



Greater Kingston Softball Association, Inc.

Coaches Package 2021

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Dear Coach,

Thanks so much for volunteering to coach with the Greater Kingston Softball Association for the 2021 season. We are thrilled to have people like you who are excited to get on the field and spend some time getting to know your kids and teaching them about the game.

The executive knows very well how busy life can be and we understand that you are taking time out of your schedule to be a role model for your group. You are very much appreciated for this.

This package contains valuable information about how your season should go, and we would highly recommend that you take the time to read it and ask questions if you have them. At any time during the season, please feel free to contact your division convener or anyone on the executive for assistance. We want the kids to have fun, but we also want you to have fun and feel supported in your coaching. In other words, let us know if we can do anything for you during the year.

We hope that you have a fantastic season of ball and we look forward to working with you.

Play ball!!!

Sincerely,

The GKSA Executive

GKSA EXECUTIVE AND CONVENER CONTACT INFO

2021 Executive

- President: [Kyra Funk](#) (613-331-5244)
- Vice President: [Cindy Ioannidis](#) (613-328-9781)
- 2nd Vice-President [Jennifer Joubert](#) (613-217-5663)
- 3rd Vice-President: [Chris Rayner](#) (613-449-8543)
- Secretary: [Torrie Hawley](#) (613-583-8913)
- Treasurer: [Dennis Linton](#) (613-389-7861)

2021 Conveners

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- U10 (Mite) Girls: [Dustin Hawley](#) (613-985-8913)
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2021 Committee Members

- Sponsorship: [Cindy Ioannidis](#) (613-328-9781)
- Equipment: [James Badour](#) (613-561-9799)
- Diamond Scheduler: [Chris Rayner](#) (613-449-8543)
- Umpire in Chief: [Paul Murray](#) (613-389-7956)
- President of the Umpire Association for GKSA: [Bryan Beaubien](#) (613-985-2418)
- Umpire Scheduler: [Paul Murray](#) (613-539-8728) or [Bryan Beaubien](#) (613-985-2418)
- Registrar: [Sharon Sullivan](#) (613-389-9474)
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GKSA RETURN TO PLAY APPENDIX TO OUR RULES

1) MASK:

- a) Must be worn on field at all times (under chin). IF there is a base runner the infield must pull up their masks up until no runner is on base.
- b) EXCEPTION The pitcher is the only one that does not have to wear one. (If they don't want too)
- c) COACHES: Up to the coaches if they want to wear one. This will need to be discussed at the Homeplate meeting.
- d) Catcher: Up to the parent's discretion. Needs to be addressed also at the Homeplate meeting

2) GAME BALL:

- a) Each team will provide their own game ball. The pitcher will bring their ball on and off the diamond.
- b) If the ball gets hit into foul territory the defensive's players that are sitting on the bench will need to go and retrieve the ball and give it back to the pitcher.
- c) The ball will need to be sanitized before and after every inning.

3) EQUIPMENT:

- a) Each team will get 2 sets of catcher's gears. It is up to the coaches that after every game they will need to sanitize the equipment.
- b) Each Player must have their own equipment including their own glove, bat and helmet. Players will place their bags 2 metres away from the other players equipment.
- c) Each coach is asked to have one parent or assistant coach pick up the bat after every batter and sanitize it with a wipe.

4) BLEACHERS:

- a) ONLY the players will be able to sit on the bench this year due to COVID. Please remember to stay 2 meters apart.

5) PLAYERS:

- a) Please make sure you sanitize your hands before and after every inning.

6) COACHES/PARENTS:

- a) If possible, we would like only one parent per player near the diamond. We realize this might be difficult for some. SO please try your best. ** COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES do not count as a parent or guardian.

COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONS

1. In the last 14 days, has the player/child or anyone they live with travelled outside of Canada?

Yes No

If exempt from quarantine requirements (for example, an essential worker who crosses the Canada-US border regularly for work), select "No."

2. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that the student/child should currently be isolating (staying at home)?

Yes No

This can be because of an outbreak or contact tracing.

3. In the last 14 days, has the player/child been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?

Yes No

4. In the last 14 days, has the player/child received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone?

Yes No

If they already went for a test and got a negative result, select "No."

