



Germantown Diamond Club

8th Annual Summer Night Lights Tournament

August 5 - 7, 2011

Germantown, Wisconsin

All rules follow the Amateur Softball Association of America except where noted below for the 10U level. In addition, all teams to follow the guidelines shown below.

Field Locations

The following field locations will be used for the tournament:

- Kennedy Middle School (W160 N11836 Crusader Ct.)
- Fireman's Park (located just west of Kennedy Middle School)
- Freistadt Park (located east of Hwy 145 on Freistadt Rd.)
- Haupt Strasse Park (located at Western Ave. and Main St.)

Roster

1. All age brackets shall field nine defensive positions.
2. A team must have eight players to start a game. If players are running late, a 10-minute grace period from scheduled start time will be allowed before the game will be counted as a forfeit.
3. Your official roster must be submitted to the Tournament Official **before your FIRST game**. After the first pitch of your first game, your roster is frozen. Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player appeared. A forfeit score of 3-0 will be posted for determining tiebreakers and pool winners. Birth certificates must be made available upon request. Coaches do not need to turn them in but must have them in their possession during the tournament.

Equipment

1. GTDC will supply game balls.
2. Except for the 16U and 18U brackets, no steel spikes are permitted. Only rubber cleats are allowed.
3. Batters, base-runners, player base-coaches and bat person must wear a helmet while on the field

General

1. The team bench is limited to the manager, coaches, players, one scorer, and one bat person.

2. The tournament director and UIC will determine conditions of the fields in case of bad weather.
3. The field will be considered neutral. The Home team shall be determined by the toss of a coin; the winner of the toss having the choice.
4. When a manager claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of the tournament playing rules, he/she shall make a formal protest to the Tournament Official. The Tournament Official must immediately call a conference of all umpires working the game and a decision shall be reached after discussion.
5. No protest can be called on umpire judgment calls. The protest can only be called on rule interpretations.
6. All protests must be registered at the time of the violation and before the next pitch.
7. No game may be forfeited or a team disqualified without authorization of the Tournament Official.
8. A manager or coach may come to the mound to talk to the pitcher, but the second time out in the inning the player must be removed as the pitcher. The rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.
9. Teams may rotate players defensively in the field as long as the batting order remains the same.
10. Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their dugout after each game.

Time / Tiebreakers

1. Games are six innings or one hour and 30 minutes in duration whichever comes first. No new inning may start after one hour and 30 minutes. Time is computed from the time that the last out is made in the previous inning. The umpire is the official timer. There is no time limit in the Championship game.
2. If the score is tied after 6 innings, Championship games will continue normal play. For all other games, including Semi-final games, if the score is tied after 6 innings, the "California" tiebreaker rule will apply.
3. The following rules will be enforced to keep the tournament on schedule:
 - a. Pitcher may "walk" a batter by simply advising the umpire.
 - b. No more than three warm-up pitches between innings or 5 pitches after a change of pitchers.
 - c. The baseball must be returned directly to the pitcher after an out is made in all games.
 - d. A pinch runner may be used anytime for the catcher. This must be the player who made the last out in the game.
4. If your team is ahead by 10 runs at the completion of four innings (3 ½ innings for Home teams), then you are declared the winner.
5. Please anticipate potential pitching changes to save time.
6. In order to allow our field crews a chance to prepare the infields, there is no infield or batting practice on the diamonds before or between games.
7. Present the lineup to the umpire before the game. Each team will be responsible for scoring the game. The umpire will verify the score with each team after each ½ inning.

8. Please be at your scheduled diamond 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. If a game can be started early, it will be.
9. Seedings will be determined in the following manner.
 - a. Overall record;
 - b. Head-to-Head, if **all tied teams** have played each other;
 - c. Fewest runs allowed;
 - d. Highest total run differential (Total runs scored minus total runs allowed);
 - e. Coin toss.
10. For Semi-final and Championship games, the higher seed will be the home team and have their choice of dugouts.

