

# **Gasparilla Softball Classic XVI**

## ***Tournament Rules of Play***

**The following details our tournament's rules of play. Field will have a competition coordinator who should be consulted in the event of any problems. We will provide basic first aid to stop bleeding. In the event of serious injury, please call 911! Hospitals are just a few miles away.**

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1. All games will be played with a maximum of twelve players in the lineup. This will consist of ten players on the field and the 11th and 12th players as extra hitters. Games may be started with a minimum of nine players. If a game begins with nine players and a tenth player shows up, then that player may immediately enter the lineup to make 10. However, if a team starts with 10 and then an 11th shows up, the 11th player may be used only as a substitute for the original ten players.
2. Round Robin games are drop dead 55 minutes and revert to the previous completed inning if not completed by the deadline. Ties in round robin are allowed. All games are scheduled for seven innings with no new innings starting after 55 minutes except for un-timed games (championship and "if" games only). There is no run-rule in Round Robin games.
3. Innings will begin as soon as the last out of the previous inning is recorded.
4. One courtesy runner per team per inning is allowed. The courtesy runner will be the last out made. If one comes off the bench to pinch run (as opposed to being a courtesy runner), the player is considered a substitution and subject to the rules as such.
5. Equipment: All legal ASA bats can be used. Metal cleats or metal screws into cleats are illegal. Rubber type cleats are permitted but optional. (ASA)
6. Any player with an open, bleeding wound **MUST** leave the game immediately, until the bleeding has stopped and has been properly bandaged. The game may be halted for a maximum of five minutes to allow the player to comply without penalty. After five minutes, a substitute must take the place of the injured player.
7. Any team unable to field nine players at anytime shall be subject to forfeit.
8. Once games begin, they are under the jurisdiction of the umpire. Umpires shall have the authority to rule on any specific point not covered in these rules. Games may be protested for rule interpretations only. Judgment calls may not be protested. Calls protested must be done at the time of the disagreement or before the end of the game. A ruling of the protest will be made by the protest committee of the Gasparilla Softball Classic. Such rulings will be final and **NOT** subject to appeal. The \$100 PROTEST FEE

WILL BE REFUNDED IF PROTEST IS UPHOLD. NAGAAA protest procedures and costs will be observed. Ratings protests can result in the ejection of the team from the tournament if team is deemed to be in the incorrect division. Individuals can also be ejected for ratings OR conduct violations.

9. Home team is the official score keeper. Check with the umpire at each 1/2 inning to verify score. Complimentary score books WILL be provided to each team.

10. We will not tolerate a player's dress that exposes any portion of the buttocks, testicles, breast for women, underwear, or any other portion of a player's body that may be deemed offensive to other players.

11. Out of the Park Home Run Limits: D – All home runs are an out. C – 1 home run, others are an out. B – 2 home runs, others are an out. A – 4 home runs followed by the one-up rule.

12. All batters come to the plate with a one and one count. This speeds up play. However, one courtesy foul is given to each batter after two strikes.

13. In tournament games (as opposed to round robin), if there is a tie at the end of regulation by time or innings, each team starts the extra innings with a runner (the previous out) on second; otherwise, play is normal.

14. Run Rule: 20 after 3 innings; 15 after 4 innings; 12 after 5 innings. Bracket play only.

15. All games are flipped for home team.

16. Conduct on and off the field: Artificial noise makers are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to money shakers, horns and other such devices. We also respect the lives of our players and fans. Offending fans (either with offensive comments or noise makers) will be asked to stop, and teams may be subject to forfeit if fans are not kept under control. Umpires have the power to have offending fans removed. We are here to have fun and play softball!

17. NAGAAA's Heterosexual Player Limit Rule: Tampa does not use this rule in league or tournament play. However, players and/or fans may be ejected for not respecting the lives of others. See rule #15 above.