can ask for time out to catch up on changes, pitching count, outs, etc. It would be helpful to sit with the scorekeeper from the opposing team, as the managers would only have to come to one area. If you miss a play, or an out, the other scorekeeper is there to help you out. This also saves time making changes – you do your book while the other scorekeeper watches and records the game, etc. As an official scorekeeper, if you become aware of any infraction being made by either team (batting out of order, pitching too many outs, etc.), you must notify the home plate umpire. As an official scorekeeper, you are supposed to be impartial where the rules are concerned. When you are the team scorekeeper and not official, it is your job to help your manager if you see her making an error, but not if you are the official scorekeeper. This could constitute a protest by the opposing team.
11. When you are the official scorekeeper, the lineup should be recorded in the books in ink. The reason for this is so that no changes can be made after the line-up is turned in to the scorekeepers. The rest of the book may be entered in pencil.
12. The most important thing to be recorded is the pitch count (balls and strikes), outs, runs scored (inning-by-inning and total), and the pitching outs for each pitcher. Don't be too concerned if you miss how an out is made; just make sure you have the balls, strikes, outs, and runs recorded.
13. Between each inning, the opposing scorekeeper will verify the score with the official scorekeeper.
14. Scorekeeping can be very enjoyable once you relax and get comfortable with the rules and procedures. You will find you see much more of the game when you record each play made and you will still find time to cheer on your favorite team.

## The Game

1. **Regulation Games:** A game will be scheduled for seven (7) innings in the 8u, 10u, 12u, and 14u divisions. A regulation game shall be defined as a game that ends with a winner or is a tie game at the completion of time or four (4) innings. During the regular season, games can end in a tie.
2. **Game Time:** 1 hour and 20 minutes (no new inning), drop dead 1 hour 30 minutes. Incomplete innings will revert back to the last completed inning. Refer to the revert back rule page 32.
  - a. Forfeit Time – Forfeit time shall be scheduled game time.
  - b. Completion of Time – No new inning will start after 1 hour and 25 minutes. A new inning starts when the third out is recorded in the previous inning.

3. **Incomplete Games:** Games that end before the completion of time will be considered incomplete and shall resume at the exact point where they are stopped. The time and the game ended must be noted in the official scorebook as to determine the remaining time to be completed. Any player not present from the original game must be entered at the bottom of the line-up and every attempt must be made to fulfill her playing obligation
4. **Make-Up Games:** Make-up games will be scheduled at the discretion of the league President, Vice President, Division Commissioner, and the UIC, **and this decision will be final.**
5. **Rescheduled Games:** Games may be rescheduled by a majority vote of the board of directors.
  - a. Requests for a rescheduled game must be submitted to the board of directors in writing 14 days prior to the game date. Make-up games or rescheduled games may be scheduled on Sundays starting as early as 8 a.m.
  - b. The only basis for rescheduling a game shall be that a team has less than seven players and the missing players shall be absent because of involvement in an organized church or school activity. If the reasons cannot be verified, the result is a forfeit of the game.
6. **Suspended Games:** It is the responsibility of the umpire to suspend a game due to inclement weather or darkness.
  - a. If the game has gone regulation four (4) innings, or more, it will be considered an official game and the score will stand.
  - b. If the game has **not** gone the regulation four (4) innings, it shall be considered an incomplete game and shall resume at a later date.
  - c. If the game is suspended during an incomplete inning, and the game has already gone the regulation four (4) complete innings, the score will revert to the last completed inning.
  - d. A suspended game shall be resumed the same as an incomplete game which is explained above in #3.
1. If a player is late arriving at the game, she will be permitted to play and enter at the bottom of the line-up, if she arrives prior to the completion of the third inning.
  - a. This addition must be given to the plate umpire on the arrival of the player.
  - b. If she arrives after the completion of the third inning, she will be considered absent in the official scorebook.
2. If the Manager advises the official scorekeeper prior to the game that a player must leave early, there will be no penalty. If prior notice is not given, an out will be recorded when the player would have come to bat.
  - a. In the case of an injury preventing the player from completing the game, the out **will not** be recorded.
3. No player will sit out two (2) consecutive innings on defense.
  - a. No record of substitutions will be kept and will be solely based on each manager's integrity. Failure to substitute as the rules state constitutes an automatic forfeit. **EXCEPTION:** A player may sit out two (2) consecutive innings if she has a minor illness/injury or needs to use the restroom.
4. Nine (9) players will play on defense in 10u, 12u, and 14u, Ten (10) in 8u, and the whole roster in 6u. However, eight (8) players may start or continue a game.



