



# **League Operating Rules 2012**

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# *Torrance Girls Softball League*

## **2012 League Operating Rules**

These rules may be superseded with approval of the TGS� Board for the betterment of the league.

### 1.0 **Registration**

- 1.1 If possible, registration will be held at least two months prior to opening day.
- 1.2 The parent or guardian will fill out a medical aid consent form. It should include the following:
  - 1.2.1 Parent or guardian's signature.
  - 1.2.2 Permission to administer medical treatment in case of an emergency.
  - 1.2.3 Drugs or treatments to which the member is allergic.
- 1.3 A schedule of dates for Evaluations, Opening Day Ceremonies and Closing Day Ceremonies will be given out at registration.
- 1.4 If more players register than can be carried by the number of available teams, they shall be assigned to a waiting list and be assigned to a team if a vacancy occurs. Only the name and phone number is taken for the waiting list, no fees are collected. Any registrants who sign up late will be placed on the waiting list.

### 1.5 **Ages**

- 1.5.1 T-Ball Division: Ages 5 and 6 years old
- 1.5.2 8U Division: Ages 8 years old and under
- 1.5.3 10U Division: Ages 10 years old and under
- 1.5.4 12U Division: Ages 12 years old and under
- 1.5.5 14U Division: Ages 14 years old and under

**NOTE:** All ages are as of December 31, 2011.

- 1.5.6 Girls may play up or down in a division with the approval of the Board of Directors. The criteria for such judgment shall include the number of players in each division, safety and ability.
- 1.5.7 Any player approved to play in a lower division cannot pitch in that division.
- 1.5.8 Carpooling is not a valid reason to play up or down a division.
- 1.5.9 All registration materials such as birth certificates, medical release form, Code of Conduct, retainer checks, any necessary ASA paperwork must be turned in before any player and/or team may practice.

### 1.7 **Refunds**

- 1.7.1 There will be a 50% refund of registration fees paid if the player withdraws after evaluations and prior to the team draft. If the player withdraws after teams are drafted, there will be no refunds. Any exceptions will require board approval.

## 2.0 **Player Evaluation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that evaluations be held at least 1-1/2 months before the start of the season. This should be completed by the third weekend of January.
- 2.2 Evaluations will be held over one weekend with dates and times determined by the Board of Directors. A make-up day may be scheduled if required.
- 2.3 Each Division Commissioner with the exception of t-ball, will run the evaluation program and manage the list of players for their division.
- 2.4 The league will contact the players prior to player evaluation day.
- 2.5 All prospective Managers must participate in their division's evaluations
- 2.6 Players being evaluated will be numbered, divided into groups for review in six skill areas, and then rated by the Manager Candidates and Commissioners. The pitching/catching rating will be kept separate from the player's overall rating. Suggested skill areas include:

1	Throwing	(scale 1-10)	4	Batting	(scale 1-10)
2	Fielding ground balls	(scale 1-10)	5	Running	(scale 1-5)
3	Catching fly balls	(scale 1-10)	6	Pitching	(scale 1-10)
			7	Catching	(scale 1-10)
- 2.7 Player evaluations will be scheduled and that schedule will be posted on the TGSL website once completed.
- 2.8 A Player Evaluation training meeting will be held for all Commissioners, Manager Candidates and assistants prior to Evaluations.
- 2.9 Girls requesting to play up a division must be evaluated in their correct division first and then in the older division.
- 2.10 Returning All Stars shall be identified to the raters of each Division.
- 2.11 All evaluation data will be calculated from the manager's ratings and will be tabulated by the League President and Registrar for the development of the draft cards for draft night.

## 3.0 **Team Leadership Selection**

- 3.1 Before player evaluations, the Division Commissioner will solicit candidates who are interested in managing.
- 3.2 Following player registration, the number of teams for the season will be recommended by the Player Agent and Division Commissioner with subsequent Board approval.
- 3.3 The Division Commissioner receives and forwards applications requesting Managing positions to the Board of Directors.
- 3.4 The Board of Directors must approve all Managers in order to participate in team play.
  - 3.4.1 All team Managers and Coaches must meet the following minimum age requirements for Divisions (unless the Board of Directors grants an exemption):

14U Division	Coaches – 18 yrs.	Managers – 21 yrs.
12U Division	Coaches – 18 yrs.	Managers – 21 yrs.
10U Division	Coaches – 18 yrs.	Managers – 21 yrs.
8U Division	Coaches – 18 yrs.	Managers – 21 yrs.
T-Ball	Coaches – 18 yrs.	Managers – 21 yrs.

