



GUERNSEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



2026 LADIES TOURNAMENT

7th & 8th August 2026

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 full round robin, followed by a final game for 1st and 2nd place to decide the overall winner.
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 13 years of age. Players who are 13 years of age should get their parent/guardian to reach out to Jordan Gallienne prior to playing.
4. Teams that play with only 9 players will not have an 'Auto Out' in the 10th batting position. See GSA Rule 13 for further clarification.
5. Teams may bat an extra player. As per single sex rules you may only bat one 'EP' in a line up (for a max of 11 players on the line up)
6. All 4 outfielders must be outside of the 'girls line' until the ball is hit.
7. Game balls will be provided the day of the event. Please leave them on the diamond after each game.
8. The Pitch Count shall start at 0 & 0 for all games.
9. All Games except the final will be 'no new inning' after 45 minutes. Please finish the inning until a result is known. The final will be 'no new inning' at 60 minutes. Please finish the inning here until a result is known. If the 'Home' team is batting and ahead at the call of 'No New Inning', 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. A game can end in a tie.
10. When umpiring, teams are required to provide a plate umpire, at least 1 base umpire and a scorer.
11. 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). A new pitcher into a game may take 3 warm up pitches. Teams must hustle between innings.
12. 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 over the round robin will determine the higher finishing team.
 - C) If still equal, most runs scored over the round robin will determine the higher finishing team.
 - D) If still equal, positions will be decided on the flip of a coin!In the event of three or more teams finishing equal in the round robin stage, the following method will be used to work out the entire scenario –
 - A) Head to Head (Win/Loss) if there is a clear winner that has beaten the other opponents involved in the tie. If this method works to determine all positions in the tie then this will be used.
 - B) If no clear winner, or ties remain after a clear winner has been found, least runs conceded throughout the whole round robin stage will determine the higher finishing position between remaining teams.
 - C) If no clear winner, or ties still remain, then most runs scored over the round robin will determine the higher finishing team.
 - D) If still equal, position will be decided by the drawing of 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. They may consult the tournament organisers if they wish.
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 organisers.
 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. A team may use a DH (Designated Hitter) for the pitcher should the pitcher not wish to bat. This is the only position that will allow a DH. Should you wish to do this please mark clearly on the line up the DH in the main line up with the Pitcher in a spare box. Please also let the scorer, plate umpire and opposition know at the exchange of line up sheets. The DH is classed as a position and can be swapped into the field for any other player on the line up, except the pitcher.
 18. There is a 7 run cap per inning per team. If a team hits 7 runs the umpire will call the end of the inning and the sides will switch over.
 19. A runner is permitted in the case of an injured player. The replacement should be of 'like for like' speed (opposing captain and umpire should also agree on the player) and can only be changed if the batter has reached 1st base (no further than this). The changeover should happen swiftly after the umpire has called 'time'. This should be discussed with the opposition and plate umpire pre-game unless the injury has happened in the game in which case it should be brought to their attention at the earliest opportunity.
 20. There will be a coin toss for every game except the Final, where the team who has finished 1st in the round robin has home team advantage.

OTHER NOTES

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

The BBQ will be available Friday night and all day Saturday.

The function on Saturday night will be at Marvins @ Aztech, from 6pm. Food options for people who want to eat are available at £16 per person. Menu has been sent to team captains. Non-eaters are welcome to come for free. Numbers should be given to Jordan Gallienne by Wednesday 5th August, 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. Their decision will be final.