## Pitching Regulations

1. A pitching week will be two consecutive games. There will be no byes in a pitching week. A team's first two games comprise their first pitching week. For example, Game # 1 and Game # 2 are pitching week # 1, Game # 3 and Game # 4 are pitching week # 2, etc.
2. Following are the pitching limits for each division:
  - a. 8u division pitchers may pitch 6 outs per game for the first four (4) games of the season, it will then be nine (9) outs per game for the completion of the season.
  - b. 10u pitchers may pitch twelve (12) outs per game.
  - c. 12u pitchers may pitch twelve (12) outs per game.
  - d. 14u teams have no pitching limits.
  - e. There will be some seasons that we interleague with other softball leagues. If that is the case, then refer to the specific interleague rules concerning pitching limits.
3. A pitcher may not pitch after they have reached the pitching limit specified for each division.
  - a. A pitching out is any out recorded while the pitcher is the pitcher of record.
  - b. If the 4-up limit is reached in an inning, the pitcher of the record is charged the remaining outs.
4. Pitchers are credited with physical outs pitched only.
  - a. In the 8u and 10U division when the inning ends because of the 4 up rule the pitcher of record will be credited with the remaining outs in the inning, up to 3.
  - b. In the 12u division when the inning ends because of the 4 up rule, the pitcher of record will be credited with the remaining outs in the inning, up to 3.

**NOTE:** If a game reverts to the prior inning due to a suspended game that is regulation, or in a tournament game where time limits are drop-dead, please refer to the Revert Back Rule section, below.
5. No game will be forfeited because of excess pitching outs which occur because of outs made during a continuous play that began with the pitcher having less than the specified number of outs in that game. The excess will not carry over to the next game.
6. Pitching changes must be given to the umpire, the official scorekeeper, and the opposing team.
  - a. The official scorekeeper will keep an accurate record of pitching outs in the official scorebook.
7. Innings pitched in make-up, postponed, and suspended games will be counted together with innings that were pitched in the week when the original game was played.
8. Pitchers may make two (2) pitching appearances per game.

## Revert Back Rule

Any game that ends early without completing an inning may need to revert to the last completed inning. Below you will see five (5) scenarios to help you better understand the details regarding the revert rule and how they affect the score and pitching outs.

1. **Scenario # 1:** If the Home Team comes up to bat in the bottom of the inning, and they are behind and time expires due to the drop-dead rule before they can tie, or go ahead, the score will revert to the last completed inning. The pitching outs from the last (incomplete) inning will be recorded as follows:
  - a. **Home Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
  - b. **Visiting Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning

2. **Scenario # 2:** If the Home Team comes up to bat in the bottom of the inning, and they are already ahead of the Visiting Team and time expires due to the drop-dead rule, the score will still revert to the last completed inning. The pitching outs from the last (incomplete) inning will be recorded as follows:
  - a. **Home Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
  - b. **Visiting Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
    - a. **Note 1:** If the 1:30 no new inning has already passed, there is no reason for the Home Team to come up to bat in the bottom half of the inning if the Home Team is already ahead.
    - b. **Note 2:** If the Home Team is already ahead going into the bottom of the inning and they score additional runs, but they do not complete the inning, the score will still revert to the prior complete inning. The additional runs scored in the incomplete inning do not count. The outcome is still the same either way – the Home Team is the winner.
3. **Scenario # 3:** If the Home Team comes up to bat in the bottom of the inning, and the score is already tied and time expires before the Home Team can complete the inning, the score will revert to the last complete inning. The pitching outs from the last (incomplete) inning will be recorded as follows:
  - a. **Home Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
  - b. **Visiting Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
4. **Scenario # 4:** If the Home Team comes up to bat in the bottom of the inning and they are behind by one or more runs but tie the game in the bottom half of the inning, then time expires before they can complete the inning, the game ends in a tie. The pitching outs from the last (incomplete) inning will be recorded as follows:
  - a. **Home Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
  - b. **Visiting Team's Pitcher:** Revert to the last complete inning
5. **Scenario # 5:** If the Home Team comes up to bat in the bottom of the inning and the score is tied, but the home team scores one (1) additional run in the bottom of the inning before time expires, the game ends there and the Home Team wins by the one (1) run. The pitching outs from the last (complete) inning will be recorded as follows: **NOTE:** This is a complete game because the time did not expire due to the drop-dead rule.
  - a. **Home Team's Pitcher:** Recorded (3 outs)
  - b. **Visiting Team's Pitcher:** Recorded, but only the physical outs pitched (0, 1 or 2)

## 8u Division Rules and Modifications

CGSL will use the current USA Softball rules with the following modifications.