- 3.5 All Managers and all Team Parents, plus one Assistant Coach for each team, will be subject to a background investigation. Failure to comply or failure to pass the background check will result in immediate removal from team.
  - 3.5.1 At least one person with a background check must be with the team anytime it is assembled.
- 3.6 In the event a Manager resigns or replacement is needed, the Board of Directors must approve that replacement.
- 3.7 The Manager's primary responsibility is the safety and well-being of their team. They will further be responsible to find a Team Parent, Field Parent and a Team Scorekeeper for their team.
- 3.8 A female chaperone (minimum age of 18 years), must accompany the team any time it is assembled.
- 3.9 A Manager training clinic will be offered to all new and returning Managers before the start of each spring season. This will be at the expense of the League. Additionally, TGSL will pay for any Manager to attend an ASA-approved coach's clinic and/or ACE certification.

#### 4.0 **Team Player Selection**

##### **4.1 Player Selection for 14U, 12U, 10U and 8U Divisions**

- 4.1.1 After Manager selection, a Placement Committee composed of the President, Vice President, Player Agent and Division Commissioner will be formed for each of the four Divisions of players. Each Placement Committee will meet on their respective "draft nights" to conduct the blind draft of girls to TGSL teams according to the guidelines expressed in this section. Team managers are expected to attend.
- 4.1.2 Prior to draft night, the Placement Committee will rank all pitchers and catchers in numerical order per Division (e.g., 1 - 12). The committee will rank pitcher and catchers numerically, but may also check names to avoid any inaccuracies on rankings, such as a top all-star pitcher being ranked 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> because of a poor evaluation showing. Any decision must be unanimous.
- 4.1.3 The Placement Committee (see 4.1.1) will distribute the players as evenly as possible to the specified number of teams (e.g. even distribution of pitchers, catchers, etc.). This will be accomplished using a blind draft and snaking system. During this blind draft, the cards representing the daughters of Managers will be identified with an "M."
- 4.1.4 Daughters of Managers and only daughters of Managers will be considered Property Players. If necessary, Property Players will be traded to their parent's team for a comparably-rated player.
- 4.1.5 Sisters that are Non-Property Players will automatically be put on the same team. This will be accomplished by the lower-rated sister being traded to the higher-rated sister's team for a comparably rated player. This should be done prior to the drawing of Managers and team numbers by the Commissioners.
- 4.1.6 Any player signing up late after the completion of the evaluation period and not evaluated will not be allowed to pitch during regular League play, but may be eligible for All Star Team placement with Board approval.

- 4.1.7 The Player Agent and concerned Division Commissioner shall decide where to place each late registrant or replacement player. If the Player Agent and the Division Commissioner cannot agree on the placement of a girl to a particular team, the President will make the tie-breaking decision.
- 4.1.8 TGSL will not honor requests to be on a particular team or with a particular person. This is due to the League's pursuit of fair, evenly matched teams.
- 4.1.9 Managers will not be allowed to make any trades of players during or after the draft. Managers will also not be allowed to bring new players on their teams without going through normal League registration procedures. Any infraction of this rule will result in the Manager losing his or her team and the players being re-distributed properly. (See 4.1.7 & 4.1.8)

## **4.2 Player Selection for T-Ball**

- 4.2.1 T-Ball players will be assigned to teams by the T-Ball Commissioner.

## **5.0 Team Uniforms / Names**

- 5.1 The team Managers, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will decide on team names.
- 5.2 The Uniform Coordinator, with approval of the Board of Directors, will decide upon the team colors and uniforms.
- 5.3 The official colors for all stars are red, white and blue.

