

# Grand Slam Summer Softball League

## GS3 - Travel and Select Divisions

2020

### GS3 Girls Fastpitch Rules and Information

GS3 is dedicated to a quality softball experience for the youth of our community. Our mission is to foster, promote and provide a positive forum to teach softball to young girls. We strive to focus on providing an affordable, well-serviced league with a strong focus on moral conduct, sportsmanship and teamwork. The primary focus of the GS3 will be for the development and growth of softball in central Ohio while providing a positive experience for all the participants. The GS3 will celebrate the accomplishments and achievement of diligence throughout league play culminating with an end of season tournament.

Organizational Meeting-Sat, Dec. 14th, 2019 Grand Slam USA @ 4pm

-Assessment Game Demos will be displayed

***The goal of the GS3 is to provide memorable experiences through steady league competition leading up to the pinnacle excitement of a "Grand Slam" Championship Game.***

### GS3 Equality Rule: (GS3ER)

Travel time & expense = to field prep time & expense.

So the trade-off for Hosting HOME Games is = to traveling to AWAY games

Field Prep Time & Expense = Travel Time & Expense

Double Headers are equal for BOTH TEAMS – Each team is Home for 1 game

Each team brings 1 game Umpire Fee + 1 game ball EACH WEEK!!!

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**HOME FIELD**- If you have access to a HOME FIELD for all Dates, please indicate on form. This provides another team to participate in GS3 that does not have a Home Field available to them. IF you have a HOME FIELD only available on specific dates, please list below.

**Mark below if this applies to your team:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Your team is UNABLE to host games

\_\_\_\_\_ Your team is ABLE to host ALL GAMES

\_\_\_\_\_ Your team is ABLE to host on SPECIFIC DATES

Dates available to HOST HOME GAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Field Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home fields must be softball diamonds - all dirt infields. Fields must be set-up according to ASA Rules.

**\*Restroom facilities onsite**

**Determine YOUR Division:**

**In order to maintain the strength of schedule and integrity of the League, we will use the following criteria to determine which league your team will be placed in:**

**History of the Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Events played in prior year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament finishes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaches Resume:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referrals from key softball centers of influence:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Travel Division:** In an attempt to combine the teams that focus on Tournament Level Competition thought-out the summer, this Division is one night per week schedule (10 games). This is to allow ample time for travel to tournaments while still having meaningful competition during the week. The league is designed to provide teams competitive games for players to perform their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions that are not afforded them during competitive tournament play.

**The Travel Division will play on these nights:** (Please see list of criteria to determine Division)

Tuesdays 16 Under Double Headers Only 6-8 Teams permitted

Tuesdays 14 Under Double Headers Only 6-8 Teams permitted

Wednesdays 12 Under Double Headers Only 6-8 Teams permitted

Wednesdays 10 Under Double Headers Only 6-8 Teams permitted

**Travel Division Season:** 5-week Season: Begins, Tuesday, May 26 - July 5, 2020

**Make-up Week:** May 29 - July 3, 2020

**Tournament:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 7 – July 10, 2020 @ Emerald Park

Rain Date: Friday, July 10, 2020

**League Fees:** \$225.00 covers 1 night/week schedule

***GS3ER = Each team is responsible for \$35 for umpire fee and game ball each week!!***

**Includes:**

\*10 + games

\*Scheduling of Games and Umpires

\*Maintenance of Umpires and Make-up games throughout Season

\*Full Service Website with Updated Standings

\*Weekly Updates from League Office

\*Tournament: Top 4 Teams in each Division to Tournament.

\*GS3 will provide and pay for fields, balls, and umpires during tournament play

\*GS3 will provide Individual Awards (12) on Finals Night to top 2 teams

\*2 Umpires will be used during Semi-Finals and Finals

\*Finals: Time Limit is extended to 1 hour 30 minutes

**Select Division:** This League will be made up of teams that are a compilation of the All-Stars or Top Players within each community. These teams have try-outs but are restricted to have 75-80% of the players to be from same community. Ex: Dublin Travel, Worthington Spirit, LC Sharks or Phoenix. This league is for teams that play only 3-4 tournaments a summer, so 2-night a week schedule (20 games) is preferred to gain ample playing time during summer play.

**The Select Division will play on these nights:** (Please see list of criteria to determine Division)

Mondays/Wednesdays      14 Under      Double Headers

Tuesdays/Thursdays      12 Under      Double Headers

Tuesday/Thursdays      10 Under      Double Headers

\*Within the 10 Under and 12 Under Age Groups, there will be 2-3 Divisions based on **skill level** and number of teams. This will promote even completion as well as streamline travel time to games.

Example:      RED League    BLUE League    WHITE League

Mandatory ASSESSMENT GAMES (10U and 12U Divisions only) will be played on \_\_\_\_\_ at Mannino's Grand Slam USA to determine skill level of battery (Pitcher/Catcher) and hitters. There will be a 3-inning live hitting competition in cages to evaluate, assess, and assign participating teams to appropriate leagues.

**Select Division Season:**      Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, July 10, 2020

**Make-up week:**      July 6 – July 10, 2020

**Tournament:**      Monday-Thursday, July 13, 14, 15, 16, 2020

Rain Date: Friday, July 17, 2020

**League Fees:**      \$325.00 for 2 night/week + Umpire Fees and Game Ball

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**League Games:** Doubleheader format – Each team is HOME for 1 game

7 innings or no new inning after 1 hour and 10 minutes

\*Time limit will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. No new inning after the time has expired. Finish the inning unless the home team is at bat and leading the game. Please be aware that there may be cases in which the second game may need to be called on account of darkness. If this occurs, the game will be considered complete at the last completed inning.