1. Pitching distance shall be 30 feet, bases shall be 60 feet.
2. Ten (10) players will play defense at a time.
  - a. The tenth player will be an outfielder and be positioned no closer than ten (10) feet from the baseline.
3. A minimum of eight (8) players may start a game without an offensive penalty incurred for the vacant player.
4. Infield fly rule will not be used in 8U.
5. Base runners shall not leave the base until after the pitcher has released the ball.
6. The coach is considered part of the playing field while pitching.
  - a. He/she must pitch from the rubber and try to avoid contact with a hit ball. If he/she is hit, then it will be a judgment call by the umpire regarding interference, or not.
7. Home plate is closed.
  - a. The only time a base runner may score is after a hit ball or a hit batter with the bases loaded. Penalty: The base runner is out if she touches home plate.
8. No batter may advance to first base on a third strike not held by the catcher.
9. A base runner may advance one base per pitch.
  - a. When a base has been stolen and a play has been made, runners may not advance on a throwback to the pitcher.
10. No base runner will be awarded home plate when a thrown ball goes out of play on a pick-off or steal attempt.
11. No tee shall be used.
12. During the first 6 scheduled games of the season, there will be no walks.
  - a. In all walk situations, the coach or adult designated pitcher (C/ADP) shall pitch to the batter and will assume the existing count.
  - b. The C/ADP will continue to pitch to the batter and the umpire will rule on each pitch utilizing the strike zone. A limit of four (4) pitches from the C/ADP to the batter will be allowed until a ball is hit, or the umpire calls out the batter on strikes.
  - c. A batter may strike out against the coach on called strikes.
  - d. If the 4th or any pitch after that, from the C/ADP, is a batted foul ball, then pitches will continue until a ball is hit fair, or the batter is called out on strikes. Any pitch after that, which is not swung at, will be considered a strike, and the batter will be called out. Put
  - e. The C/ADP must be in contact with the pitching rubber when making a pitch.
  - f. The pitcher must have both feet in the pitcher's circle when the C/ADP releases the ball.
  - g. There will be no bunting off the coach.
  - h. After 6 scheduled games have been completed, there will be no coach pitch.
13. For the first three innings (3) of play, four (4) up rules will be used. Each team can either score four (4) runs or can tie the score and go up by four (4) runs each inning.
  - a. Starting in the fourth (4th) and every inning, thereafter, runs will be unlimited.
14. If the winning team is ahead by 15 runs or more after three (3) complete innings, 12 runs after four (4) complete innings, or 8 runs after five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a mercy game.
15. Any complete innings played shall constitute a complete game.
16. If a ball pitched by the opposing pitcher hits the batter, the count will be reset, and the batter will receive C/ADP pitches.
  - a. If a ball pitched by the C/ADP hits the batter, the batter must continue her at-bat.
17. If bases or pitching distances are marked in error and discovered after play has started, the inning in progress shall be completed. Then the correct distance shall be used. No protest is allowed.
18. If an apparent injury occurs while at-bat and the player cannot continue, the player who made the

- previous out will complete the player's at-bat and that player will assume the count.
19. In the case of an injury where a courtesy runner is granted, the runner shall be the player that made the last out. If the last out is the pitcher or catcher, the runner may be the previous last out.
  20. No more than one board-approved representative of any one team will be allowed on the field to discuss disputed calls with the umpire.
  21. The umpire may ask a player, manager, coach, parent, or anyone else who is obstructing the playing of the game or is guilty of improper behavior; to leave the area or the game will be forfeited. Penalty: See Unsportsmanlike Conduct, #1, page 23.
  22. Sliding is permitted, and encouraged, by any player in 8u.
  23. The runner must avoid contact at all bases when a play is being made. Failure to do so could result in an out being called on the runner.
  24. A courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
    - a. The courtesy runner must be the player furthest in the line-up who is occupying a base. If the player designated to be the courtesy runner is the pitcher or catcher, move to the next player in the line-up who is not occupying a base.
  25. CGSL will allow trained adult and junior umpires to umpire games when needed. Junior umpires will only be used in the 8u division, when needed.
  26. When interleague with other leagues, please refer to the SPECIAL published interleague rules that are disbursed to each team.