## **6.0 Scheduling and Game Length**

- 6.1 The Board of Directors must approve the schedule.
- 6.2 The schedule should have the following:
  - 6.2.1 Times, places, and teams playing with an indication of which team is the home team.
  - 6.2.2 Each team is to play each other team an equal amount of games (if scheduling permits).
  - 6.2.3 Holidays and holiday weekends should be open if possible.
  - 6.2.4 The schedule for 8U, 10U and 12U, including regular season and playoffs should be complete at least two weeks before opening day.
  - 6.2.5 The schedule will clearly indicate when games begin counting towards playoff seating for 10U, 12U
- 6.3 The Division Commissioner and League Scheduler must approve any game that needs to be rescheduled.
- 6.4 No new inning shall start after **1 hour and 40 minutes** after the start time for the 14U, 12U, senior and 10U Divisions, or **1 hour and 30 minutes** in the 8U Division, or after **1 hour** for the T-Ball Division.
- 6.5 Game time begins with the first pitch (i.e., game may be scheduled for 2 p.m., but the clock starts with the first pitch at 2:07). It is the responsibility of the umpire to alert both teams of the actual start time.
- 6.6 The next inning begins when the third out is recorded in the current inning. If there is time remaining (even 2 minutes) then the next inning will be completed.

## 7.0 **Rules for Play-offs**

- 7.1 There will be no play-offs or standings in the T-Ball Division.
- 7.2 In the **8U** Division no standings will be kept. There will be a Double Elimination Tournament at the end of the season to determine the Division Champions. Seeding for the Division Tournament will be decided by a blind draw conducted by the President, Vice President, Player Agent and Commissioner.
- 7.3 In the **10U and 12U** Divisions, standings will be kept and used for placement in a Double Elimination Tournament at the end of the season. The season will be broken into two parts. The first part of the season consists of practice games that do not count toward League standings. The second part of the season will count toward League standings and tournament seeding.
- 7.4 If Inter-League games are required during a League season, they do not count toward TGSL League standings. Only games between TGSL teams count toward TGSL League standings.
- 7.5 Trophies will be awarded from the League to all Division Champions and Finalists (second place teams), as well as all T-Ball players.
- 7.6 Championship games for 8U, 10U, 12U and senior divisions shall consist of 6 innings.
  - 7.6.1 In the event that a tiebreaker is necessary to complete a championship game, a pitcher can return (even though she has already pitched three innings in the game), but she cannot pitch any consecutive innings in the tiebreaker.

## 8.0 **Responsibilities & Discipline**

- 8.1 All Players, Parents, Managers, Coaches and Board Members must sign the TGSL Code of Conduct and player contract. One parent or guardian's signature binds the entire family and friends. Failure to sign the Code will result in the termination of the girl's registration. (See Appendix A for the TGSL Code of Conduct. In addition to the conduct spelled out in that document, TGSL Parents, Players, Managers, Coaches and Board Members shall also be bound by additional responsibilities as stated in this section.)
- 8.2 For violations of the Code of Conduct, there will be a three-strike progressive discipline policy:
  - 8.2.1 Anyone ejected from a game must miss the next two games for his/her team.
  - 8.2.2 Anyone committing a second offense will be suspended from Managing, Coaching, playing or serving as a Team Parent for the remainder of the season, but may attend games as a spectator; if it is a parent's second offense their offense will be subject to board review.
  - 8.2.3 Anyone committing a third offense will be not allowed on the property for any TGSL game for the remainder of the season.
  - 8.2.4 Anyone committing an offense will be notified in writing and will have the right to appeal a decision to the Executive Board.
- 8.3 No smoking or other tobacco products are allowed on school grounds or on the playing field.

