



# GUERNSEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2023 LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### PLAYING RULES

1. 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 marked on the schedule. A group stage, followed by a quarter final, semi-finals, placing games and a 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 15-0 win. 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).
3. 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. Players who are 13 years old and wish to play may do so providing a permission form (similar to that used in the All Div KO) is signed by parents/guardians. Please reach out to Jordan Gallienne if one of these forms is needed.
4. Teams that play with only 9 players will not have an 'Auto Out' in the 10<sup>th</sup> batting position. See GSA Rule 13 for further clarification.
5. Game balls will be provided the day of the event. Please leave them on the diamond after each game.
6. The Pitch Count shall start at 0 & 0 for all games.
7. All Games except the final will be 'no new inning' after 45 minutes. Please finish the inning. The final will be 'no new inning' at 60 minutes. Please finish the inning here also.
8. When umpiring, teams are required to provide a plate umpire, at least 1 base umpire and a scorer.
9. Games will not end in a tie at any point. If the 'Home' team is batting and ahead at the 45 minute mark, this will end the game. If the 'Home' team is ahead after the top half of the inning when the time has exceeded this will also end the game.
10. In case of a tied game after seven innings (or time limit exceeded) the 'Tie-Breaker' will be used, as per the WBSC Rules. (last **batter** onto 2<sup>nd</sup>). There are to be no tied matches at any stage of the tournament even if this means the following game starting later.
11. Both Pitchers may have 5 warm up pitches prior to the start of their teams 1<sup>st</sup> field. No further warm up pitches between innings are allowed (and will be penalised by a 'ball' being called for every one). A new pitcher into a game may take 3 warm up pitches. Teams must hustle between innings.
12. Following the round robin a league table will decide the following games in order of most wins. Should there be a two team tie then 'Head to Head' will come into play. Should there be a tie of 3 teams or more (with no H2H winner), then 'Runs Conceded' will decide the ordering of all 3 teams. If teams are still tied we will draw lots.
13. The umpire in charge of a game 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.
14. 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. This will cost a team £50. The organising committee's decision is final and no other appeals shall be received. The Game clock will be paused

for any such suspension of play. If a team is successful they will have the £50 returned. Judgement calls will not be challenged.

15. 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 player from each team (in each game) shall be voted on. Score sheets are required to be returned to the Van.
16. You may only represent 1 team over the course of the weekend. Special dispensation may be given in extreme circumstances if approved by the organising committee.
17. There will be a coin toss for every game except the Quarter final and Semi Finals, where the home team is designated by the letter 'H'. Teams should use the correct dugout.

#### OTHER NOTES

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

The catering van will be available Friday night and all day Saturday.

The function on Saturday night will start at La Collinette Hotel from 7pm and will cost £15 for people who wish to eat. Non-eaters are welcome to come for free. Numbers should be given to Becky by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, with payment made in full via online transfer before the tournament begins.

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 organising committee are Ryan De Jersey, Jordan Gallienne & Becky Ferbrache (Pitch Perfect). Their decision will be final.