5. Is the player/child currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or conditions they already have.

Fever and/or chills

Yes No

Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher

Cough or barking cough (croup)

Yes No

Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Shortness of breath

Yes No

Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Decrease or loss of taste or smell

Yes No

Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Sore throat or difficulty swallowing

Yes No

Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Runny or stuffy/congested nose

Yes No

Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Headache

Yes No

Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

Yes No

Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Extreme tiredness or muscle aches

Yes No

Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

6. Is someone that the student/child lives with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.

Yes No

COVID-19 SCREENING ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Date:

Facility:

Time:

After every game, please take a screen shot of this form and send it to Kyra Funk at ke.funk12@hotmail.com immediately upon completion. WE are required by the city and as well the health unit to provide this at any time. In failure to do so can result in GKSA losing diamond time.

Player	Email	Parent/Guardian	Verbal Screening Confirmed
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ANYONE WHO ANSWERS YES TO THE QUESTIONS MUST NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE DIAMOND.

SCREENING QUESTIONS WITNESSED BY GKSA VOLUNTEER: _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND SIGN _____

FAIR PLAY CODES FOR CHILDREN IN SPORT

It is easy to forget your own behavior at times and get a little carried away with the excitement of seeing your child on the diamond. As a coach, you may want to make a point of distributing your own "code of conduct".

PARENTS' CODE:

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
2. Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
9. Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

SPECTATORS' CODE:

1. Remember that children play organized sports for fun. They are not miniature pro athletes.
2. Be on your best behavior. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches, or officials.
3. Applaud good plays by your own team and the visiting team.
4. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
5. Never ridicule or scold a child for making mistakes during competition.
6. Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
7. Respect the officials' decisions.
8. Encourage players always to play according to the rules.

STATISTICIAN INFORMATION AND GAME REPORTING

To report scores (*only U10 and up*), the winning team must go to the COACHES AREA of the GKSA website (greaterkingstonsoftball.com) and click on SCORE REPORTING (see below). There, you will choose your division and fill in the appropriate information. Once you do this, the STANDINGS and SCORES pages of the website should automatically update themselves.

If you make a mistake in reporting, please do not enter it again (it won't work) – just email Chris Rayner at ccrayner@hotmail.com and explain the error and the correct score.

It is essential that coaches and/or assistants update the standings after games. We need this information so that playoffs can be set as soon as possible when the season is over. It is the responsibility **of the winning team** to report the scores on the website. Failure to do so may result in a deduction of two points from the responsible team's standings (or one point for a tie game). Any postponed or rained-out games should be reported via email to the convener so we know a score will not be reported for that game.

Should you have any questions/problems/concerns – just email Chris Rayner at ccrayner@hotmail.com OR call or text him at 613-449-8543

Thanks very much,

Chris Rayner

TEAM SWEATER DISTRIBUTION

In order to have team sweaters available for the first game of the season, a bulk order was placed with the supplier based on averages from previous years.

As no exchanges will be available, please check your team package sizes carefully and distribute the shirts accordingly from the smallest team member to the largest.

If there are any problems, please contact your convenor and s/he will forward your concerns to us.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

For T-Ball and Jr. Mite teams, both team and individual pictures will be taken by a photographer over 3 nights in June at one of our local ball diamonds. The location and times will be advised later.

- The coaches and assistant coaches are to be in the team picture.
- Each player in attendance will receive an individual and team picture.
- Players not in attendance will still receive a team picture.
- The coach will receive a team picture.
- Please try to have all players in attendance and on time because the sponsor will receive a team picture.

Teams at Mite levels and above are to take their own team photo and have them printed in 5 x 7 format (Staples or Costco are examples of places that will do this). GKSA will supply the mounting frames and happily reimburse any printing costs. Please either drop the receipt off at 1174 Bentley Terrace or take a picture of the receipt and email it to Dennis Linton at dlinton4@cogeco.ca.

POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

Please follow these steps in case a game needs to be postponed:

1. The decision is to be made by the coach of the Home Team. The coach of the Home Team shall contact the coach of the Visiting Team to advise that the game is to be cancelled. If contact is made via text or email, please confirm that the communication has been received.
2. Email the president Kyra Funk at ke.funk12@hotmail.com so she can let the city know so we don't get charged for the diamonds.
3. Call the Diamond Liner, Brian Beaubien, to notify him (613-985-2418 or 613-634-8010)
4. Call the Umpire Scheduler, Paul Murray, to notify him and he can cancel the umpires (613-539-8728)
5. Contact your players to advise them (again, please confirm if it's via email or text)
 - Consider using TeamSnap to organize your team.
6. Call the division convener to advise them of the cancellation (contacts on page 3).

NOTE:

- It is up to the Home Team to reschedule the cancelled game with agreement from the opposing coach. One common solution is to use someone's practice time. Don't forget to contact Paul Murray to book umpires and Brian Beaubien to line diamonds.
- If the issue is weather, that is something that can't be controlled, but in all other cases please try to give the other team as much notice as possible.
- Email and texting are great tools, but please confirm that the person has received communication. If possible, a phone call is the best option.

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Pickup

All coaches must come to Kingston U-Lock Storage to pick up their equipment. GKSA volunteers will be there to hand-out equipment and it is essential that coaches make time to meet.

Coaches will also receive keys to the lock boxes at the diamonds where the bases are stored.

Keys for the bathrooms at LaSalle Park and Bayridge Diamonds are held by the city. To get these keys, coaches need to go to the Invista Centre and go to the front desk. Tell them that you're a coach with GKSA and you need a key to the washrooms at Bayridge and LaSalle. They will ask for a \$25 deposit which you will get back once the key is returned.

If there is a conflict that *absolutely cannot* be avoided, please contact James Badour (613-561-9799) or Dustin Hawley (613-985-8913) to arrange for an alternate pick-up.

Equipment

If there is any defective or sub-par equipment, please contact please contact James Badour (613-561-9799) or Dustin Hawley (613-985-8913). We are happy to work with coaches to make sure they have decent equipment for the year. Please remember that we will provide some helmets, but we want kids wearing their own and not sharing – for health reasons.

Equipment is to be returned to locker G24 at a date to be determined.

All coaches are to RETURN THE KEYS back to the locker when the season is over.

RULES

GKSA T-Ball (U6) Rules

NOTE: GKSA plays T-ball only within the organization (i.e. we do not play against teams from other organizations)

We have made some recent changes based on the Softball Canada guidelines for Minor Softball - found [here](#).

In T-Ball, the number one thing (by a longshot) is that the kids have fun. The purpose of T-Ball is to introduce the sport of softball to the young in as informal, yet structured setting as possible, realizing it is just a game for all involved. A high priority is in developing social skills as well as baseball skills. Umpires, coaches and parent volunteers - everyone should be focused on having fun and encouraging the kids while they learn the game.

There is no need to keep score, and no need to keep track of outs. There should not be a defined batting order, but each inning, the lead-off batter should be different than from the previous inning.

Offensive players hit once per inning and they get to run the bases regardless of whether or not they are "out" at first. Defensive players should try to make outs for practice, but they will not be recorded. Once every player has hit, the offense and defense switch.

More "Rules" for T-Ball

1. All team members should bat each inning
2. The fielding team should be comprised of P, C, 1B, 2B, SS and 3B. Outfielders are not necessary, and it is expected that one or two players will not play the field each inning. The players who aren't in the field should either a) be practicing fundamental defensive skills with a coach or parent volunteer or b) having a break and cheering on their team. The preference is the former.
3. A team shall have no more than 8 players, but there is no real minimum to play a game. There is no score and there are no standings, so all games will be played, none will be forfeited - even if players need to be borrowed from the opposing team (if necessary and if agreement is reached with both teams).
4. An inning will consist of each team batting all players present.
 - No one player should bat leadoff in multiple innings in a game.
 - The last batter must be declared by the coach to the umpire.
 - The inning is over after the last batter bats.
 - The last batter of the inning is to be encouraged to keep running and try for a "home run". This is fun for the runner and the fielders, who have a great chance to learn how to get an "out".
5. A batter will be allowed to hit the ball in fair territory. Coaches may help if necessary. Bunting is not allowed.
6. The infield fly rule will not be used.
7. Base runners can only advance a base on a ball that has been hit in fair territory. Base runners cannot leave the base before the ball is hit. No stealing allowed.
8. The role of the umpire is to help the kids understand the rules of the game and to gently