- 8.4 No narcotics or alcoholic beverages are allowed during league games, practices or any league function. Failure to comply will result in immediate league suspension.
- 8.5 Spectators or team members will in no way interfere with the normal progress of the game or commit any other acts that could be considered un-sportsmanlike conduct which could result in ejection from the game. Derogatory remarks, profanity and inappropriate outbursts will not be tolerated. If a problem arises, the Manager will be informed of the problem and the game will not proceed until solved. If a spectator or team member becomes hostile, the police will be summoned to deal with the problem.
- 8.6 Attendance at games and practices is mandatory and habitual absences will not be tolerated. If, in the opinion of the Manager, the player has too many absences, the Manager may request to drop the girl from the team with the approval of the Board.
  - 8.6.1 In the event a player is dropped from a team due to habitual absence, no refund of registration fees shall be given.
- 8.7 The home team is responsible for field set up. The visiting team is responsible for taking down, dragging and watering the field after games. All teams are responsible for dragging, watering and litter clean-up of the field their team uses after every practice and game. If it is the last game of the day at that field, then field must be locked up as well.
- 8.8 All trash and loose articles in the dugout are to be picked up or stored after each game. Trash around the fields shall be placed in appropriate containers. The Torrance Unified School District forbids the littering on school grounds. Trash cans must be emptied and cans re-lined.
- 8.9 Failure to comply with 8.7 and 8.8 stated will result in the manager being subject to board sanctions.
- 8.10 All girls must remain in the dugout unless on the playing field or being escorted to the bathroom by a parent. No one other than team personnel is allowed in the dugout.
- 8.11 No pets are allowed on school grounds.
- 8.12 Only two coaches shall be allowed on the dirt (in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coaching boxes) when a team is batting. Only one defensive coach shall be allowed on the dirt (typically on the bucket calling pitches).
- 9.0 **Protests**
  - 9.1 Committee Members
    - 9.1.1 Vice President
    - 9.1.2 Secretary
    - 9.1.3 UIC (Umpire In Charge)
    - 9.1.4 Player Agent
    - 9.1.5 Pertaining Division Commissioner
  - 9.2 Game Representatives
    - 9.2.1 Home Team Manager
    - 9.2.2 Visiting Team Manager
    - 9.2.3 Game Umpire in Charge
  - 9.3 The winner of the game may not protest a ruling.

- 9.4 The protest is to be submitted in writing within 48 hours to the pertaining Division Commissioner.
- 9.4.1 Formal protests should include the following:
- a. The date, times and places of the game.
  - b. The name(s) of the umpire(s) and official scorekeeper.
  - c. The rule and section of the Official ASA Rules or TGSL rules under which the protest was made.
  - d. The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision.
  - e. All essential facts involved in the matter.
  - f. A \$100.00 fee in cash must accompany protests. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the protest is rejected, the fee goes into the TGSL General Fund.
- 9.5 Procedure
- 9.5.1 The Umpire-in-Charge must review all protests and can deny such protests or send to committee for review.
- 9.5.2 If accepted for review, the protest letter is to be read by the Division Commissioner.
- 9.5.3 The Vice President is to conduct the meeting in the following order:
- a. The protesting team is heard.
  - b. The winning team is heard.
  - c. The umpire is heard.
  - d. General discussion.
  - e. Excuse everyone but the committee.
  - f. Voting by the committee.
  - g. Notification to the Managers of the outcome.
- 9.5.4 A protest meeting shall be held as soon as possible.