## 10u Division Rules and Modifications

CGSL will use the current USA Softball Rules with the following modifications:

1. The pitching distance shall be 35 feet, bases shall be 60 feet.
2. For the first three innings (3) of play, four (4) up rule will be used. Each team can either score four (4) runs or can tie the score and go up by four (4) runs each inning.
  - a. Starting in the fourth (4th) and every inning, thereafter, runs will be unlimited.
3. If the winning team is ahead by 15 runs or more after three (3) complete innings, 12 runs after four (4) complete innings, or 8 runs after five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a mercy game.
4. No pitcher may pitch over 12 outs per game.
  - a. Should the records reflect a girl pitching more than 12 outs per game, upon appeal from the opposing manager, the game in question shall be forfeited.
  - b. No game will be forfeited because of excessive pitching out which occurs as the result of outs being made during a continuous play, that began with the pitcher having less than the specified number of outs in that game.
  - c. The pitcher shall be credited with three pitching outs in any inning ended by the 4-up rule.
5. If bases or pitching distances are marked in error and discovered after play has started, the inning in progress shall be completed. Then the correct distance shall be used. No protest is allowed.
6. If an apparent injury occurs while at-bat and the player cannot continue, the player who made the previous out will complete the player's at-bat and that player will assume the count.
7. In the case of an injury where a courtesy runner is granted, the runner shall be the player that made the last out. If the last out is the pitcher or catcher, the runner shall be the previous last out.
8. No more than one board-approved representative of any one team will be allowed on the field to discuss disputed calls with the umpire.
9. The umpire may ask a player, manager, coach, parent, or anyone else who is obstructing the playing of the game or is guilty of improper behavior; to leave the area or the game will be forfeited. Penalty: See Unsportsmanlike Conduct, #1, page 23.

10. Sliding is permitted, and encouraged, by any player in 10u.
11. The runner must avoid contact at all bases when a play is being made. Failure to do so could result in an out being called on the runner.
12. A courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
  - a. The courtesy runner shall be the player listed furthest in the line-up from the pitcher or catcher that isn't already occupying a base. If that player is the pitcher or a catcher, move to the next player in the line-up who is not
13. When interleague with other leagues, please refer to the SPECIAL published interleague rules that are disbursed to each team.

## 12u Rules and Modifications

CGSL will use the current USA Softball Rules with the following modifications:

1. The pitching distance shall be 40 feet, bases shall be 60 feet.
2. For the first three innings (3) of play, four (4) up rules will be used. Each team can either score four (4) runs or can tie the score and go up by four (4) runs each inning. Starting in the fourth (4th) and every inning, thereafter, runs will be unlimited.
3. If the winning team is ahead by 15 runs or more after three (3) complete innings, 12 runs after four (4) complete innings, or 8 runs after five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a mercy game.
4. No pitcher may pitch over 12 outs per game.
  - a. Should the records reflect a girl pitching more than 12 outs per game, upon appeal from the opposing manager, the game in question shall be forfeited.
  - b. No game will be forfeited because of excessive pitching out which occurs as the result of outs being made during a continuous play, that began with the pitcher having less than the specified number of outs in that game
  - c. The pitcher shall be credited with three pitching outs in any inning ended by the 4-up rule.
5. If bases or pitching distances are marked in error and discovered after play has started, the inning in progress shall be completed. Then the correct distance shall be used. No protest is allowed.
6. If an apparent injury occurs while at-bat and the player cannot continue, the player who made the previous out will complete the player's at-bat and that player will assume the count.
7. In the case of an injury where a courtesy runner is granted, the runner shall be the player that made the last out. If the last out is the pitcher or catcher, the runner shall be the previous last out.
8. No more than one board-approved representative of any one team will be allowed on the field to discuss disputed calls with the umpire.
9. The umpire may ask a player, manager, coach, parent, or anyone else who is obstructing the playing of the game or is guilty of improper behavior; to leave the area or the game will be forfeited. Penalty: See Unsportsmanlike Conduct, #1, page 23.
10. Sliding is permitted, and encouraged, by any player in 12u.
11. The runner must avoid contact at all bases when a play is being made. Failure to do so could result in an out being called on the runner.
12. A courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
  - a. The courtesy runner shall be the player listed furthest in the line-up from the pitcher or catcher that isn't already occupying a base. If that player is the pitcher or a catcher, move to the next player in the line-up who is not occupying a base.
13. When interleague with other leagues, please refer to the SPECIAL published interleague rules that are disbursed to each team.

