



**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **Starter Pack Information**

The following information is a guide for all team captains/coaches outlining what the Guernsey Softball Association ('GSA') expect from teams and players this season.

Please remember to refer to the GSA website for all ISF playing rules, including all Local ground & playing rules.

## **Team & Player Registration**

All teams must register to participate in the GSA Leagues by the **last day of February**. There is a team registration form on the website and included this pack.

Please note that team colours are required so refer to the team colour list. Teams are requested to try and select a shirt colour that does not match an existing team for maintaining team identity. Shirts must have a number on the rear.

Before the first game of the season teams must register all players. There is a player registration form on the website and included this pack. No player may play without being registered which must happen a **minimum of 24 hours** before game day.

All Team & Player registrations need to be issued to the Registration Secretary along with the necessary **non-refundable** payments. Please refer to the GSA website for all Committee contact information.

The registration fees this season are:

### **GSA Rule 25. (REGISTRATION FEES)**

(all subject to annual review January each year)

Senior Team (Member)	Registration Fee: <b>£275.00</b>
Youth Team (Member)	Registration Fee: <b>£ 10.00</b>
Senior Player (Associate Member) (eighteen (18) years of age and above)	Registration Fee: <b>£ 30.00 (*£15.00)</b>
Youth Player (Associate Member) (seventeen (17) years of age and under)	Registration Fee: <b>£ 15.00 (*£5.00)</b>
Non-player (Associate Member)	Registration Fee (Minimum): <b>£ 1.00</b>

**\* A temporary player may register for a maximum of 5 games in Co-Ed Division 2 & the Men's Division only.**

**NOTE:** If a person/player is to reach the age of eighteen (18) on or before 1<sup>st</sup> May of the current year/season they shall be deemed to be a Senior Player.

## **Team & Player Registration (continued)**

Included in your team registration you will be issued:

- 6 × 12” new softballs
- 6 × 11” new softballs (Co-Ed only) (any additional balls can be purchased from the GSA)
- 1 pack of Team line-up sheets – each line-up is a 4 copy carbon set (1<sup>st</sup> issue to the opposition; 2<sup>nd</sup> issue to the scorer; 3<sup>rd</sup> issue to the umpire; 4<sup>th</sup> is team copy).

## **Insurance**

The GSA does not cover players against injury unless they are representing the Island or umpiring. The GSA does cover third party liability which is automatic for any player who has signed a player registration form.

**All players are strongly recommended to obtain their own medical insurance**

## **Starter Kits & First Aid**

The GSA holds equipment sets in a large hold-all which will provide new teams with gloves, bats and training balls necessary to start them off. These kits are available for loan via a committee member.

Note: Players would be best wearing football boots for games as softball is not weather reliant.

All teams will be expected to have their own First Aid Kit at games. Failure to do so could mean a forfeit.

## **Weather**

As mentioned above softball is not weather reliant and can be played in the rain. All games are controlled by the appointed GSA umpire and it is only they who determine if the diamond can be played on.

Please note: for **all** games teams are expected to turn up to the diamond with a minimum of 9 players. If a team fails to have a minimum of 9 players ready to play at the stipulated time, and the game is deemed playable, they forfeit.

## **Fixtures**

At the beginning of the season all teams can request 2 ‘no play’ dates via the Fixtures Secretary.

No game may be re-scheduled unless teams are affected by Guernsey representation in other activities and they must therefore inform the Fixtures Secretary.

Any games that are cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled and this can only be done by the Fixtures Secretary.

## **Game Day Information**

Pitch 1 is the “top” diamond with the stone dust infield.

Pitch 2 is the “bottom” grass diamond.

A Training Pitch is also on the bottom diamond located at right field.

## **Game Day Information (continued)**

### **Before the Game**

The Home team must be in the “**3<sup>rd</sup> Base**” dugout.

Away teams in the “**1<sup>st</sup> Base**” dugout.

In Co-Ed games the Home team must provide two of each good quality 12” & 11” match balls.

In the Men’s league the Home team must provide two 12” match balls

Both teams must present their team line-ups – stating **positions, surnames** and **shirt numbers** – to the scorer in good time to before the game starts. Team line-ups are provided to teams at the start of the season.

Games start at the stipulated time - there is no delay offered. Teams will therefore be required to have the minimum number of players (9) ready to start at the correct time.

All teams provide umpires so are therefore fellow players. Please treat them with the respect.

**No jewellery (except medical emergency) is permitted to be worn when playing softball.**

### **After the Game**

Both teams will be asked, by the scorer, for the oppositions female & male “Most Valuable Players” of the game. Please consider this carefully as the votes go towards end of season awards.

Please vacate the dugout quickly taking all team kit & litter, leaving the dugout ready for the next game.

## **Tournaments**

During the season there are divisional tournaments. May is usually the Open Co-Ed Tournament, which is predominantly for 1<sup>st</sup> division teams. The August Co-Ed Tournament is only for 2<sup>nd</sup> division teams. Tournaments can be entered via the necessary entry form along with the applicable fee – these forms will be available on the GSA website nearer the tournament dates.

These tournaments are not part of the annual registration. No player registration is necessary but any non registered player is expected to sign the standard registration form to protect the GSA from liability and to cover the players by third party insurance.

During these tournaments any non-playing teams are requested to provide ‘staff’ at the GSA hospitality/BBQ tent for each event. A rota will be issued prior to each event stating when/which non-playing team is to ‘man’ the tent and a reminder will be on the main fixtures.

## **Divisional & All Division KO’s**

During the season there are League Knock Out games. Each team is automatically entered into the KO’s via their annual registration.

Non registered players are not permitted to play.

## **Umpiring & Scoring**

All teams, after 2 seasons, officiate each other's games and the appointments are made and noted on the fixtures. Should new teams not have any players of sufficient experience to be able to officiate, please inform the GSA Fixtures Secretary as soon as possible. In this event the GSA will appoint others to cover the duties.

Please note that new teams and players have a 2 season period to learn umpiring and scoring. After this time you will be expected to cover your own duties. Please ask any committee member for further advice regarding officiating and scoring. Some information is included in this pack.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and there is more information available on the GSA website ([guernseysoftball.com](http://guernseysoftball.com)).

Should anyone require any clarification on the information listed above please ask a committee member who will do their best to help out.

GSA President

### **Further information can be downloaded from the website:**

GSA Score Sheet (to be printed double sided)  
3 man umpiring system  
Strike Zone  
An Idiots Guide to Softball  
GSA Rules 2018