## **10.0 All-Stars**

- 10.1 TGSL will recognize and support up to two All-Star teams per 8U, 10U, 12U, & 14U division, as deemed appropriate by the TGSL Board and based on the depth of talent. The first team will be known as the Gold All-Star team, while the second team will be known as the Silver All-Star team. Should a division's talent warrant a third team, it would be known as the Bronze All-Star team, subject to board approval.
- 10.2 Each Manager will evaluate the players on the other teams in their respective division throughout the season. Each Manager will only evaluate players from the other teams, not their own players.
- 10.3 A representative appointed by the TGSL Board shall conduct an All-Star procedures meeting for all Managers and Division Commissioners.
- 10.4 On May 1, each Manager will submit to their Division Commissioner a list four players from their team they feel should be considered for All-Stars. Managers will submit player name and number.
- a. No player will be eligible for all stars that has practiced or played with a travel ball team after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 10.5 The Division Commissioners will then compile a ballot of the All-Star candidates from their respective divisions and distribute them back to their Managers within two hours.
- 10.6 On May 1, all the Managers in each division will turn in their All-Star ballots to their division Commissioner. On their ballots they will numerically rate all the potential All-Stars from the other teams in their Division (e.g., 1 – 20 for six-team divisions, 1-24 for seven-team divisions, etc.). The number one player on each ballot will receive 20 (or 24, etc.) points, the number two player will receive one less.
- 10.7 The ballots will then be given to the Player Agent and TGSL President to be tallied. Each player's score will be totaled and a complete list compiled of the top players per each Division.
- 10.8 Final All-Star rating sheets must be turned into the TGSL Secretary for filing after the teams have been selected.
- 10.9 The top six players (or seven, etc. should there be a tie for the sixth position) on the All-Star list will automatically receive invitations to be on the Gold All-Star team. If one of the top six players declines their invitation, the seventh player will automatically be given an invitation to be on the team, etc. The All-Star Manager will pick the remaining players invited to be on the team from any player within the correct age group.
  - 10.9.1 No player invited to play on a Gold All-Star team is eligible to play on a Silver All-Star team. The TGSL Board must approve any exceptions.
  - 10.9.2 After the Gold All-Star manager has completed his roster, the Silver All-Star manager may begin contacting players.
  - 10.9.3 All players invited to play on the All-Star teams must have played at least half of the games that year in the Torrance Girls Softball League.
- 10.10 TGSL All-Star teams will have a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of fourteen (14) players. The total number will be decided by the All-Star Manager.
- 10.11 Any player playing up in a Division in Spring Ball shall first be allowed to play Gold All-Stars in that Division if selected by and given an invitation from the Gold All-Star Manager. If not selected in that Division, she may be invited to play Gold All-Stars in her age-appropriate division. (Gold in the lower division has priority over Silver in the up-division.)
- 10.12 Any Manager or Coach of the current TGSL season wishing to be the All-Star Manager in their Division should submit an application to their Commissioner by the first Monday in March. The Division Commissioner will then forward the applications received to the Board of Directors. The All-Star Manager in each Division will then be chosen by the Board of Directors of TGSL by secret ballot at the next Board meeting. The All-Star Manager must be ACE certified. Extra consideration will be given to candidates who have attended the ASA Coaches Clinic.
- 10.13 The All-Star Manager shall select the All-Star Coaching staff. For Championship play, at least one manager and one coach must be ACE certified.
- 10.14 The Torrance Girls Softball League will provide equipment, insurance, playing fields and may pay for the Gold and Silver All-Star teams uniforms and any ASA-sanctioned tournaments they attend (e.g., Districts, State, Nationals) depending on Board approval. Any other non-sanctioned tournaments the All-Star teams attend will be at the expense of the players' parents or team sponsors. Any other team expense and non-essential uniform items such as jackets, sweatshirts, or any other item will also be at the parents or sponsors' expense.

- 10.15 The managers of All-Star teams must present a copy of their final budget report to the All-Star Coordinator or Board Designee and players' parents for accountability within two weeks of the conclusion of their team's season to be submitted to the board.

## **11.0 Fall Ball**

The intent of the Torrance Girls Softball League Fall Ball program is for it to be an instructional, fun and fundamentals-type program. The goal will be to field equal and competitive teams from the number of participants allowed. Each and every player should have the opportunity to benefit from an equal and fair experience. . Our philosophy is that Fall Ball is about teaching and developing players, not winning games.

- 11.1 The Torrance Girls Softball League shall offer a Fall Ball program to any eligible player who wants to play. Eligible players will consist of players who have not played or practiced with a travel ball team after August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Fall Ball program will run from September through November, provided there are enough managers and players to support such a program.
- 11.2 Fall Ball requires traveling to other leagues approximately half the time.
- 11.3 Each player present at the start of the game will bat round robin on offense and on defense no girl can sit two innings until every other girl on the team has sat one inning. This will not apply to any fall tournament that the team may participate in.
- 11.4 Online Registration for Fall Ball will start in July.
- 11.5 A Fall Ball Team Placement Committee will be formed from the current TGSL Board. This Committee will consist of the President, Vice President, Fall Ball Commissioner and Player Agent.
- 11.6 After manager selection, a Placement Committee composed of the President, Vice President, Player Agent and Fall Ball Commissioner will be formed to form teams in each division. The Placement Committee will meet on their respective "draft nights" to conduct the blind draft of girls to TGSL teams according to the guidelines expressed in this section. Team managers are expected to attend.
- 11.7 Returning TGSL players will be rated based on the numbers given to each during evaluations for the prior spring season.
- 11.8 The Team Placement Committee will conduct an evaluation for all non-returning (or new) TGSL players. The same player evaluation procedures used in rating players for regular season will be followed. (See section 2.6)
- 11.9 The goal of the Fall Ball draft is to provide evenly matched teams with an equal distribution of pitchers, catchers, position players and All Stars to each team. This will be accomplished using a back-and-forth snaking system distributing new and returning players based on their evaluation ratings in a blind draft. This will begin with the draft of the older, second-year pitchers in that division followed by the draft of the first-year pitchers. The catchers and key position players will be drafted in the same fashion: the second-year catchers will be drafted first using the snaking system, followed by the younger, first-year catchers; the second-year position players will then be drafted, followed by position players in their first year in that division. Once the players have been distributed, the ratings for each team will be added to ensure fairness. The Placement Committee will not honor requests to be on (or not on) a particular team, to be with (or not with) a particular Manager, or to be with (or not with) a particular player. This is due to the League's pursuit of fair, evenly matched teams.

