



HUMBLE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

1. Each team will have only one Manager/head coach and no more than two official assistant coaches. The manager/head coach must be approved by the board. Each coach (head and assistant) must be eighteen years of age or older. The Humble Board of Directors (BOD) reserves the right to approve or reject any person in any coaching position. Background checks will be done on all managers/head coaches, concession workers and Board of Director Members.
2. Registration fees must be paid at the time of registration. Registration forms will not be accepted unless signed by a parent or legal guardian. Financial Scholarship cases will be reviewed by the President or by his/her designee. Refunds will not be issued once a player is drafted onto a team. Exceptions will be injuries and will be voted on individually by the board.

3. The league will be divided into six (6) divisions as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age as of Jan. 1st</u>
👧 6 & Under (6U - Coach Pitch/T-ball)	5 – 6
👧 8 & Under (8U - Coach Pitch)	7 – 8
👧 10 & Under (10U)	9 – 10
👧 12 & Under (12U)	11 – 12
👧 14 & Under(14U)	13 – 14
👧 16 & Under (16U)	15 – 16*
👧 If enough of either 14U or 16U teams cannot be formed due to lack of participation, they may be combined to form a 14U / 16U Division for league play only. During All-Star/Summer Play, the team formed from a combined division must play in the Division from which their oldest player would have been from.	

NOTE: A player aging out of the 16U Division, on the upcoming Jan 1st date, will be allowed to play the preceding Fall Season.

4. Youths must play in their respective age bracket. January 1st is the cut off date for all age groups. This conforms to A.S.A. age qualifications rules, except for 15 & 16 year olds combined with the 14 & under division.
5. All registered players are expected to attend skills' try-outs prior to the draft. Teams will be formed according to HGSL Draft Rules. Any players not attending try-outs will be placed on teams during the blind draft.
6. Parents or legal guardians may block one (1) coach, either head coach or assistant coach, per child, before the draft process begins.
7. Violations of the portion of general playing rules stating each player **must** play at least one (1) complete inning in each game which includes either three (3) consecutive defensive outs or the number of runs required to invoke the run rule, will be reviewed by the board. Repeated violations of this portion may result in game forfeiture and/or replacement of the manager/head coach.
8. Youths must participate and obey all league rules to qualify for game participation.
9. All participating youths, coaches and spectators will be subject to disciplinary action by the respective Head Coach/Division Director/BOD for cursing, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct as well as incidents of gross disrespect. The Board of Directors must be notified within 24 hours of any disciplinary action taken by any Coach. If the problem is deemed severe enough, a meeting between the BOD and the youth and her parent(s) will be arranged. By majority vote of the BOD, a youth, coach or spectator, **may** be removed from team participation for all or part of the current and/or future season(s). If a person is voted by the Board to not be allowed to coach a



team, that person shall not be allowed to Assistant Coach or any other adult coach position either; until at what future time the board determines they shall be allowed.

10. The official softball rules of the Amateur Softball Association will be followed, except where superseded by the by-laws and / or general playing rules for each age division.
11. Two (2) official umpires will be assigned for each game for all divisions except 6 & under and 8 & under that will be assigned one (1) umpire. NOTE: Should circumstances prevail, a minimum of one (1) umpire will always be used per game but two (2) or more may be used. Umpires shall not oversee games in which they have a relative on either of the teams playing.
12. Uniforms – All players listed on the official playing roster for a game shall be required to wear full uniforms, consisting of shirt, shorts and / or pants, socks, tennis shoes or rubber cleats. No metal cleats will be allowed. Shorts must be of decent length and properly fitted. No cut-off jeans will be allowed. Hats are optional.
13. Field Preparation – The designated HOME team is responsible for field preparation, which includes proper placement of bases and marking batters' box, foul lines, etc. The VISITORS are responsible for returning the bases to the field boxes, and raking the fields. Each team is responsible for cleaning their respective dug-outs.
14. No practice or warm-ups are permitted on the dirt portion of the field prior to an official game.
15. The HOME team is responsible for supplying the official scorekeeper. The VISITORS are required to supply an individual to run the scoreboard (manual or electric). Scorekeepers (both) must be in the official score box and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
16. Helmets, which are required for batting and base running (Ref: General Playing Rules, Rule III #4) will be furnished by the league.
17. Coaches' Rules Clinic – The manager/head coach or team representative is required to attend the coaches' rules clinic. The Umpire-in-Chief, or a person selected by the president, will conduct the clinic and discuss league rules as well as ASA rules.
18. Training Clinics – When a training clinic is set by the board, the manager/head coach or a team representative is required to attend said clinic. The manager/head coach will be notified by email and/or verbally by respective divisional directors of the clinic not less than 48 hours prior to the same. It is the responsibility of the manager/head coach should he/she is not able to attend, to have a team representative at the clinic.
19. Protests will be ruled upon by a protest committee. This committee, appointed by the president, will have at least three (3) board members deemed to have no conflict of interest in the protest. This committee may be chaired by the president or vice-president.
20. These by-laws have been approved by the Humble Girls Softball League Board of Directors and have an effective date as indicated in footer.