

GUERNSEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

2023 CO-ED SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT

27th – 28th May 2023

PLAYING RULES

As per current WBSC rules with the exception of specific GSA rules as per the website which are used in the current league season.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The tournament will take the format which is clearly marked on the schedule. A full Round Robin on the Saturday, followed by knockout/placing games on Sunday. The first 2 rounds of fixtures that are set for Sunday gives 2 chances for teams placing 1st - 4th to make a semi final. Teams placing 5th and 6th will only have 1 chance to make the semi final.
2. Game times are set. If you do not have a minimum of 9 players at that time, your team forfeits and the other team will be awarded a 20-0 win.
3. All entered teams are required to complete the tournament schedule. Any team unable to complete the tournament schedule will not be eligible for award(s).
4. Players that are guests and have not signed a GSA signing on form during the season must do so for insurance purposes before playing any game. Guest players cannot play for more than one team over the course of the weekend. There is no fee for guests signing on. All players must be at least 14 years of age. Please speak to a tournament organiser about signing on if needed.
5. Game balls will be provided the day of the event. Please leave them on the diamonds after each game. At the end of the final game of the day can the plate umpire please return them to Ryan De Jersey.
6. The Pitch Count shall start at 0 & 0 for every game.
7. All games (EXCEPT the final) will be 'no new inning' after 50 minutes. Please finish the inning, even if it means the next game starting later. The final will be a full 7 inning untimed game.
8. All games shall be played until completion unless deemed unsafe to continue by the umpire in charge. If deemed unsafe the score shall be the score at the end of the last completed inning, unless the team batting second has scored more runs than the first team at bat in the incomplete inning. In this case the score shall be that of the incomplete inning.
9. Both Pitchers may have 5 warm up pitches prior to the start of their teams 1st field. No further warm up pitches between innings are allowed (and will be penalised by a 'ball' being called for every one). The first new pitcher per team into a game may also take 5 warm up pitches. Any further pitchers entering the game may not have any warm up pitches. Teams must hustle between innings. This rule changes for the final, where a pitcher may also take 3 warm ups between all innings.
10. In the event of two teams finishing equal in the round robin stage -
 - A) Head to Head (Win/Loss) will be used to determine the higher finishing team.
 - B) If still equal, least runs conceded will determine the higher finishing team
 - C) If still equal, positions will be decided on the flip of a coin!
11. In the event of three or more teams finishing equal in the round robin stage the following method will be used to sort the entire scenario -
 - A) Head to Head (Win/Loss) will be used to determine the higher finishing team if one team has beaten the other teams involved in the tied position.
 - B) If still equal, least runs conceded throughout the round robin stage will determine the higher finishing position
 - C) If still equal, position will be decided by the drawing of lots.
12. In case of a tied game the 'Tie-Breaker' will be used, as per the WBSC Rules. (last **batter** onto 2nd). There are to be no tied matches at any stage of the tournament even if this means the following game starting later.
13. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes to the tournament schedule if necessary. The plate umpire has discretion for starting matches late if needed.
14. The umpire in charge of a game (plate umpire) shall decide whether to interrupt a game because of adverse weather or field conditions. They will also decide when to resume play. However, if the game has been interrupted for a consecutive thirty (30) minutes, the score at the last completed innings will stand and the game is over.
15. All teams shall face their opponents in uniform colours that differ from their opponents wherever possible.
16. A suspension of play for a maximum 10-minute period may be used in order to determine a rule, should an appeal be made by either team on a ruling. Any appeal must be accompanied by £50 cash for it to be heard. The organising committee's decision is final and no other appeals shall be received. Should a team win the appeal the £50 will be returned. No appeals against a judgement call will be received. The game clock will be paused for any such suspension of play.

17. MVP awards shall be voted on by the scorer & Plate Umpire for every game and recorded on the score sheet at the completion of each game. It is required that one male and one female from each team (in each game) shall be voted on. Score sheets are required to be returned to Ryan De Jersey.
18. Teams scheduled to umpire must provide a plate umpire, a scorer and at least 1 base umpire for every game.
19. Players may only represent 1 team over the course of the weekend.
20. There will be a coin toss for every game on Saturday. On Sunday, every game, except the final, will be determined by the highest finishing position in the round robin stage. There will be a coin toss for the final. The coin toss must be done with both captains (or coaches) and the plate umpire present.

OTHER NOTES

The winning team should update the large scoreboard near the home dugout on pitch 1.

Players and spectators are encouraged to be prepared for all kinds of weather!

It would be appreciated if 'The Softball Community' would all chip in with setting up and breaking down on both days!

A basic offering of snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. We accept cash and cards via the sum up machine. Please pay for items at the time of purchase. If you require a tab please seek approval of one of the organisers.

Any matter that should arise that is not provided for within these rules shall be referred to the organising committee in the first instance for their deliberation and resolution. The people classed as the organising committee are Ryan De Jersey (Tomahawks), Jordan Gallienne (Donkeys) & Becky Ferbrache (Bombers). Their decision will be final.