- 11.10 The Fall Ball Placement Committee shall decide on the placement of any and all players who sign up late. The same penalty applies for players brought on illegally to Fall\_Ball teams as during regular TGSL season play.
- 11.11 All TGSL Fall Ball teams and Managers must be approved by the Board.
- 11.12 There will be a 50% refund of registration fees paid if the player withdraws prior to the team draft after which time there will be no refunds. Any exceptions will require Board approval.

# **Torrance Girls Softball League**

## **Supplemental Playing Rules to the ASA Rulebook**

### **Rule 3**

Catchers must always wear full protective gear when warming up a pitcher and during games and practices.

### **Rule 3**

Batters, base runners, on-deck batters and player Coaches during games and practices must always wear helmets with chin straps. (For 8U, 10U, 12U/senior and 14U Divisions, such helmets must have NOCSAE-certified face masks.) Deliberate removal during a game before re-entering the dugout will result in a warning; any further occurrences during that game will result in outs.

### **Rule 4**

- a. Each player present at the start of the game will bat round robin on offense and on defense no girl can sit two innings until every other girl on the team has sat one inning. Violations of this rule will result in forfeit.
- b. All players bat round robin, whether or not they are playing in the field during an inning.

### **Rule 4**

- a. In all Divisions, a team may play with seven players with no penalty.
- b. Late players arriving after their turn at bat will be placed on the bottom of the line-up with no penalty.
- c. Teams may not borrow players from the same division in order to field a team. However, players from a lower division may be used to supplement a team per division commissioner approval and prior to games that count for playoff seeding and in playoffs.

### **Rule 5**

Games called due to inclement weather or darkness prior to the completion of five innings for 14U or four innings for 12U/senior, 10U and 8U will be continued at a later date, as scheduling permits. The game will resume from the last completed inning. The Player Agent and the League Scheduler shall reschedule the game. Otherwise, the game score at the end of the last complete inning will stand.

### **Rule 5**

- a. A regulation 14U game shall consist of seven innings.
- b. A 14U game that is tied at the end of seven innings shall be continued by playing one additional inning, using the tie-breaker rule. All innings played after seven innings will start with a runner (the last out from the prior inning) on second base. The game shall extend using the tiebreaker rule for one additional inning only. Any game remaining tied after one additional inning shall remain a tie in the standings.
- c. A regulation 12U/senior, 10U or 8U game shall consist of six innings.
- d. A 12U/senior, 10U or 8U game that is tied at the completion of the game shall stand.

### **Rule 5**

Forfeiture time is the scheduled start time or availability of the field. If neither team is able to field the required seven players – a double forfeit shall be declared and each team will be awarded a loss. For all games, if only seven players have arrived ready to play, then start the game. For each forfeit, a score of 6 to 0 shall be entered and 7 to 0 for 14U Division.

**Rule 5**

Games that are not considered regulation shall be played starting from the last completed inning. Line-ups shall be the same as that of the original game at the time play was suspended. The time limits of Rule 5, Section 3.h will apply.

