

2024 - UGSA and UGSA MANAGERS/COACHES RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Tball, Kittens and Petites Division Managers may bring up to 4 girls/coaches with them and may bring 1 additional girl if they bring a team sponsor with them. Chics and Debs Division Managers may bring up to 5 girl/coaches with them and may bring 1 additional girl if they bring a sponsor with them. The girls and their parents must be asked and must agree to be brought. Coaches cannot simply pick girls to be on their team without the players consent.
2. Girls may play up a division ONLY if a coach brings them with his/her team. Girls cannot play up if they are put into the blind draft.
3. All UGSA rules and regulations will be observed.
4. Managers/Coaches are accountable for all UGSA properties.
5. Managers/Coaches are responsible for their assistant coaches.
6. A manager, coach, or responsible adult must be present for all practices.
7. When functioning in a manager and/or coaching during a game, a board member's rights are suspended. The board member will be treated as any other coach would, and will refrain from participating in any discussion or review pertaining to their team or role as manager/coach.
8. Home plate umpire will be responsible for attaining the scorecard. At the conclusion of the game, both teams' managers must sign the card, verifying the score. **A contested game should be indicated on the umpire card and signed by the manager/coach before leaving the field.**
9. The managers and coaches from both teams on the field for the last game of the night are responsible for making sure the equipment and bases are returned to the shed at the conclusion of their game and the field is clean.
10. Each team is required to clean up their dugout area after each game.
11. Any player that attends practices or games on a regular basis is entitled to play a greater portion of a game than the player who does not attend regularly.
12. A team starting with less than seven (7) players will result in a forfeit. Six (6) players MUST be from your own team. A team will be given 15 minutes after scheduled game time to find substitutes, up to 10 players total. If at any time a team has less than seven (7) players for any reason other than an injury or illness (which occurred during the game) a forfeit will be awarded.
13. Substitute players can be from the same division or the immediate lower division. **SUBSTITUTES MUST BE CURRENT PLAYERS FROM UGSA - No exceptions due to insurance reasons.**
14. Each team's lineup, which is exchanged before game time, must list the players' names and/or numbers as they are printed on the backside of the players' shirts. Names on the back of the shirt must be either the girls first or last name.
15. **Players may play up a level ONLY if a Coach/manager brings them with their team. A girl may not play up and be put in the draw.**
16. The City of Union Smoking policy will be in effect: "No smoking (vape/e-cigarettes included) and/or tobacco use at or within 25 feet of athletic fields, bathrooms, concession stands, docks, gazebos, pavilions, playgrounds, pool, splash park and structures within those areas previously mentioned." Drinking and drug use WILL NOT be tolerated.

17. Managers/Coaches are responsible for the conduct of your players. It is your duty to see that all rules and regulations are observed. Parents and spectators are responsible for their own conduct, but managers should encourage their parents to be good sports by not yelling at the umpires, other team's players, and/or coaches. Misconduct may result in removal from the premises. **Unsportsmanlike conduct simply will not be tolerated in any way.**
18. Any direct or indirect malicious statement made against any players, coaches, board members, officials, etc. will result in a referral to the ethics committee.
19. Managers and coaches should not question umpire calls during a game, unless you believe a specific rule has been violated. Umpires are willing to answer questions during breaks, but home plate umpire judgment is final, unless over-ruled by the head umpire. Excessive arguing with an umpire will result in the manager's or coach's ejection.
20. All complaints or protests should be appealed to the ethics committee within 48 hours. Players batting out of order should be brought to the plate umpire's attention immediately.
21. If unsportsmanlike conduct occurs, the umpire will give one warning to the offending individual(s) and the related team. If a second offence occurs the individual(s) will be asked to leave the premises. If a player, coach or manager refuses, the associated team will forfeit and the police may be called. If the individual is a spectator and refuses to leave, the game will be halted and the police may be called. If the spectator still refuses to leave the premises, the game will be stopped and rescheduled from the point it left off.
22. The ethics committee will review all manager and coach requests to volunteer. Managers and coaches may be invited back at the discretion of the board, after ethics committee review.
23. Longtime volunteers in good standing and/or persons with a daughter in the division in which he/she wishes to manage/coach may be given preference over other volunteer requests. The ethics committee will submit recommendations to the board for final decision.
24. Rainout games will be rescheduled at the earliest opportunity.
25. Managers are responsible for scheduling the team picture with the photographer of UGSA. Parents are not required to purchase pictures. The photographer must supply a team picture to UGSA for the Sponsor Plaque.
26. Forfeits will be indicated by the score pertaining to the run limit in that division. Example: A forfeit in Chicks Division will be 5-0, since there is a 5 Run Limit in that division. If a game is not played, but agreed by both teams to result in a tie, that game will be scored as the run limit in that division: ie 5-5. If the game is played, the actual tied score will be recorded.
27. If a visiting team has a player who is signed up through the baseball league, UGSA teams are to protest the game.
28. Scoreboards must be turned on and used for all games played at Veterans Park (except T-Ball). The scoreboard controller is stored at the concession stand. Anyone can run the scoreboard, but if there are no volunteers, it is the responsibility of the HOME Team to run the scoreboard. The game cannot start until the scoreboard is on (unless reasons beyond UGSA control such as defective controller).