

**PERRY COUNTY GIRL'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I.

- A. The name of this organization is the **Perry County Girl's Fastpitch Softball Association**. "Previously known as the Perry County Girl's Softball Association" "Previously the West Perry Girl's Softball Association. (March 2001, Dec 2003)

ARTICLE II.

- A. The aims of the Association are to teach sportsmanship and to promote fellowship among the girls in our community; and to maintain a working relationship between parents, coaches and the girls.

ARTICLE III.

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a representative coach from each Association.
- (1) If less than the number of officers are elected at the March meeting of each year, it is agreed that those officer(s) elected will have the duty of conducting the business of the Association until such time that all officers are filled.
- B. The election of Association officers shall be held at the March meeting of each year.
- C. Meetings will be held at the most convenient day of the month for conducting Association business.
- (1) The meeting months will be –January, February ,March, April, May, July, October, November.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the President whenever necessary.
- E. The President votes only to break a tie vote. The exception to this that the President may vote in the election of officers.
- F. No member may hold more than one office on the board.
- G. Any office vacated for any reason before the general election will be filled by a special election.
- H. The officers and their duties:
- (1) President: Shall preside at the meetings of the Association; call special sessions when necessary; appoint chairpersons for all committees created by vote of the

- Association; have general supervision over all matters pertaining to the Association and to perform such other duties as may become necessary.
- (2) Vice-President: In the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of that office; shall at all times aid the President in furthering the interests of the Association.
  - (3) Secretary-Treasurer: Shall record and present the minutes of the meetings; shall keep a current list of names, addresses and phone numbers of the Association members; shall attend to all correspondence subject to the approval of the Board and to promptly present all communications to the Association; shall collect all funds received by the Association and keep accurate records of the same; to pay all bills against the Association as ordered; shall not disburse any amount without it approval of the Board; shall at such times, as the Board may direct, present all books and papers for auditing; shall present a treasurer's report at each meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV.

- A. Amendments may be made by 2/3 vote of those present and voting.
- B. Roberts Rule (on parliamentary procedure) shall govern all amendments and meetings.
- C. A simple majority of those voting will carry a motion.

#### ARTICLE V. **RULES**

- A. TEAMS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE AGE GROUPS:
  - (1) 8U-girls younger than, but not older than 8 as of January 1 of that same year.
  - (2) 10U-girls younger than, but no older than 10 as of January 1 of that same year.
  - (3) 12U-girls younger than, but no older than 12 as of January 1 of that same year.
  - (4) 14U-girls younger than, but no older than 14 as of January 1 of that same year.
  - (5) 18U-girls younger than, but no older than 18 as of January 1 of that same year.
- B. All games will be governed by USA rules.
- C. Whatever Organization a player starts with, she will have to stay with that organization. Any girl that wants to change organizations must be brought before the League Association in a timely manner before the first game is played. Player wishing to change organizations needs written permission from the past organization, if there is a conflict to leave the past organization both parties will be required in writing handed to or mailed to the president of the league. Why player wants to leave and why the past organization does not want them to leave. To eliminate the erosion of players going to other organizations the league will require a roster from each team of each organization. Players that are not from the town they are playing for, the league will need an explanation on the circumstance of playing in a location other than their own. Players that can prove to the league that there was no age bracket offered from their residing area will, at the digression of the league, allow the player to stay outside their residency. It is not the wish of the league to keep moving players back and forth. If a player plays outside their area for just cause, player should have the option of staying with the new

organization or moving back to their residing organization at the time of registration. Moving to a new residency is a justified move.