**Rule 5**

No new inning shall start after **1 hour and 40 minutes**, after the start of the game for 14U, 12U/senior and 10U Divisions (or **1 hour and 30 minutes** in the 8U Division or after **1 hour** for the T-Ball Division).

a. For the purpose of timekeeping, the game starts with the first pitch, not at the scheduled time or when the umpire thinks it should start. For the purpose of starting new innings in the face of a time limit, the new inning starts at the time of the third out of the previous inning.

b. The umpire shall declare ``open innings'' for any inning beginning after 1 hour and 20 minutes for 14U, 12U/senior, 10U, and any subsequent innings are without run restriction. The umpire shall make the same call at 1 hour and 10 minutes for 8U.

**Rule 6**

a. A pitcher shall not pitch more than three innings in 12U/senior, 10U or 8U. Incomplete games shall be played with the pitching reverting back to the conditions present when the game was called.

The penalty for violation of the pitching substitution rule shall result in forfeiting the game to the team not at fault. If both teams are in violation of this rule in the same game, a double forfeit shall be declared and a loss will be awarded to both teams. A formal protest must be presented at the time of the violation in the normal manner. However, any Manager in that Division may protest this violation.

b. A pitcher shall be charged with an inning pitched when she is on the mound and delivers a pitch to a batter, whether legal or illegal, or a "no pitch" is declared for a runner leaving the base too soon.

**Rule 7**

Only one time out shall be granted to the offensive team during each inning. Additional time outs shall each be charged with a strike for all Divisions.

## **Torrance Girls Softball League 8-U Division Supplemental Rules**

**TGSL uses ASA rules unless otherwise stated in our By-laws or Division Supplemental Rules sheets.**

1. Pitching distance is 30 feet.
2. Base paths are 55 feet.
3. No dropped third strike rule.
4. No infield fly rule.
5. Each base runner may steal only one base per pitch.
6. The base runner may leave the base to steal upon release of the pitch.
7. An attempted play on a base runner while trying to steal does not release base runners to extra bases.
8. Closed home plate (no stealing home).
9. Extra bases will not be awarded on overthrows from the catcher to the pitcher.
10. No walks will be allowed in this Division. After four balls, a coach will become the pitcher and assume the pitch count. The coach will pitch until the girl has a third strike, whether by swinging or called by the umpire, or she gets a hit. Foul balls on the last pitch do not count and the batter will receive another pitch. Any hit off the coach will result in no more than one base for the batter and runners.
11. Coaches must pitch from the pitching rubber (30 feet).
12. No bunting off Coach-pitched balls.
13. The girl in the pitching position when the Coach pitch takes effect must remain in that defensive position for the duration of that at bat.
14. Team pitchers must have one foot inside of pitcher circle during Coach pitch.
15. Base runners may not steal on a Coach-pitched ball.
16. Four runs per inning limit in each of the first five innings. Open inning in the 6th or Umpire-declared last inning. All runs count in this inning. There is no run restriction for innings starting after 1 hour and 10 minutes.
17. Each pitcher can only pitch three innings per game. A pitcher shall be charged with an inning pitched when she is on the mound and delivers a pitch to a batter, whether legal or illegal, or a "no pitch" is declared for a runner leaving the base too soon.
18. A maximum of ten defensive players is allowed on the playing field at one time. The tenth defensive player must play one of the outfield positions. (Left, left-center, right, or right-center).
19. Only one base will be allowed to the base runners on any overthrow per batted ball. (This is regardless of how many additional overthrows are made.)
20. No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the game start time.
21. If a Coach is hit by a batted ball while in the pitching circle, the play is dead and will be replayed. All base runners must return to their original base.
22. The 8U Division will play with a Worth 10" RIF Level 1 softball.

# **Torrance Girls Softball League**

**The Torrance Girls Softball League uses ASA rules unless otherwise stated in our By-laws or Division supplemental rules sheets.**

## **10U Division Supplemental Rules**

1. Five runs per inning limit in each of the first five innings. There is no run restriction for innings starting after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
2. The 10U Division will play with a Worth 11" RIF Level 1 softball.

## **12U/Senior Division Supplemental Rules**

1. Six runs per inning limit in each of the first five innings. There is no run restriction for innings starting after 1 hour and 20 minutes
2. The 12U/Senior Division will play with the 12" Worth Dream Seam softball.

