

# Richmond Girls Softball Association (RGSA)

# # 185 – 9040 Blundell Road Box 241 Richmond, BC V6Y 1K3

#### **RGSA COVID 19 - PARK RULES**

#### 1. Game Start Times:

- Weeknights: 6:30 pm for Minor (including U10 House) and 7:00 pm for Adult/U19B. Adult games start time might be earlier later in the season due to sunset.
- Weekend Games: will be announced when game is scheduled
- U10 House is Saturdays at 12:30 pm
- Weeknights Late Games: 8:15 pm for Minor and 8:45 pm for Adult/U19B
  Start may be delayed as umpires may need a change time.

# 2. Game Duration:

- Weeknights: 90 minutes with no new after 7:45 pm and drop dead at 8 pm for Minor and no new after 8:15 pm and drop dead after 8:30 pm for Adult if there is Late Game following.
- If no following game, then no new after 7:45 pm and complete the inning started for Minor and no new after 8:15 pm and complete the inning started for Adult.
- Weeknights Late Games: 90 minutes with no new after 9:30 pm and complete the inning started for Minor and no new after 10:00 pm and complete the inning started for Adult/U19B

#### 3. Team Line Ups

- Teams do not provide Line Ups to the Umpire
- Umpire will ask respective coach from proper distance if need be
- Opposing team to take photo of other teams line up for scorebook.
- Line up should be posted for team to see and only one coach to alter lineup.

#### 4. Runs Per Inning:

- All Levels U12 to Adult will have a 5 runs per inning maximum. No open innings.
- U10 Select will have a 5 runs per inning maximum
- U10 House will have a 4 runs per inning maximum

# 5. <u>Umpires do not touch Game Balls</u>

- Defensive team supplies game balls.
- Out of play balls are replaced by defensive team game balls.

- Out of play balls go to the defensive team bench for sanitization before being returned to the field of play.
- Defensive team should have 4-5 sanitized game balls for each game.

## 6. Umpires do not touch Bats

- Offensive team is responsible to return bats to their bench.
- There may be as slight delay if player hits and gets on base, the on deck batter should not touch the discarded bat
- BUT the new on deck batter or the "in the hole" batter should pick up the bat and return it to the bench and sanitize the bat handle especially if it is a shared team bat and then their hands.
- Offensive coach should monitor this procedure and provide guidance until this becomes a standard.

#### 7. Blue Room

- Currently closed. Being reviewed by the RGSA and a committee of Umpires.
- Umpires must change before arriving at the park
- In a back to back night game umpires may have to change in or out of shin guards in the Washroom

# 8. RGSA Attendance Tracker Form

- Please complete the form for each Softball event. During games the home team should get the umpire and any spectators sitting near team benches or bleachers info.
- At the end of the game, both teams should email a photo of the completed form to: tracker@rgsa.ca
- Their originals should be placed folded into the sealed clear plastic storage tub in the equipment box at Diamond 1 at Steveston London park or Diamond 2 at McNair Park.
- Records must be kept for 90 days.

#### 9. End of Game

- Teams may have post game meetings. All team members must be masked and physical distancing maintained. Complete field clean up and leave.
- Visitor and Home teams are to return Equipment spray, Hand Sanitizer spray and small waste container to diamond equipment boxes. Waste should be sealed up and deposited in park garbage containers.
- After bases are removed, they should be sanitized and put in the diamond storage bins for the next use. Make sure base plug is put in ground.
- Rakes should be returned to the park chalk room and sanitized after use. Home team is responsible to rake near infield bases, pitchers and home plate areas.

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