- explain concepts to the kids during gameplay.
9. There is to be a distance of 35' between the bases.
 10. Infielders, with the exception of the pitchers, should not be permitted within 36 feet of home plate (i.e. 6 feet inside the baseline) until the ball is batted.
 11. When a batted ball is fielded by an infielder and the infielder is not making a play on a base runner, the play is ruled dead. When a ball is returned to the infield from the outfield, the ball shall be ruled dead as soon as it arrives in the infield. All runners must stop at the base they are going to or the base they are on.
 12. One or two coaches of the defensive team may be on the field during the play (behind the infielders), helping the kids positionally and reminding them to pay attention. Coaches should try not to be involved in the play once the ball is hit.
 13. The offensive team may have three coaches on the field. One coach at first and one at third base and one at the plate to help with positioning and stance. The coach at the plate must step back before the words "play ball" are said. Coaches may not enter the infield while the ball is in play.
 14. On a hit ball, the players on base generally stop at the base they are going to. Players may go further if the ball is crushed to the OF, but usually runners are just going from "station-to-station" on batted balls.
 15. Batters will not bat the ball until the official calls "Play Ball". We would like the players getting used to this concept.
 16. A player may not play two consecutive innings in the outfield. Players will be rotated to different positions between the infield and outfield.
 17. All games start at 6:30. a time limit has been set on T-Ball so that no new inning is to begin after 7:30. Note: diamonds should be available for practice/warm-up prior to the game. Teams shall share the infield practice time.
 18. Shorts will be permitted; long pants are encouraged for safety.
 19. Pitchers are required to wear helmets with face cages (one per team).
 20. No jewelry!! No rings, watches, necklaces or earrings including studs. If it can't come off or be taken out, then make sure the umpire does not see it (cover with tape or Band-Aid). If the umpire sees the jewelry, then it must be removed, or the player is ruled ineligible to play. Medic alert is the exception!!
 21. The coach of the home team is responsible for putting out the bases and putting them away at the end of the game.

Also remember that at this level, it is very important to have juice/snacks/treats organized for after the games and to have a year-end event to celebrate once the year is over. These things are the things the kids will remember!

*NOTE: THESE "RULES" SHOULD BE APPLIED WITH GREAT DISCRETION.
T- BALL IS A GRASS ROOTS BALL EXPERIENCE AND IT SHOULD BE
THE DESIRE OF THE LEAGUE THAT THE PLAYERS RECEIVE A GOOD
FOUNDATION OF THE GAME. COACHES AND UMPIRES ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST THE PLAYERS AND HELP THEM TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE GAME THE PROPER WAY THE FIRST TIME.*

GKSA Coach Pitch (U8) Rules

NOTE: GKSA plays 5-pitch only within our own organization

The rules within GKSA are the same as Softball Ontario except for the following:

NEW FOR 2019:

- There is a batting order, but it rotates (if you were 1st in inning 1, you're second in inning 2 and so on...)
 - Each player bats once per inning, outs can be made but they have no impact on when the inning ends
 - Coach must announce when last batter of the inning is up
 - No player plays the same position in two consecutive innings
 - No keeping score
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1. Players get 5 pitches from the coach and they must put one of those balls in play. If they don't, we move to rule 1a..
 - a. Players who "strike out" will still be allowed to go to first and run the bases AS LONG AS THEY SWING AT A MINIMUM OF 3 PITCHES. The player is a live runner (i.e. they can be tagged out and they can score a run).
2. Games will be played with a "soft" indoor softball, to minimize injury.
3. The catcher will wear full gear and be positioned such that he/she will be in front of the ball but not catch it in mid-air. Catchers should block the ball and throw it back to the coach who is pitching.
4. The fielding team's pitcher will play beside the batting team's pitcher, but he/she may not be closer than two feet behind the pitch.
5. Bunting is not allowed.
6. When the coach who is pitching interferes (usually accidental) with the play on a batted or fielded ball all play is ruled "dead" and base runners shall be returned to their original base, and the pitch to the batter shall be replayed with no strike penalty.
7. When a fielder gains control of a batted ball in the infield and is not making a play on a base runner, the umpire will call time and play will be ruled dead. When the ball is returned to the infield, from the outfield, whether touched by an infielder or not, the play shall be called dead. All runners must stop at the base they are going to or must remain at the base they are on. Umpires judgement will place the runners at the appropriate base.
8. No stealing of bases; runners cannot leave the base until the ball has been hit. Warnings should be given in the case of a violation - no players will be called out.
9. Up to 4 outfielders are permitted to play in the outfield, if desired.