## **14U Division Supplemental Rules**

1. When playing another TGSL team, six runs per inning limit in each of the first six innings. Open inning in the 7th or Umpire-declared last inning. All runs count in this inning. There is no run restriction for innings starting after 1 hour and 20 minutes
2. The 14U Division will play with the 12" Worth Dream Seam softball.

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## T-Ball Reference Sheet

1. No evaluations are necessary.
2. The T-Ball Commissioner will place the players on the teams.
3. The Commissioner will then have a meeting with the managers to distribute and adjust, if necessary, the team rosters.
4. The T-Ball official diamond will have a 55-foot base line and a pitching mound distance of 30 feet.
5. There will be an 8-foot circumference chalk line measured from home plate.
6. A hit ball must roll past the **8** foot line or it is considered a foul ball.
7. The pitcher's mound shall have a 16 foot circle drawn from the rubber, 8 feet in radius. The lines drawn are considered inside the circle.
8. Catchers must wear catching equipment during games and practices.
9. The player playing the pitcher's position must be rotated every inning.
10. All players present are to play in the field; extra players are to be spaced out in the outfield on the outfield grass.
11. All players are to bat every inning.
12. An inning is over when the ball is called dead from the last offensive batter.
13. Only 2 coaches are allowed on the field to help players
14. No official scorekeeping.
15. No new innings will start after 1 hour into the game.
16. No leading off.
17. No stealing bases.
18. The pitcher must stay in the circle until the ball is hit.
19. There are no strikeouts.
20. The catchers are to stand back while the batter is hitting the ball.
21. The second half of the season (*not any earlier*) the coaches can pitch to each batter for 3 pitches. If, after the 3 attempts, the batter has not hit the ball, the tee will be used.
22. The home plate coach will assist the catcher in getting the ball back to the pitcher and removing the tee from home plate when there are runners on base.
23. The ball is dead when it is thrown to the pitcher or home plate.
24. One base only on an overthrow, period.
25. If the player hits the ball into the outfield grass, due to a solid hit and not on fielder's error, the batter may take as many bases as possible.
26. If the ball is thrown in to the pitcher within the circle, and the runner is not more than half way to the next base, the runner will go back to the base she was coming from.
27. A runner may score from second base when the ball is hit past the infield, due to a solid hit and not fielder's error.
28. During the first half of the season, if the team playing defense gets a runner out at a base, the runner may stay on the base. During the second half of the season, if the defensive team gets a runner out at a base, the player must return to the dugout.
29. All outfielders must start on the outfield grass.



# TGSL CODE OF CONDUCT

Torrance Girls Softball League endeavors to provide girls in the South Bay area a fun and safe environment in which to play the sport of softball. The following articles are essential to attaining this mission:

1. I agree not to incite and/or participate in unsportsmanlike contact at any TGSL practice, game or function.
2. I agree not to use abusive or profane language or actions both on and off the field of play. Verbal and physical abuse is not tolerated.
3. I agree to not criticize, belittle, antagonize, or incite, the opposing team, its players, coaches, fans, umpires, and TGSL board members, by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. I agree to make every effort to arrive at practices, games and TGSL functions on time. This shows respect for the game, team and manager.
5. I agree to refrain from yelling instructions to my child. I understand that this is the coach's job and I will limit my comments during the game to encouragement for my child and players of both teams.
6. I agree to abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and possession or use of any illegal substance at any TGSL function.
7. I agree to not smoke or use other tobacco products on the playing fields, or in the presence of a TGSL team.
8. I understand it is against the law to bring dogs on a school campus and agree not to bring dogs to Sam Levy at any time.
9. I recognize that it is the responsibility of TGSL members to represent our league in a positive way to the community.
10. I agree that all facilities (fields, restrooms, dugouts) will be used properly and never intentionally defaced.
11. I agree to abide by the Southern California ASA Code of Conduct which can be read at <http://www.socal-asa.com>
12. I understand that depending on the severity of the incident, violation of any of the above may result in penalties including removal from a game to suspension and termination of the privilege of participating in TGSL.

My signature affirms that I have read and received a copy of the TGSL Code of Conduct and will abide by it. One parent or guardian's signature binds the entire family and friends

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Player Name (printed)

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Player Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Team Manager Signature

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Date