

GSA - Cimarron Valley League Rules

1. **ROUGH PLAY:** No running over, lowering shoulder or knocking down opposing players at the plate or bases. Penalty: Runner will be called out and may be ejected from the game. No unnecessary rough tags by the catcher or baseman. Penalty: Runner will be allowed next bag. No base blocking. Penalty: Runner will be allowed next base. NOTE: Ejection of any player for rough play is at the discretion of the umpire.
2. **BAT THROWING:** Batters may not throw the bat. The umpire will give one warning per game per team to the coach. On the second and subsequent occurrences, the batter's turn will be over and an out will be recorded.
3. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** You must notify the plate umpire before the next pitch. The umpire shall stop the game and summon the both coaches and field umpire. The manager of the protesting team must present \$20.00 cash protest fee to the plate umpire before protest will be accepted. No protest allowed for judgment calls. If you win your protest, the \$20.00 will be refunded.
4. **ONLY** the head coach can submit any complaints.
5. **SUSPENDED GAMES:** A game is NOT suspended if 2 or more innings have been played. Home team must have last at bat, unless they were winning at the time the game was called.
6. **AWARDS:** Rings will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place when there are 4 or less teams in the age division. Rings will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place when there are 6 or more teams in the age division.
7. **AGE LIMITS:** Age before January 1st of the year they play is how eligibility is determined.
8. **PARK RULES:** Outside food and drinks are allowed in the park but need to be properly disposed of. No pets, no use of ANY tobacco products, no skateboarding, rollerblades or bikes, no climbing trees or on the rooftops of our buildings. If one of your team members refuses to follow the park rules, their child will not be allowed to play until they comply with the park rules. No one is allowed on the infields when they are not in use.
9. **CONDUCT:** Any player, manager, coach, or fan ejected from the game by an umpire must immediately leave the complex grounds and may not return for any reason until the next scheduled game. If the same person is ejected a second time, he or she will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the season. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.** Heckling of the opposing team in any manner is prohibited.
10. **WARM UP:** No infield practice allowed. Teams may warm up in the outfield and warm-up

areas only. There is no batting practice allowed on the field and no soft toss into the fences. You may hit plastic balls or hit into your own net. Any team that is soft tossing into the fence will receive one warning. After that team warning, any future problems will result in an automatic forfeit of the game.

11. FORFEITS: There will be no postponement of games except for an "act of god". If prior notice is given to the GSA Secretary 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game, There will be no fine and the game can be rescheduled. If no prior notice is given to the GSA, a fine of \$25 will be assessed to the team and must be paid prior to their next scheduled game. The team has the right to an appeal to the Board of Directors. However, the appeal must be submitted in writing and the penalty must be paid. If the Board of Directors waives the penalty, the fine will then be refunded to the team.

12. TEAM ROSTERS: All registration fees must be paid before a participant is eligible to participate in team practices. Any player practicing with a softball team that have not registered after the official sign up period are to cease practicing and playing with that team. Players that have registration forms on file will be placed on teams before others will be allowed to sign up for teams. Players that have been placed on a team will remain with that coach as long as he is still the head coach or assistant coach for that season. Only exception will be if there is a situation where both the coach and parent are in agreement, or the Board of Directors of GSA that the child would be better off placed on another team. Both parent and coach must sign off on a release form that is available at the www.guthriesoftball.com

13. PRACTICES: There will be one mandatory practice each week. All participants shall play in at least one inning at the games. Failure to play every child will result in a forfeit.