## 14u Rules and Modifications

CGSL will use the current USA Softball Rules with the following modifications:

1. The pitching distance shall be 43 feet, bases shall be 60 feet.
2. If the winning team is ahead by 15 runs or more after three (3) complete innings, 12 runs after four (4) complete innings, or 8 runs after five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a mercy game.
3. If bases or pitching distances are marked in error and discovered after play has started, the inning in progress will be completed. Then the correct distance will be used. No protest is allowed.
4. If an apparent injury occurs while at-bat and the player cannot continue, the player who made the previous out will complete the player's at-bat and that player will assume the count.
5. In the case of an injury where a courtesy runner is granted, the runner shall be the player that made the last out.
  - a. If the last out is a pitcher or catcher, the runner may be the previous out.
6. No more than one board-approved representative of any one team will be allowed on the field to discuss disputed calls with the umpire.
7. The umpire may ask a player, manager, coach, parent, or anyone else who is obstructing the playing of the game or is guilty of improper behavior; to leave the area or the game will be forfeited. Penalty: See Unsportsmanlike Conduct, #1, page 23.
8. Sliding is permitted, and encouraged, by any player in 14u.
9. The runner must avoid contact at all bases when a play is being made. Failure to do so could result in an out being called on the runner.
10. A courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers only.
  - a. The courtesy runner shall be the player listed furthest in the line-up from the pitcher or catcher that isn't already occupying a base. If that player is the pitcher or a catcher, move to the next player in the line-up who is not occupying a base.
11. When interleague with other leagues, please refer to the SPECIAL published interleague rules that are disbursed to each team.

## 6U Rules

The 6U division of CGSL is an instructional division for girls that are a minimum age of 4 years old as of August 31, 2023, and as such, is non-competitive. No league standings will be kept.

The official rules of play will be the current USA Softball Rules. Modifications have been made by CGSL as felt necessary for the girl's safety. The modifications in the following sections supersede the current USA Softball Rules.

### 1. Team Formation

- a. Team number will be determined by a draw of numbers going in alphabetical order by the legal last name of the manager. One manager and one coach may team up to accept a 6u team with exclusive draft rights to their daughters.
- b. All 6u teams should have a substantially equal number of players of each age

### 2. Playing Obligations

- a. All players will constitute a team on the field. However, eight (8) players must start or continue a game.
- b. The entire team will play defense at all times. Only six (6) players will comprise the

infield. The remaining players will be positioned in the outfield behind the baseline.

c. No infielder (with the exception of the catcher and pitcher) may play in front of the pitching rubber.

d. Prior to each game, each manager will submit to the official scorekeeper and opposing manager a complete roster line-up (to include first and last name) for girls that are present and eligible to play that day. Each girl on the roster line-up will bat continuously in the order submitted.

e. If a player is late arriving to the game, she will be permitted to play. The player will be added to the bottom of the line-up.

f. Position changes will be made every inning.

**NOTE: During tournament play, playing obligation rules may change.**

### **3. Game Rules**

a. A regulation game will be four (4) innings or one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15), whichever comes first.

b. A game not started within 15 minutes after the scheduled game time shall not be played.

c. Make-up games may only be scheduled with the approval of the board of directors.

d. No umpires will be provided. Parent volunteers from each participating team will umpire.