Conduct

1. No player, coach or manager will be allowed to use profane or abusive language to players, umpires, or anyone connected with the game. This includes your spectators and parents. Please control them.
2. If any player or coach gets ejected from a game, he or she must leave the grounds immediately. The ejected player or coach may be eligible to return to the team for the next scheduled game subject to review by the tournament director.
3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule: No player, manager, coach, scorekeeper or spectator will heckle, use profanity or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct towards opposing team players, manager, coaches, or umpires. In addition, no player shall throw bats, gloves, helmets or equipment. If such behavior occurs, a team will receive one (1) warning per game. On the second such occurrence in a game, the umpire will eject the offender(s) from the game. If unsportsmanlike conduct continues after an ejection, the offending team will face forfeiture as decided by the umpire and tournament staff.
4. Normal "positive" cheering from the bench for one's own players is always encouraged. Please keep your fans in support of this rule as well. One warning will be given to each team.

Rain Delay Policy

In the event the weather delays the games but does not cancel the entire day or tournament, the following rules will apply:

1. The tournament director will have the final say at each location.
2. The safety of the players and everyone involved with the tournament is our primary concern. If there is any concern about the condition of the field contact the tournament director. Efforts to resolve any concerns will occur at that time.
3. If a rain delay occurs the following policy should be followed:
 - a. A complete game will be considered 3 full innings. (Note: If the Home team is leading after 2 ½ innings and the game is suspended due to rain, the home will be awarded the victory.)
 - b. If the game is delayed, the game clock will be stopped for up to 15 minutes due to rain. Beyond that the game clock will continue until the time has expired. At

that time the win will be awarded to the team in the lead if more than three innings have been played.

- c. If the game is stopped in the middle of an inning, the umpire will award the win to the team leading the game at the end of the last complete inning, as long as 3 full innings have been played. If the score is tied and the game is cancelled due to weather, the game will be declared complete and the results will be counted as a ½ game win and ½ game loss for each team.
 - d. If a game is stopped before 3 complete innings, the game will be declared complete and the results will be counted as a ½ game win and ½ game loss for each team.
4. In case of rain delay, games may be reduced in time to accommodate all games assigned for that day.

Germantown Diamond Club reserves the right to delay or cancel any or all games due to the weather. This may include adjusting the format of the tournament. It is the desire of the Germantown Diamond Club to see that all games are played in full.

These rules are intended to assist the field officials in fairly dealing with the potentials of a rain delay. It is the GTDC's intention to allow the field official to use his judgment and to do everything necessary to get all games in while at the same time keeping the players and families safe.

Carry-Ins

Full concessions service will be available at all fields. The Germantown Diamond Club asks that you help support our program and tournament sponsors by respecting our no carry-ins policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Special 10U Rules

ASA "B" Rules for 10 & Under softball apply except for the modifications listed below. All umpire's decisions on the field are final; there are no protests.

- Maximum of 9 players on the field.
- Continuous Batting Order - All players present for the game must bat. Players arriving late will be added to the bottom of the lineup card. In the case of an injury that causes a player to be removed from the contest, the offensive team will not be charged with an out. The batting order will continue with the next player listed in the batting order. The injured player may not return to the contest.
- Unlimited defensive substitution.
- Slaughter Rule - 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 4 innings.
- No infield fly rule.
- Runners may leave base only after the ball has crossed home plate. Players leaving early will be called out.
- If a player squares to bunt, she may pull back and swing.
- Dropped third strike rule in effect.
- Sliding is required if a play is being made upon a runner. It is the umpire's judgement as to whether or not a play is being made, and if sliding is necessary. The umpire's decision is final.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher and the pitcher. The courtesy runner will be the person who made the last out.
- During pool games if tied after regulation or tied after time limit has expired, only one extra inning will be played, if still tied at the end of the extra inning, the game will be recorded as a tie. Bracket games will continue play until there is a winner. When extra innings are required the international tiebreaker will be used. Last completed batter will start at second base. (This inning is not considered a regulation inning.)
- Seedings will be determined in the following manner.
 - a. Overall record;
 - b. Head-to-Head, if **all tied teams** have played each other;
 - c. Fewest runs allowed;
 - d. Highest total run differential (Total runs scored minus total runs allowed);
 - o Coin toss.
- All other rule issues not addressed by ASA or the specific modifications listed above will be determined by the Tournament Director in association with the Umpire-In-Chief.