

**BERKS COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**GENERAL RULES – EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/16/17**

I. ROSTERS

A. Dual Rostering

1. Players may not be on dual active rosters within an age division unless extenuating circumstances are present. **Executive Board approval is required for any dual rostered players.**
2. Listed below are some examples of dual rostering:
  - A to A, B to B, A to B, same age group: A player may not dual roster under any circumstances.
  - Active B to Active A, same age group: An active B player may dual roster onto an active A team in her age group. The head coach of the receiving team must first notify the age group Commissioner, who must first get Executive Board approval. The age group Commissioner will then add that player's complete information to the receiving team's roster and notify the head coach of the Executive Board's decision.
  - Active A/B to Active older team: An active A or B player may dual roster to an active older age group A or B team. The head coach of each team must first notify their age group Commissioners. The Commissioner of the older age group must first get Executive Board approval. This Commissioner will add that player's complete information to the team's roster, and notify the receiving head coach of the Executive Board's decision. *(if a player has two games scheduled for the same time, she MUST participate with the younger team)*
  - Inactive A: An "A" player whose season has officially ended may dual roster onto an older A or B team. The head coach of the receiving team must first notify that age group Commissioner, who must first get Executive Board approval. The Commissioner will then add that player's complete information to the team's roster, and notify the receiving head coach of the Executive Board's decision.
  - Inactive B: a "B" player whose team's season has officially ended may dual roster onto an A team within her age group, or onto an older A or B team. The head coach of the receiving team must first notify that age group Commissioner, who must first get Executive Board. The Commissioner will then add that player's complete information to the team's roster, and notify the receiving head coach of the Executive Board's decision.

B. Team

1. Head coaches must provide to the appropriate league commissioner and Executive committee a completed roster including full name, complete current street address, city/town, zip code and birthday. All paperwork must be handed into the Executive committee at the end of the season.
2. Player roster sizes will not exceed 18 players for the 8U, 10U, or 12U divisions. The 14U and 18U divisions may carry an unlimited number of players.
  - Teams are encouraged to carry as many players as such rules apply for that age division. Remember, use your best judgment; carrying an over abundance can also lead to problems.
3. All rosters must be set by 2 weeks to the day from the schedule distribution date. Coaches may add eligible players to their roster within that time without Executive Board approval. Appropriate age group Commissioner(s) must be notified and provided with the player's complete information.
4. Any organization fielding two or more teams in an age group must field at least one A team. Exceptions will be heard on a case by case basis.

## II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### A. Age

1. A player may not exceed the age limits set for all age divisions by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year (see ASA rulebook for clarification).

### B. Territories

1. Players must play for their corresponding Berks County high school districts or school (private or parochial). If that school does not have a team in this league, then the player must play for any adjoining Berks County school district, and the age group Commissioner must be notified.
2. If a player resides within a high school district boundary which has a member organization but does not field a team within a specified age group and the player can not be dual rostered up, then the player may petition the league to play for the next nearest school district team. For example, a 15 year old girl resided in a school district which can not field a 16U or 18U team. This is an extenuating circumstance and will be voted on by the Executive Board.

## III. PROTEST PROCEDURES

### A. Protest

1. The head coach should note the infraction in their score book and have the plate umpire sign it. That coach must then file a written protest within 48 hours of game time to the league Commissioner, who will send a copy to the league President. The league Commissioner should call a meeting of the involved coaches to review the protest. Minutes of that meeting, written protest and the league Commissioner's decision must be submitted to the league President and Recording Secretary for official record.