**NOTE: During tournament play impartial umpires will be used.**

e. Sliding is permitted by any player in 6u. **However, the manager and coaches should work with the players during practice and teach proper sliding techniques prior to sliding during games.**

f. Bases shall be a minimum of 50 feet apart.

g. At WJH the center of the pitching circle will be 35 ft on Field #1 and 30 ft on Field #2.

h. Managers and coaches may stand near batters and defensive players to offer advice but shall not interfere with play.

i. The manager or coach must request "time" from the umpire before demonstrating a technique or situation to players during the progress of the game.

j. No more than four parents may be on the field at one time, including the coach and manager.

k. A batter may be pitched to at the discretion of the coach. The number of pitches will be limited to three (3) and will be pitched from a distance of 15 feet.

l. If the ball is not hit into fair territory within those three (3) pitches, the batter shall be allowed three swings on the tee.

m. If the batter fouls the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch, the coach can continue to pitch to the batter until she misses the ball or hits the ball in fair territory.

n. If the batter is not pitched to, then the batter will be allowed up to five (5) swings to hit the ball into fair territory. The coach or manager may help the batter on the fifth swing to make contact with the ball.

o. During the first half of the season, each team will bat through their entire lineup during their half of the inning.

p. If a batter is called out, she must return to the dugout.

q. After the last batter hits in the lineup, she can continue to run the bases until she is tagged out at a base. After the last batter crosses the plate (or is tagged out at a base), the opposing team will come up to bat.

r. During the second half of the season, outs will be recorded.

s. An inning will consist of either three (3) outs, or the entire line-up has batted.

t. Infield fly rule will not be used.

u. Base runners must stay in contact until the ball is hit. **The penalty for leaving the base before the ball is hit is that the runner is out.**

v. The ball will be considered dead at the moment it enters the pitcher's circle after a

defensive player throws it back to the pitcher. (The pitcher's circle is a 16-foot circle drawn around the pitching rubber.)

1. A runner halfway or more to the next base when the ball becomes dead may continue to advance to the next base.
  2. A runner less than halfway must go back to the last base. The ball is also considered dead when it is hit to the outfield and the outfielder touches the ball.
  3. On an overthrow, whether in play or not, the ball is dead, and the runner may only advance one base
- v. If the ball travels less than 8 feet in fair territory from home plate, or the batter hits the tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the tee, it is a foul ball.
- w. A runner on third base may not score on an overthrow from the catcher to the pitcher.
- x. No base runner may score from third base on a passed ball by the catcher (closed home plate).
- y. When interleague with other leagues, please refer to the SPECIAL published interleague rules that are disbursed to each team.

## Spring Championship

For the spring division standings, teams are awarded **2 points** for **each win**, and **1 point** for **each tie**.

1. The team with the most points in the standings at the conclusion of regular season play will be declared the league champion for their division.
  - a. The team with the second-most points in the standings will be declared the second-place team for their division.
  - b. The team with the third-most points in the standings will be declared the third-place team.
  - c. The end of the season tournament (EOST) winners do not factor into league finishers.
2. In the event of a tie in points in the standings, the tie will be broken in the following order:
  - a. Head-to-head (how they did against each other)
  - b. Runs allowed (who allowed the fewest runs)
  - c. Runs scored (who scored the most runs)



### 3. Coin Toss

**Example:**

	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Team A	13	2	1	$(13*2) + (1*1) = 27$ points
Team B	12	3	1	$(12*2) + (1*1) = 25$ points
Team C	11	2	3	$(11*2) + (3*1) = 25$ points

In the example above, Team A would be declared as 1<sup>st</sup> place. Teams B & C are tied with 25 points each, so their fate would be decided following the above tiebreakers.

## **End of Season Tournament (EOST)**

At the conclusion of the spring season, Cypress Girls Softball may have a season-ending tournament with all the league teams that wish to participate.

- a. CGSL may ask for a contribution from each team to offset the cost of the tournament.
- b. All teams will play at least two games in the tournament and teams who finish in 1st or 2nd place will receive awards.
- c. The EOST tournament does not affect the final spring standings.

## **All Stars**

Due to the additional cost of All-Stars (Uniforms, All-Star Tournaments, trophies, and other misc. expenses) the League will charge at least \$400.00 per player to offset the cost(s) to the League. This will cover the cost of the uniform, three (3) USA Softball All-Star Tournaments and other miscellaneous items provided to each All-Star player. This fee will be evaluated by the Board each year depending on the projected cost. All-Stars can cost the League as much as \$1,800.00 to \$2,500.00 per Team depending on if they qualify for States, Nationals, etc. CGSL designates "Blue All-Stars" as equivalent to USA Softball Gold and "Red All-Stars" as equivalent to USA Softball Silver.

