

**GRANADA HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE**

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# Granada Hills Little League

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### General Regulations

- No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the complex.
- The park speed limit is 5mph. Parking in designated areas only.
- Misuse of the league facilities, grounds, and or equipment is prohibited and will result in a disciplinary hearing.
- Foul and abusive language is prohibited and will result in expulsion from the complex.
- No one under the age of 14 is to be in the score booths unless they are assisting the scorekeeper.
- Announcers and scorekeepers should maintain a neutral position while working in the score booth.
- Smoking/Vaping is not allowed anywhere in the complex.
- Batting of balls into the fence is prohibited - Exception (Whiffle Balls).
- No food of any kind is allowed in the dugout during games.
- Ice Chests are not permitted.
- No Manager, Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator shall: At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an Official. (Umpire, League Representative)
- No Parent or spectator shall appear at a Little League function in an intoxicated condition.
- No Manager, coach or player will refuse to abide by an Officials decision.

### Field Conditions

- Scheduled games which cannot be played due to unplayable conditions, as determined by the facilities manager or Vice President or other designated League Official will be rescheduled by the Player Agent at the earliest open field date without regard to either teams schedule.
- When rescheduling a game becomes necessary: An open field date will be determined and not to interfere with a Scheduled game. Upon rescheduling the Player Agent must notify the League scheduler and Chief Umpire of the changes.
- The tree which hangs over the left field fence of the major field is in play; a ball that is hit into the tree will be called a Homerun.

## **Team Responsibilities**

### **The Home Team:**

- **The Home team is responsible to chalk the foul lines & batter's box.**
- **Provide the official scorekeeper for the game. (Must be in the official scoring area)**
- **Contact the GHLL official scorekeeper with the games results within 24 hours.**
- **Completely clean out the dugout and their bleacher areas.**

### **The Visiting Team:**

- **Provide an announcer from the score booth and operate the score board.**
- **The visiting team is responsible to drag and rake at the conclusion of the game. If a team consistently fails to do its part that team will lose practice time.**
- **Completely clean out the dugouts and bleacher areas.**
- **The visiting Manager will be available to escort any concession workers to their vehicle. (Last game of the day)**

## **Pitching Affidavit Requirements**

- **Pitching Affidavit for both teams to be presented to the Home team scorekeeper (Official Scorekeeper) for eligibility verification and must be in ink.**
- **Managers must have their pitching affidavit in their possession at the start of every game. If it's not in the possession of the manager the affidavit must be presented within 30 minutes after the start of the game.**
- **If the pitching affidavit is not presented within 30 minutes of the start of the game the Manager is to be suspended for the next scheduled game.**
- **Continued noncompliance face further action and disqualifies the team from T.O.C. participation.**

## **Suspensions**

- **Unsportsmanlike conduct of a manager, coach, or player, including berating Umpire(s), or aggressive behavior may result in a suspension by a Disciplinary Board.**
- **Requesting a player to be absent from a game or to miss an at bat or minimum playing time for any reason other than a legitimate injury, illness, or appropriate disciplinary action may result in a suspension of the manager or coach.**
- **Ejection of a manager, coach or player from a game by the umpire will result in a review by the BOD. Upon review the BOD may eliminate their eligibility to All-star team selection.**

## **Fielding a Team**

- **A Manager who believes he/she cannot field a team of nine players shall contact the Player Agent and opposing manager a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled game. If a team fails to field a team a second time the matter will go before the B.O.D. for review and possible forfeit.**
- **With the proper notice given the league Vice President will reschedule the game at the earliest open field date.**

## **Pool Players**

***If a team cannot field 9 players prior to the start of a game, it may borrow players from the same division or below (or from the opposing team to play outfield only, no batting).***

- **Pool players are prohibited from playing key positions (Infield).**
- **Pool players are to be placed at the bottom of the lineup.**

## Time Limits

- The Umpire –in- Chief shall maintain the official time by his watch or the official scorekeepers watch.
- Junior League – *No new inning after 2:15*
- Major Division – *No time limit*
- Minor Division:

### A) Prior to daylight savings time:

1. Weekday games – All games will be called at dusk +10 minutes (obtained from [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com)). The times will be posted on our website. It is the duty of the official scorekeeper will let the umpire know prior to the game.
2. Saturday games – No new inning shall commence 2 hours after the *official start time*. And the game shall end no later than 2:15 after *the official start time*.