## IV. SCHEDULING RULES

- A. The scheduler will give a calendar to each team. This calendar will correspond to that team's season.
- B. Teams must make an effort to find out what various activities are scheduled during that time. Teams must bring back a completed calendar of field availability before they are allowed to register with ASA.
- C. Upon receiving the team's final schedule, coaches must make any changes that same day (the night of schedule distribution). After that, the only changes that may occur are rescheduling due to weather.
- D. Teams violating rule IV C, will be subject to forfeit.
- E. Teams suffering 2 or more forfeits (per season) will be subjected to the following disciplinary action from the Executive Board:
  1. 2 forfeited games - pay league fine of \$40
  2. 3 forfeited games - pay league fine of \$80
  3. 4 or more forfeited games - pay league fine of \$120
- F. All forfeits must be reported to the appropriate league Commissioner and umpire commissioner prior to the game. The team receiving the forfeit will be responsible for reporting this to the league Commissioner.
- G. The team who forfeits is responsible for payment of any/all umpires present at the time of the forfeit.
- H. For rescheduling games (weather related only), the home coach will attempt 3 times to reschedule the game with the opposing coach over a 5 day period; if the home coach can not reschedule the game, he will contact the commissioner; the commissioner has 2 days (48 hours) to contact and reschedule the game; if the commissioner is not successful, 3 points will be awarded for the win and 0 points for the forfeit; if a game within 1 week of the end of the regular season needs to be rescheduled, and it is not rescheduled and is not played, then no points are given

## V. STANDINGS

- A. In order to keep accurate standings, the WINNING team will report the final game score, date and opponent to their league commissioner whether they win, tie or lose within 24 hours of the start of the game. If the WINNING team fails to report the score within this time period they will be fined \$10.
- B. League standings will be based on a point system (3-2-1 for a win-tie-loss) the leagues win/lose records. If a tie exists, first use head-to-head, then least runs allowed and finally margin of victory.

## VI. DIVISIONS

- A. The 8, 10, 12 and under groups shall each be divided into two competitive divisions (A and B) consistent with the By-Laws. The A divisions shall encompass the more advanced teams and the B division shall encompass the developmental teams.
- B. The 14 and 18 and under divisions shall follow straight ASA rules with no separate divisions.

## VII. FINES AND FEE SCHEDULE

- A. Listed below are fines and fees for game cancellations, rescheduling games, meeting attendance and other miscellaneous fees:
  - 1. Meetings held in February, April, June, September, and November: one voting delegate from each participating area needs to be present, if any delegate from each association fails to be present a fine of \$50 will be attached to the association.
  - 2. Registration meeting in March for 8U, 10U, & 12U will require a coach/representative present for each team registered or a fine of \$50 will be attached to the respective association for each coach/rep not present.
  - 3. Registration meeting in May for 14U & 18U will require a coach/representative present for each team registered or a fine of \$50 will be attached to the respective association for each coach/rep not present.
  - 4. Registration meeting in August for 8U, 10U, & 12U will require a coach/representative present for each team registered or a fine of \$50 will be attached to the respective association for each coach/rep not present.
  - 5. Bond Fund Fee – as discussed and agreed to at the February 17, 2011 meeting, a flat fee of \$200 will be in effect starting this year for all member leagues. If you have exhausted your bond or have been absent from meetings for one year, Membership will need to be reviewed by board and renewed by the league.

## VIII. PLAYER SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 1. All players will be required to have chin straps on their helmets.
- 2. All infielders, all age groups, will be required to wear a facemask

## VIII. CODE OF CONDUCT

### **BERKS COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct is intended to guide **ALL MEMBERS** (administrators, managers, coaches, umpires, players and parents) of the BCGSL in carrying out this program.

- 1. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.**
- 2. Promote good self-esteem and team unity.**
- 3. Show respect for your opponents.**
- 4. Show respect for the Umpires.**
- 5. Take care of all facilities and equipment.**
- 6. Prohibit alcohol and drugs from the premises at all time.**
- 7. Prohibit smoking or use of any tobacco products on the field or in the dugouts.**
- 8. Prohibit the use of profane language and obscene gestures.**
- 9. Deal with grievances in a civilized manner.**
- 10. Complete a background check**

As a member of the BCGSL you are expected to uphold this code, both literally and in spirit. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of your membership.

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Manager/Coach/Volunteer (sign)

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Date

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Manager/Coach/Volunteer (print)

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League Name

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Age Group