### **1. League All Star Eligibility**

- a. Eligibility rules per USA So Cal Softball rules must be followed which can be found in the book under USA "B" Classification.
  - a. The manager will provide each parent/guardian with the player all star eligibility form during the month of March.
  - b. Each player/guardian must fill out the information and determine if they want the player to become eligible for the All Star ballot.
  - c. The form must be returned back to their team manager by the date to be determined, who will return it back to the All Star Commissioner.
  - d. The All Star Commissioner will generate a list of names eligible for All-Star voting based on the completed forms.
  - e. Any form changes will not be allowed after April 15, and must be in writing to the All Star Commissioner.

### **2. All Star Procedure**

- a. The date, place, and time for All-Star voting will be made available to all Managers and Coaches of record at least two (2) weeks in advance. Failure of a Team Manager and/or Coach of record to be in attendance on the day of voting loses their right to vote for All Stars.
- b. 8U, 10U, 12U, and will each select 12 players representing Blue All-Stars. A Red All Star

team will be allowed based on the discretion of the board, when criteria is met. No All Star team will be added after April 1.

### **3. All-Star Team, Manager, and Coach Selections**

- a. The Managers and Coaches of record must be present at the time of voting for the selection of players to be valid. No mail-in votes are allowed.
- b. The Manager and Coach of record from each team will vote separately for the first five players with an emphasis on pitching and catching abilities; three (3) nominated pitchers and two (2) nominated catchers.
- c. Players receiving a **majority** vote of managers and coaches present will be declared an All Star.
- d. In the case of a tie, coaches, and managers will re-enter to break the tie. The manager and coach of record of each team will cast one vote each among the players who received the same number of votes. The player with the most votes will advance.
- e. A board member will post in alphabetical order the five (5) players (3 pitchers and 2 catchers) with the most votes after voting has concluded.
- f. Second voting will take place for the next seven (7) players with an emphasis on the field playing ability. The selection of these seven players will be done in the same fashion as the previous five players.
- g. The manager and coach of the Blue All-Star team will then be selected. (See #6)
- h. The selection of the Red All-Stars will follow the same procedures as the Blue All-Star selection immediately following the end of the Blue All-Star selections.

#### 4. Alternates

- a. A master list from each division will be compiled, listing all players not selected as All Stars.
- b. If a manager/coach needs a player, the All Star Commissioner must be contacted.

#### 5. All-Star Managers and Coaches Selections:

- a. The managers and coaches in their respective divisions will select (via vote) the manager and coach of the Blue All Star team. The manager and coach selected as the Blue All Star Manager and Coach must be selected from existing managers and coaches of record during the spring season in their divisions. If no coaches or managers are eligible, the board will decide how to proceed.
- b. The Blue All Star Coach and Manager may choose, at their discretion, other assistants to help with the team. However, these assistants will not be considered as official coaches, and they must be cleared by USA Softball during the Spring season via a background check.
- c. The selection of the Manager and Coach of the Red All-Star team will follow the same procedures as the Blue AllStar team.

#### 6. ***All-Star Information***

- a. The league will pay for up to three (3) All-Star tournaments for every All-Star team. The league will pay the entry for any additional USAS SoCal championship tournaments.
- b. All-Star teams may acquire sponsors or have fundraisers to offset the cost of the season. The sponsor and fundraiser incentive are given 100% back to the team. Any funds acquired must be used strictly on the players. It is the responsibility of each team to provide sponsor plaques to their sponsors.
- c. Any planned fundraiser must have the approval of the CGSL Fundraiser Commissioner. A financial report showing the income and expenses must be turned in to the All-Star Commissioner at the conclusion of the season.
- d. All-Star teams will wear league-approved uniforms. Following the All Star draft, the league will schedule a parent meet with the All Star commissioner, uniform director, player agent, and treasurer. At that time the fee will be paid, and uniforms will be sized. All Star information will

be discussed at that time, as well as answer any questions you may have.

e. All-Star players must play a minimum of nine (9) outs or three (3) defensive innings per game. In the event that a game ends before any player completes her three innings, the player must start the next game and complete three innings of play. No CGSL player shall sit two consecutive innings in any tournaments that allow round-robin batting and free substitution.

f. Some All-Star Tournaments, particularly championship games, are based on 'USA Softball-9' or DP/Flex extra player rules. When this happens, the All-Star Coach(s) and Manager will make decisions about the lineup that they feel is best overall for the team for that game. For example, a player designated as the "DP" might only bat during a game, and a player designated as the "Flex" player might only play defense during a game. These rules can get complicated, so the coach and manager will make decisions that are best for the team.

g. CGSL will arrange for All-Star pictures to be taken. The team is responsible for generating a team collage of pictures to be included in the next spring season yearbook.

h. Any team that advances to the USA SoCal Championships will be provided with 25 pins for trading.