**Reporting:** All game scores (and game cancellations) must be reported to GS3 within 24 hours after the games completion.

**Game** The HOME team will be responsible for reporting scores. GS3 must be notified **Results:** of any rescheduled games.

To: [manninosgrandslamusa@gmail.com](mailto:manninosgrandslamusa@gmail.com)

**Weather** If the 1<sup>st</sup> game is stopped due to weather, 3 innings will be considered a game. If less than 3 innings are played the remainder of the 1<sup>st</sup> game (starting exactly the same situation as the game was at the time of stoppage) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> game will be rescheduled. If the 1<sup>st</sup> game has been completed but the 2<sup>nd</sup> game must be cancelled due to weather in mid-game, then the game will revert back to the last completed inning, considered complete, and will not be rescheduled.

**League Rules:** All teams must be sanctioned through ASA and have insurance. All Coaches in the dugout must have an ASA ID card showing the completion of a successful background check and at least one coach from each team must show an ACE Certification Card.

Copies of Cards must be faxed to GS3 prior to season.

No Tobacco USE ON FIELD OR IN DUGOUTS

**USA** Youth Team Registration – ASA Sanction, team insurance required

**Information:** Background Check – Required for all Youth Coaches and adults in dugout.

Receive through [www.registerasa.com](http://www.registerasa.com)

Credit Card Required

(Receive an ID Card with no photo)

ACE Certification – Required for Youth teams each year

One Coach in dugout per team (minimum)

Receive through [www.registerasa.com](http://www.registerasa.com)

Credit Card

Required

Receive an ACE Certification Card

**USA** Ohio State Commissioner

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**GS3 League USA Rule Exceptions:**

\*Teams may bat entire roster. This does not have to apply to both teams.

-If team starts game with batting entire roster, must complete game with same order. An out will be taken if player cannot fulfill spot in batting order.

\*Unlimited substitutions, but the batting order must remain the same

\*10U League Rule Exceptions for Select Divisions - *Maximum 6 runs per inning*

\*Home fields must be softball diamonds - all dirt infields. Fields must be set-up according to ASA Rules.

\*Restroom facilities onsite

\*Each team provides 1 new USA Game Softball

\*Substitute Players

-Players may substitute for teams if playing at the same level or above.

-A substitute's age must qualify them for age group may be used to replace missing or injured players.

-A sub-player may not be an active player on another team within same age group and night of competition.

\*Eligibility of Players

-League age divisions are determined by ages of players as of 1/20

-A player may not be rostered on multiple teams in same age group. If a player quits a team, she can join another team in same age group, but she is no longer allowed to play with her previous team with notification to and approval from GS.

-Players can play for multiple teams in DIFFERENT age groups, as long as they are age eligible.

-Rosters along with all updates must be turned into GS3. No further changes will be accepted 2 weeks prior to tournament.

-Players that participate in tournament must have played in at least half of the league games.

-Exceptions to these rules must be approved by GS3.

\*Umpire/Parent/Coach Interactions

First and foremost, this league is about the girls! Winning is always more fun, but ultimately, this league was designed to help give the girls more experience and develop their skills.

In saying this, we will not tolerate or condone any behavior that is deemed disrespectful to the players, coaches or umpires. This includes but is not limited to:

- Inappropriate language
- Coaches addressing opposing players or parents in a negative manner
- Being demeaning to players, umpires or parents
- **GS3 RULE UPDATE:** If a parent is warned and then thrown out of a game, the **Head Coach of that team** is thrown out as well !! Coaches need to keep their parents in check
- If any Coach gets a 2nd ejection at any point of the season, the coach shall be suspended from the league and the teams future participation in GS3 events will be under review. If another coach is not available to take over the coaching duties of that team, the fees and games will be forfeited.

Umpires have been instructed to handle Coaches and Parents according to the current situation. Our umpire assignor and I will handle all umpire issues directly once reported to us.

### **UMPIRES**

Mike Burwell – Head of Umpires

\*GS3 will call/text umpire/Coaches 24 hours before scheduled game as a reminder.

\*If games are cancelled due to weather, contact the umpire and GS3 as soon as possible. Try to reschedule with umpire at the time of rain out if possible.

\*If HOME TEAM does not contact umpire to cancel due to weather, the home team will owe the umpire for 1 game. If it rains after the umpire already arrives, the HOME TEAM will owe the umpire for 1 game.

\*Each Team is responsible for paying umpires. The fee is \$35 per game. Each team pays for 1 game of the DH. Umpires must be notified by 4pm or within 2 hours of game time, if game is to be rescheduled.

### **RESCHEDULING OF GAMES/TOURNAMENT RAIN OUTS**

\*Coaches must make every effort to re-schedule games due to weather or team conflicts within 2 weeks of scheduled game.

\*Procedure:

-Home team offers 2 dates – if agreement cannot be met, then

-Visiting team offers 2 dates – if agreement cannot be met, then

-Games will be reported as split victories (2-0)

-If, for any reason a team is not willing to reschedule or makes no attempt to reschedule within the 2-week time frame, then that team will take the points for a loss.

Games not made-up prior to the Friday before League Tournament begins, will not count in Standings.

Tournament Games Rained out will be made-up the next available dry day. If it takes more than 7 days, the #1 seed will then be determined Champion if no games are played.

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### **LEAGUE RANKING POINTS SYSTEM**

\*Teams will be given the following points to determine their position in the league and tournament seeding within each division:

-Win = 3 points

-Tie = 2 points

-Loss = 1 point

+Runs allowed will be the tie-breaker

\*GS3 reserves the right to modify or change guidelines to GS3 or terminate any coach, player, team or parent for behavior that is detrimental to the League. Please see Code of Conduct section in the USA rule book.