### B) After daylight savings time:

1. Weekday & Saturday games- No new inning shall commence 2-1/4 hours after the *official start time* and shall end no later than 2-1/2 hours after the scheduled start time.
2. No time limit will apply for playoff games. A 10 run mercy rule will apply after (4) innings in playoff games only.

## Managers & Coaches

- A maximum of three (3) adults will be allowed in the dugout for each team. One (1) manager and two (2) coaches.
- All managers, coaches and volunteers helping on the field working with the players are required to fill out a Little League Volunteer form and will be subject to a Nationwide Background Check. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Board hearing and possible suspension of the Manager.
- All managers/ coaches are required to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches.
- Managers shall assign an official scorekeeper to their team.
- It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to direct players in the proper fundamentals of baseball and/or softball.
- Players will not be suspended from play for failure to attend practice or for missing games.
- A Manager may not remove a player from the field for making an error.

## Draft System

- G.H.L.L. will use Draft Method "A" for first year of Operation for the Junior Division. (BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL)
- G.H.L.L. will use Draft Method "A" for Existing Leagues for the Major Division. (BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL)
- The order of the draft will be based on the regular season record and not Tournament finish.
- G.H.L.L. will use Draft Method "A" for first year of Operation for the Minor Division. (BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL)

## Batting Junior, Major, Minor , & Girls Softball

- All players on the batting lineup will bat through the entire game.
- In the event of an injury or illness, or any legitimate reason that causes a player to leave the game, that players spot will be skipped over without penalty. *A trip to the restroom is not an excuse to skip over hitters spot.*
- If a player shows up late to the game that player will be added to the bottom of the official batting order.
- After a team warning any player who throws the bat in a dangerous manner will be called out.

## Pitching

- As per Official playing rules.

## Equipment

- Farm division softball shall use a 10" R.I.F.1 ball
- Minor Division shall use a R.I.F.-1 .47 11" ball. As approved by little league
- If GHLL travels to another league GHLL will comply to use that leagues approved ball of choice.

## Substitution Junior, Major, Minor , & Girls Softball

- Free substitution of defensive players is allowed.
- No player shall sit for more than three consecutive outs.

### Scoring: Minor Division

- Five run rule is in effect **except for the 6th inning of the game.**

### 10 Run Rule

- In effect for Little League (Majors) & Junior Division as per Little League official playing rules.

### G.H.L.L. League Championships

*All league tournament games will follow regular season local rules. Including the batting of the entire line-up.*

- **Junior Division 2017**

1. Three team *Double Elimination* playoff to determine division winner.

- **Major Division 2017**

1. Four team *Double Elimination* playoff to determine division winner.

- **Minor Division 2015**

1. Six team *Double Elimination* playoff to determine division winner.
2. Note: Runs per innings (5) as per Little League Rules except for 6th inning (Open).
3. No time Limit in any playoff games.

### Use of the Lights (Major Field)

- There is a fee for use of the field lights when used for practice or any approved special games.
  1. For a G.H.L.L. team the rate to use the lights for approximately 2 hours is \$30.00. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## 2017 All Star Selection Process

### Manager selection

- Managers who have an interest in Managing an All-star team need to notify the league president to be considered a candidate.
- Winning the division is not a requirement to become the All-star manager.
- The manager selection committee will review all candidates and forward their recommendations to the league president.
- The league president will present the candidates to the B.O.D. for a final approval.

### Pitch Count

PITCHERS	Pitch Limit	
	Age	Max Pitches*
	13-14	95
	11-12	85
	9-10	75
	7-8	50
	Days Rest	
	# Pitches**	Days Rest
	66+	4
	51-65	3
36-50	2	
21-35	1	
1-20	0	

- Junior Division 13-14, 95 pitches per day
- Ages 11-12, 85 pitches per day
- Ages 9-10, 75 pitches per day
- Ages 7-8, 50 pitches per day (Minor Division Only)
- Any pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches CANNOT play the position of catcher for that calendar day



## Catchers

Any Player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings may NOT pitch on that calendar day.

## Late Registration

• After 4 games no new players will be accepted unless a team's roster falls below 10 players. If a roster falls below 10 players it will be at the Player Agents discretion on how to assign new players. (This applies to the Farm and Minor divisions)

### Junior Division:

• All High School players MUST tryout before being assigned to a team. If there are 8 games or less the fee is \$125.

