

Gary Gryder Memorial Softball Tournament



2019 RULE BOOK

*** Modified USSSA rules apply. Unless they are modified here, all rules are governed by USSSA.**

COUNT: 1-1 with a courtesy foul.

HOME RUN LIMIT: 5 and 1 up

LEADOFFS: No lead-offs, however a runner on 1st Base or 3rd Base may step off into foul territory for their own protection. If a runner does this, he must re-touch the base prior to advancing or he shall be declared out.

COURTESY RUNNERS: One courtesy runner allowed per inning. If a player uses a courtesy runner and he gets on base multiple times during the same inning, whoever is the current last out can run for him during each time he is on base. The courtesy runner must always be the last out, unless it is the first inning, no exceptions. If someone needs a runner during the first inning, any player in the game may run for him. The runner rules may not be waived by teams.

APPEALS: Any rulings must be appealed at the time they occur and will be determined first by the Umpire in Chief and if necessary, by the tournament director. (The tournament director will only rule on the modified rules; interpretation of a USSSA rule will be handled by the Umpire in Chief.) Late appeals will not be heard. Rules covering ethical issues will be interpreted to uphold the high standards of the law enforcement profession.

TIME LIMIT: Games (with exception to the Championship game) will be 7 innings or 60 minutes. No new innings may start after the 60-minute mark. There will be no time limit during the Championship game.

RUN RULE: The run rule is 20 after four innings, 15 after five innings and 12 after six innings. These run rules are in effect during all games except the championship game. In the championship game, the run rule is 20 after five innings.

PITCHING RULE: There is a 10 ft. max on pitch height. The middle is open and pump fakes are allowed.

TIES: If the game is tied after a full 7 innings, subsequent innings will begin with the last batter being placed on 1st base and the batter before him in the order on 2nd base with ONE out. Essentially, there will be runners on 1st and 2nd with one out at the start of 8th inning and any subsequent innings after. Games will continue this way until there is a winner.

MAX ROSTER PER GAME: Each team may not use more than 15 players per game. These 15 players must be designated prior to the start of the game on the line-up card (Starters and substitutes will be listed for a total of 15). If a player is not listed on the line-up card, they are ineligible to enter the game. Only 15 total players may be listed for a particular game.

FORFEITS: All forfeits will be scored 7-0.

PLAYOFF SEEDING:

Playoff seeding will be determined by (in this order):

- 1) Round Robin Win-Loss Record
- 3) Run Differential
- 4) Least runs allowed
- 5) Total runs scored
- 6) Coin flip

HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM: This will be decided by a coin toss and the winner of the coin toss will have choice of home or visitors. In the Championship game, the undefeated team will have the option of home or visitors. If there is an "if" game, a coin toss will determine who selects home or visitors.

BAT RULES: Only bats with a USSSA stamp are allowed.

(IMPORTANT – Any bat intentionally thrown or egregiously mistreated, as determined by the umpire, will result in an automatic game suspension for the player).

IN GAME WARM-UPS: Players will be allowed to warm-up during the FIRST inning only. After the first inning, no warm up pitches or infield throws/warm ups will be allowed. This is to keep the games on schedule. Ultimately the umpire will have final say to keep the games moving. The umpire may assess a penalty to any team violating the no between inning warm up rule. That penalty will consist of the last batter from the previous inning being awarded first base to start the inning.

INTER-DIVISIONAL PLAYERS: Players may only play on ONE team.

GAME BALLS/WAIVER FORMS (VERY IMPORTANT): As each team checks in, the team manager must fill out their team waiver forms. (WAIVER FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO A TEAMS FIRST GAME AND CAN ONLY BE TURNED IN TO GRYDER TOURNEY BOOTH). It will be the batting team's responsibility to provide the balls for their hitters and they may throw in a new or used ball at their discretion as long as it is a BLD stamped Ball. NO OTHER BALLS WILL BE ALLOWED IN PLAY. IT IS THE OFFENSIVE TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY RETREIVE THEIR BALLS AND HAVE ENOUGH BALLS FOR THEIR GAMES. Each team should mark their balls with their team name. If you find a marked team ball, please return it to the Gryder tournament booth or to the team. BLD will have balls for sale for \$5.00 each.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: All players must be full time active/retired police, fire, EMS, or military. Exceptions *may* be made on a case-by-case basis. Teams that would like to request a waiver must contact the tournament director.

ROSTERS: All coaches must have submitted all of their players to the tournament director by July 15 so they may be placed on the master tournament roster.

WRISTBANDS: All players must check in and receive/wear a wristband prior to their first game. Duplicate wristbands can be obtained but the cost is \$5.00 for each new wristband.

IMPORTANT: Players must show the umpires their ID band attached around their wrist or ankle during their first at bat of the playoffs. Umpires have been instructed to not allow a player to play without an ID band. A player without an ID band must be substituted for in the line-up or his place will be an automatic out. If a batter bats and is found to not have a band prior to the next batters at-bat, then the batter without the band will be ruled out and any runners will reset to their respective bases. (Bands may sometimes break during the game; if this happens, the player must inform the umpire immediately and the team must notify a tourney representative to check the players ID and get him a new band) Random checks may be instituted and a player's status can be challenged at any time by any player, coach or Gryder tourney representative.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Official Gryder tournament photographers may be on the field. If they are, they are considered in the field of play. If a ball hits them and stays in play, the ball is live. Other photographers should not be on the field.

CONDUCT: No excessive profanity is allowed and conduct must be held to the standards of the first responder profession. Umpires will try to give warnings for conduct but players may be ejected for un-sportsman like conduct.

BIG LEAGUE DREAMS RULES/FEES: No outside food, beverages or ice chests/coolers are allowed in the park (outside water is allowed). This is strictly enforced. There is an entry fee to get into the BLD park but you receive credit toward the clubhouse snack bar/restaurant upon entry. You can use that credit toward food or drink (including beer). There is no drinking of alcohol in the parking lot allowed so please drink any alcohol in the BLD clubhouse area.

WARNING: Balls will leave the park so please be aware of this when deciding where to park your vehicles.

IMPORTANT SANCTIONING REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Gary Gryder Memorial Softball Tournament is sanctioned through USSSA Sports. They provide the umpires and the mandatory insurance policy that is required at all BLD facilities. All teams playing in this event are covered through USSSA.