#### D. SPECIAL RULES FOR JUNIORS AND SENIOR TEAMS

- (1) Four (4) runs per inning except the 7<sup>th</sup> or last inning, 18U & 14U
  - a. Three (3) runs per inning except the 6<sup>th</sup> or last inning, 12U,
  - b. Three (3) runs per innings except the 6<sup>th</sup> or last innings, 10U
  - c. Three (3) runs per inning except the 5<sup>th</sup> or last inning, 8U
- (2) Mercy Rule: For 10u and 12u, after completing 4 innings, the differential or margin, becomes 12 runs, the game is officially over and complete. No matter if you are home or away.
- (3) Mercy Rule: For 14u and 18u, after completing 4 innings, the differential or margin, becomes 15 runs, the game is officially over and complete. No matter if you are home or away.
- (4) USA Step Back Rule (Pitching) in effect
- (5) Infield fly rule is in effect, except for 8U and 10U.
- (6) The Bat Around will be used for all ages, every girl must play 2 complete innings
- (7) All girls must be played by the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Exception 12U & 10U where it will be the end of 6<sup>th</sup> inning, 8U where it will be the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Exception to this rule is a shortened game or disciplinary action. Disciplining coach must inform other coach and umpire that the player is not playing or restricted playing due to Disciplinary action.
- (8) Team may pitch one pitcher a total of only 5 innings , All of inning, or part of the inning will count as an inning, 18U, 14U and 12U. Unlimited for 10U.
- (9) Game Ball is 12" diameter with a .47 core. 18U and 14U pitching distance will be 43'. 12U game ball is 12" diameter with a .47 core and pitching distance will be 40'. 10U, 11" ball diameter with a .47 core. Pitching distance 35'. 8U game ball is 11" incrediball and pitching distance is 35'.
- (8) Bat Around Rule must be used by all age groups.  
During the Bat Around, the order includes all players and remains the same whether the player is on or off the field. Any player leaving due to injury, or work, etc, no out penalty. Players coming after start of game and coaches using the Bat Around may add players at end of the batting order. If using bat around, and you fall to 8 players, or you start with 8 players, there is no penalty out.  
(8u) only, if using Bat Around, and fall to 7 players, or you start with 7 players, there is no out penalty.

- (9) Rescheduled games; Legal rescheduled games due to rain or school functions.  
Home team must give visiting team 3 dates for make-up. If no date is agreed upon within 1 week of cancellation, the League will schedule the game
- (10) Whatever roster a player is registered on, that is their first commitment, if a Player plays up, coach is required to show they played in 50% of the games on The younger or rostered team, to be eligible for playoffs.
- (11) Rosters will turned in to Brant Zellers before their first game, To be posted on the  
League web site, Penalty Teams will forfeit.  
Teams in Tournaments and Playoffs will turn in roster to Tournament Director, before they play, if bringing up younger player, or in the case of lateral players (8u, and 10u only), players must appear on Tournament or Playoff roster.  
League Rules apply.
- (12) 18U, 14U, and 12U, no cross over players, unless shown on roster, that the USA age is less the roster they appear on, they could play for the older age team. Exp: 18u roster, an USA age 14 or below, could play for other 18u teams, if needed. 10u can use 9 year olds and younger from their organization or some other. They may only pick up these players, if their player number falls to 10 or below. At that point they may pick up the needed 9 year olds or younger. If in the case that the teams regular girls show up after the game starts, the pickups, and the late girls can both finish that game.  
8u can use 7 year olds and younger from their organization or some other, they may only pick up these players if there number falls to 9 or below. At that point they may pick up the needed 7 year olds or younger. If in the case that the teams regular girls show up after the game starts, the pickups, and the late girls both finish that game.
- (13) \*\*There are no restrictions on bats, but the umpire, Tournament Director, League official, can disqualifier a bat, that is juiced up, or may harmful to the defense.  
\*\*Playoffs, and Tournaments: If the game is tie after regulation continue, play the “International Tie Breaker Rule”, will be in place. Last out player is placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base, and continue to play out entire inning, Opponent does the same.  
\*\*No spectators behind Backstop  
\*\*Courtesy Runners can be used for the Pitcher or Catcher; No matter how many outs. The courtesy runner will be the last out.  
\*\*Tournaments, if rained out, The Tournament Director, will not extend the Tournament past the weekend scheduled, (Team Placement if Tournament is not completed), Tournament Director will use the following criteria:
- Record
  - Head to Head(if remaining teams have played each other)
  - Runs Against
  - Runs Scored
  - Run Differential
  - Coin Flip
- \*\*Playoffs, when rained out; rain dates will be the Following Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- (14) 8u Special Rules  
Pitching machine will be used for the 2021 season

