

GPAA LEAGUE DIVISION RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW

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- Absolutely NO compromises with managers or coaches regarding the wearing of jewelry.
NO JEWELRY ALLOWED
- No compromises on playing without proper full league issued uniform.
- Division time limits on all week-end games are as stated in the individual division rules and general rules. Available on line at gompersbaseballsoftball.com
- **NO TIME LIMITS** on week night games. Conditions dictate length of games. (darkness and weather)
- In any division with a 6 run rule:
 - The inning is over when the sixth run is walked in.
 - Up to nine runs can score when bases are full and the ball is batted or ball is live because of an overthrow.
- Walks in Major Girls and Pony are live balls until batter/runner stops at first base.
- There are no time limits in Pony and Major Girls.

The following are rules every umpire, manager, and coach should know

- 1) A foul is a batted ball:
 - a) that first lands in foul territory beyond first or third base.
 - b) that bounds past first or third base on or over foul territory.
 - c) that settles on foul territory between home and first base or between home and third base.
 - d) that, while on or over foul territory, touches the person of an umpire or a player or any object foreign to the natural ground.
- 2) A ball cannot be called foul until a player, coach, or fan touches it before it reaches first or third base in foul territory.
- 3) A ball is fair when:
 - a) it hits the base on a fly or bounce.
 - b) it hits the pitchers mound or defensive player in fair territory and then rolls to foul territory.
 - c) it lands on the chalk line on a fly beyond first or third base.

Note: the position of the ball dictates fair or foul not the fielder.

- 4) A pitch must not be called a ball or strike until after it crosses home plate.
- 5) On a dropped third strike situation the umpire must only call “strike three”. Batter is called “out” only after he/she turns to the dugout and fails to run to first base, or is tagged with the ball by the catcher, or is tagged or thrown out before reaching first base.
- 6) On non-dropped third strike situations the umpire calls “strike three, batter is out!”
- 7) Dropped third strike rule is in effect only when first base is un-occupied with less than two outs or first base is occupied with two outs.
- 8) The infield fly rule is in effect when first and second or first second and third base are occupied with less than two outs. Umpire must call “infield fly, if fair!” as soon as possible after the ball is hit. An infield fly is a fair fly (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort or an outfielder. Batter is out and runners may advance at their own risk.
- 9) A pitched ball bounced into towards home plate:
 - a) shall be called a strike if swung at and missed by the batter.
 - b) shall be called a ball if the batter does not swing.
 - c) shall be called a “hit batsmen” if the ball comes in contact with the batters person or clothes and batter does not swing. Dead ball is announced and the batter is awarded first base.
- 10) A batter hit by the pitch while swinging at the ball gets a strike call and is not awarded first base because of being hit.
- 11) A batter is awarded first base when the pitched ball comes in contact with any part of the person or uniform and the batter does not swing, whether on a bounce or in the air.
- 12) A ball becomes dead immediately when:
 - a) a pitched ball touches a batter or his or her clothing.
NOTE: a ball becomes dead even though a batter strikes at it.
 - b) a batted ball touches a runner.
 - c) a foul ball:
 - I) touches an object other than the ground or any person other than the fielder
 - II) or goes directly from the bat to the catcher’s protector, mask, or person without first touching the catcher’s glove or hand.
 - III) or becomes an uncaught foul.
 - d) The ball is illegally batted or is intentionally struck a second time with the bat.
NOTE: in which case runners may not advance and the batter is called out.
 - e) the batter enters the batters box with an illegal bat.
 - f) there is interference by a runner, batter/runner, or retired runner, the batter, or any person.

g) a pitch hits the pitcher's body as the pitch is made and rolls towards the plate or anywhere else in the infield or the ball slips out of the pitchers hand and lands near the mound.

(GPAA league rule for all divisions except T-Ball, Midget, Pony, and Major Girls) Dead ball and no pitch is called.

13) Batting out of order:

An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as he/she is in the batter's box and the ball is live. When the improper batter's infraction is first discovered by either team, time may be requested and the improper batter replaced by the proper batter with the improper batter's ball and strike count still in effect, provided the infraction is detected before the improper batter is put out or becomes a base runner.

A batter shall be called out, on appeal, when he fails to bat in his proper turn and another batter completes a time at bat in his place.

NOTE: only the defensive team may appeal batting out of order at this point after the illegal batter has completed their turn at bat.

The defensive team must appeal batting out of order before the next batter receives a pitch. If they fail to do so, no infraction has occurred.

If however the defensive team does appeal before the first pitch to the next batter after the improper batter, then the umpire shall call the proper batter out and return all runners to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

NOTE: an out made for batting out of order supersedes an out by the improper batter on a play.

14) If a batter/runner safely touches first base and then overruns it, except on a base on balls, he/she may immediately return to first base without liability of being tagged out, provided they did not attempt to run or feint to second. This means they may return to first turning towards foul or fair as long as they do not attempt to run to second they may turn either way without the worry of being tagged out. Any fake or intentional move towards second and the runner can be tagged out. To many times the coaches yell out "tag them" as soon as the runner turns to the left to return.

NOTE: umpire's judgment as to whether an attempt at second has been made.