10. The infield fly rule will not be in effect.
11. There is to be a distance of 35' between the bases.
12. Infielders, with the exception of the pitcher, will not be permitted within 39 feet of home plate (i.e. 6 feet inside the baseline) until the ball is batted.
13. Shorts will be permitted, but long pants are preferred for safety.
14. Adults on the field should wear proper attire. No open-toed shoes.
15. All games start at 6:30. No new inning after 7:40.
16. There will be a maximum of 10 players on the field. There is no minimum. If you have less than six players, you can borrow players from the other team in order to play the game for the benefit of the players (if desired by the other coach).
17. Two coaches allowed on the field during the game to help the players
18. The coach of the home team is responsible for putting out the bases and putting them away at the end of the game.

Also remember that at this level, it is very important to have juice/snacks/treats organized for after the games and to have a year-end event to celebrate once the year is over. These things are the things the kids will remember!

GKSA/PITT/LOYALIST U10 (Mite) Rules

NOTE: GKSA will play U10 against Pittsburgh Township and Loyalist Township teams

New for 2021

- a) Pitchers **must** wear defensive face shield
 - b) If a batter walks, the coach will come in and pitch the remaining strike count.
 - If the count is 1 strike and 4 balls the coach will have 2 pitches to throw etc.
 - If the batter hits the ball it becomes a live ball, and the runner can be thrown out or tagged out as per normal conditions. Runners on other bases can advance, but at their own risk.
 - If the batter does not hit the ball within the remaining count it will be called an out for the inning.
 - Coaches it is up to you to get out of the way when the ball is hit safely to allow the fielders to make a play.
 - In the event that the coach gets hit by the pitched ball, it is up to the umpire discretion, - did the coach try to move safely out of the way? **If yes DEAD BALL** and re hit.
 - **if the coach gets hit a second time** the batter will be called out.
1. Pitching distance is 30 Feet.
 2. There is to be a distance of 35' between the bases.
 3. Batter cannot run on dropped third strike.
 4. No stealing (on the pitch).
 5. No pitcher may pitch more than 2 innings. Please encourage as many pitchers as possible, both male and female.
 6. When the pitcher has control of the ball within the 8-foot circle, all play stops.
 7. Three out or six runs per inning.
 8. Helmets must be worn with facemasks, and the straps must be fastened.
 9. Coaches, players, fans and officials must have a positive attitude towards the game.
 10. No infield fly rule.
 11. All other Softball Ontario rules apply.

General GKSA Operating Procedures

Throughout this document, the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender where applicable.

ICSA Rules are to be followed to govern the general rules of the game in divisions from Mite (U10) and up. The following rules apply to GKSA teams only:

Batting Helmets - It shall be mandatory for all players in all categories to wear batting helmet of an accepted make or design while in the act of batting or running the bases. Helmet straps must be fastened. Base coaches under the age of 19 years are also required to wear a helmet.

For age categories U10 (Mite) and above, it is mandatory for long pants and proper athletic shoes to be worn in all games. All players must have shirts tucked in.

Each team should supply their own scorekeeper and it is recommended that they compare scores with their counterpart after each inning.

It is the responsibility of the home team to have the field and diamond ready for play 15 minutes before game time, infield limited to 5 min. per team and No infield 5 min. before official starting time. (Failure in the above or in a team's readiness to play within 15 minutes after the official time will cause the game to be awarded to the non-violating team.) This will be the sole decision of the assigned umpire. Official times as per schedule.