## Fall Ball

1. Fall ball season runs from August through November.
  - a. The season may begin with a Labor Day Tournament and will end with a November end of season tournament.
2. Registration will be available online through our website [cypressgirlssoftball.com](http://cypressgirlssoftball.com).
  - a. Girls must register in Divisions according to age as **of August 31, 2023**. The only exception would be because of physical or medical reasons based upon Board approval.
  - b. Registration payment is debit or credit card only. Sorry no cash or check is accepted.
  - c. Registration must be paid in full prior to the draft. If not paid in full, the player will be placed on the waiting list and will not go through the draft.
3. Based on the above, waiting list placement on a team is not based solely on registration number.
  - a. Priority will be given to those who pay in full, then based on the city of residence. For example, Cypress residents will be given priority over other non-Cypress residents.
4. New registrations will not be accepted after one (1) week after the division draft.
5. 10U, 12U, and 14u will play double-header games on Saturdays, 6u will play a single game on Saturday, and 8u will play a single game with an extended game time limit.
6. The fall ball league is a traveling league comprising several Central District leagues and consisting of ten weeks.
7. Evaluations may be held at the discretion of the board.
8. Teams are formed by a player draft.
9. Drafting procedure will be in accordance with our Drafting Rules located in the book.
10. Fall Ball is an instructional league and no standings are kept, so there will be no league winners.
  - a. When playing a double header, the first game should be considered a competitive game. The second game is when you give players an opportunity to play different positions.
  - b. The batting order for the second game of a double header will be a continuation of the batting order from the first game.
  - c. Every player should have an opportunity to play at least one inning at an infield position during the single or doubleheader game(s).
11. All players must be on a team roster for 50% of the season to be eligible to play in the season-ending tournament.
12. Each team must keep score with a scorebook provided by the league, as well as use the Game Changer app.
  - a. The team must allow a league representative to be included in your Game Changer app

as either a staff or family member.

b. The league representative will record the pitching outs from the teams during the Fall season.

c. The recorded outs will be provided as part of the draft list in the Spring season.

d. Pitchers will not be given a category, but should be used as a tool to help with a team's draft.

**13. The above is subject to change at the Board's discretion.**

Current Fall Ball rules that are voted on by all the participating leagues, may be found on the league website: [cypressgirlssoftball.com/about/downloads](http://cypressgirlssoftball.com/about/downloads).

## Formation of Select Teams

1. Select players are those who have the desire to play softball at a higher level of competition within the recreational league of Cypress Girls Softball.
2. Select players must be registered in Cypress Girls Softball for the current season and be rostered players.
3. The league will post a flyer asking those interested in playing select to contact a designated board representative.
4. The board of directors will determine if there is enough interest to form select teams in the 8u, 10u, 12u, or 14u divisions.
5. Managers and coaches of select teams will be voted by the board of directors.
6. An evaluation date and time will be determined with notification being sent to all registered players.
  - a. A committee will evaluate all players at the date and time determined
  - b. The players will be evaluated on throwing, fielding, pitching, catching, batting, and running speed.
  - c. After the evaluation, the committee will determine the roster of the team and players will be notified.
7. An additional registration fee will be charged which will cover the uniform cost, umpire fees, field usage fees, as well as tournament fees.
8. Games will be played against local leagues and will be on Sundays.
9. Regular team practices and games take precedence over select teams.
10. Any drafted select player or team who participates on any other USA or non-USA team will be ineligible for any All-Star team in CGSL.

## Softball Poem

Lining up to see who is home or visitor  
Get in positions ready to play  
Running your heart out to steal a base  
Trying to get that one perfect pitch  
Making an outstanding play in the field  
Making an error  
Making an out  
Cheering till you can't cheer anymore  
Hitting that home run  
Scoring the winning run  
Pitching a no hitter  
The umpire being bitter  
Losing voices  
Out of breath  
Lining up at the end  
Slapping hands and saying good game  
In pain  
Just lost the game  
But there are more games to win or lose  
That is the name of the game  
Softball, live it, love it, play it

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