No Coach Pitching  
 Speed of Machine approximately 30/mph, and 35' from home plate  
 Mechanical or electric machines are permitted  
 A maximum of 5 pitches constitutes an at bat  
 The last pitch from machine must be hittable  
 If not hittable batter gets another pitch  
 At bat cannot end on a foul ball  
 No foul outs  
 T's are not permitted  
 All players should be placed in the batting order  
 3 outs or 3 runs each inning  
 Last or 5<sup>th</sup> inning will be 5 run limit  
 Jugs Softies Balls are preferred, or incrediballs can be used  
 No stealing, No runner can leave base until ball passes home plate  
 No infield fly  
 No balls or strikes called  
 Time limit, 60 minutes into game, finish that inning plus the 5 run inning, unless in the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 No awarder base for an overthrow  
 A batted ball to the outfield, on the ground or in the air, will be maximum 2 bases  
 Outfielders should be in outfield grass  
 A date will be set, for all machines to be calibrated  
 Hit ball to the outfield, batter gets maximum of 2 bases, if batter, or runner does not stop, if they stop before the maximum of 2 bases, they do not advance any further.  
 A batted ball hits the pitching machine, it is a live ball.

(15) 10U Special Rule

No walks  
 \*Pitched ball by player (Pitcher), rolling on the ground, not awarded first base  
 No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike  
 \*\*With baserunner (Runner 1) on second base and (Runner 2) on first base, both runners may steal on the same pitched ball after the ball crosses home plate as long as neither runner leaves the bases early, Effect: if either runner violates the rule. Offending runner is out and other runner must return to the last base occupied prior to the pitch.  
 \*\*Catcher overthrow, all runners may advance 1 base except home  
 No infield Fly  
 No stealing home  
 Home must be forced or batted ball  
 Can't steal until ball passes home plate  
 No stealing while coach is pitching  
 Bunting is allowed

\*Bunting is not allowed when coach is pitching

USA Pitching

\*\*No 10u Player shall be called for any pitch she throws as being illegal at any time

\*\*On an infielder overthrow, play continues until the ball is in the possession of the Pitcher/infielder

The 6<sup>th</sup> or final inning will be the unlimited inning

Pitcher can throw to batter until 4 balls in count. Coach or assigned

Adult will pitch till batter bats ball, or is out, Batter retains

count when coach comes in. Coach pitches maximum of 5

pitches. When coach pitches, any pitch that is delivered by the coach and entire ball is above head high, will be called no pitch and will count against the 5 pitch total of pitches allowed.

Any action that occurs after the no pitch call by the umpires will be null and void

\*\*Coach must start with both feet in contact of the pitcher rubber, in delivering a pitch, just like 10u pitcher

\*\*Illegal Pitch, by coach, a ball is called on the batter, runners do not advance a base

The pitches from the coach must be flat pitches.

When a coach is pitching the Pitcher must have 1 foot in contact with Pitcher circle. Defensive catch by coach when Pitching is a dead ball hit. Incidental contact by ball hitting coach while Pitching is a live ball.

The at bat must not end on a foul ball.

“No slap bunting during coach pitch-it is permitted during kid pitch”

“While coaches are pitching to the batters”, batters must take a full aggressive swing in order to complete their swings at the balls delivered by the coaches, while coach is in the pitcher's circle and delivering a legal pitch to the batter. All attempts to hit the ball that the coach delivers to the batter, that are not in the prescribed format, will be a dead ball strike and all base runners will return to the bases they occupied prior to the pitch, If it is the third strike on the batter, a strikeout shall be recorded in the scorebook.”

Last or 6<sup>th</sup> inning is unlimited

(16) Time Limit

All age groups, 75 minutes after start of game, teams will finish the inning they are in, plus one additional unlimited inning. If the Game is tie, teams will play an additional inning, If conditions Permit. If game is still tie, the game ends in a tie. The only Exception to this rule is where games are played on Fields that Have lights, and have an additional game following the first.

The game will end a tie after the first unlimited inning.

Injury, equipment failure, or circumstances that would shorten

The 75 minutes, will be added on the 75 minutes. Due to Safety for the players, the lights on fields with Lights will be turned on as needed and agreed upon by

both coaches prior to the start of the game. If coaches can not agree, use of the lights will be at the Umpire's discretion. No International Tie Breaker Rule will be used in Regular Season League play.

**Because this being such an important rule, this will be discussed with both opposing coaches, and umpire in pre-game.**

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By-Law Additions 2022

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(15) 10U Special Rule

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