Casts and exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets of any kind, any type of earrings, neck chains or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during the game (exception - Medical Alert Bracelets/Necklaces are not considered jewelry). Failure to remove such items after notification by the umpire will result in the player being removed from the game.

A player must be registered with the league to be entitled to play.

A team may call up players from a lower division in order to field a maximum of ten players. However, any player who plays four (4) or more games in a higher age category prior to the playoffs shall not be allowed to return to his original team and/or division (tournament games are not included).

REP PLAYERS may play in a house league if...

- The team plays in the Intercommunity Softball Association or
- The rep player plays in house league "up a division". Should a rep player play illegally, the offending team will forfeit the game, REP PLAYERS quitting the rep team to play house league only, will be assigned to a team by the Chief Convenor.

A player must play a minimum of five (5) games with his house league team in order to be allowed to play in the playoffs for that team. EXCEPTION: Late registrations, new residents, or injuries.

All early games will begin at 6:30 unless otherwise scheduled and no new inning shall start after the time for the following divisions:

- T-Ball 7:30
- U8 7:40
- U10 and Up 7:55

In the event of lightning being seen in the area, the game will be delayed for 15 minutes, and if lightning is still present then the game will be called.

In case of rain that starts during play, a decision will be at the diamond. The coaches and game officials will make the decision jointly, but the umpires have the final say.

During regular league play and playoffs (including extra innings), any registered player shall not sit out two consecutive innings on defense provided they arrived on time for the game. All players will be given an equal amount of playing time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game. (i.e. no player shall play more than one inning more than any other player). Coaches must document the defensive positions of all players during the game. If a game is protested, the defensive documents must be submitted to the plate umpire - normal protest feature to apply. This rule does not apply to teams playing in intercommunity.

It will be the responsibility of the home team to reschedule rained out or suspended games. The home team must also give the opposition and Umpire Scheduler 48 hours' notice of the rescheduled game. If an agreement cannot be made between the two coaches, the division convenor shall reschedule the game and have the final decision.

Any player, coach, assistant coach, or manager who argues excessively, swears, or becomes otherwise abusive toward any official may be warned only once and then, if he or she persists, will be removed from the game. Such removal will be noted on the score sheet. A request for reinstatement must be made by the coach or manager of the offending team to the convenor prior to the next scheduled game. Game umpire must notify Umpire-In-Chief of all ejections. The UIC will notify the league convenor.

Umpires have the authority (personally or upon request of either of the coaches) to remove spectators.

ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT - If in the opinion of the umpire a player or coach abuses equipment (i.e. bats, helmets) that person shall be ejected from the ballpark immediately. This rule shall apply to all GKSA teams. No warning shall be given.

The umpire's time is the only official time for the game.

LINKS

Here are some websites that may help you better coach and manage.

1. GKSA (<http://www.greaterkingstonsoftball.com/>)

2. Team Management

- i. TeamSnap (<https://www.teamsnap.com/>)
 - Free and simple. Allows you to easily contact your team and schedule events. People can download the app and sync the calendar to their phones.
- ii. Remind (<https://www.remind.com/>)
 - A simple way for parents to sign up for text or email announcements. Coaches can broadcast messages to the entire team (handy for rain-outs and postponements).

3. Coaching Links

- i. GKSA Video Training Compilation
 - Many excellent videos and tutorials organized into categories
 - Click [here](#) to access
- ii. Softball Ontario <https://softballontario.ca/coach/>
 - Lots of good drills and practice ideas.
- iii. Coaching Development <http://www.coach.ca/>
 - If you are interested in upgrading your coaching ability.
- iv. Softball Tips <http://www.softball-tips.com/instruction/softball-drills.html>
 - A great collection of softball drills for various ages
- v. T-Ball Coaching <http://www.coachingtball.com/drills.htm>
 - Some links to help coaching the little ones.

TEAM TRACKING AND SCORESHEETS

GKSA Attendance Sheet

Team:		Coach:		Asst. Coach:	
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GKSA Scoresheet

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Home Team:				Visiting Team:	

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