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## 2010 GHRA Softball League Rules & By-laws

The 2010 Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association Softball League shall consist of teams with a playing strength of ten (10) softball players; however the roster is open with unlimited players on your roster/waiver forms. Each team may have a mixture of men and women (2 women on the field at all times). The league will play on Sundays at the **Guerrero Field in Hagåtña** for more than ten (10) weeks. The league format will consist of four (4) divisions with 37 teams registered. All scheduled games will begin at 9:30am to 10:00pm.

### Rule 1- ATTIRE

1. Shorts, tank tops, jerseys are acceptable to wear
2. Uniforms are not required, but are encouraged
3. Must wear athletic footwear (NO METAL SPIKES)

### Rule 2- ROSTER

1. All teams must be a member of GHRA (Hotelier, Restaurateur, Allied or Affiliate member).
2. All players must be employed by the company or companies registered for the league. Any contract/contracted worker(s) must be approved by the GHRA Sports League Committee. **THE LEAGUE WILL NOT TOLERATE TEAMS THAT VIOLATE THIS RULE. ANY GAMES THAT ILLEGAL PLAYERS HAVE PLAYED IN WILL BE FORFEITED AND WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE PLAY-OFFS.** Due to cost and time constraints, if a team was to be in violation of this rule during the play-offs will forfeit only the game against the team making the protest, all previous games will stand (protest must be made during the game).
3. A player must play (on the line-up) at least **3 games** to be eligible to play in the play-offs.
4. If a player is no longer working for the company that he or she is playing with, that player may *not* continue.
5. Line-Up must be turned in no later than **5 minutes** prior to the scheduled start of the game.
6. **A minimum of 2 female must be in the line-up and on the field at all times.**
7. Teams playing with only nine players must take an automatic OUT on the 10<sup>th</sup> batter but must have the 2 females on the field at all times.
8. Companies interested in combining to form one team must submit in writing a list of the roster and announce their intentions at the coaches meeting. The majority of the coaches attending the meeting must approve all requests.
9. Players may only play with one team.
10. Team Rosters must be turned in before their first game.
11. One Female Spouse is **allowed** to play in the B/C/D - Divisions (recreation); not in the A Division.

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### **Rule 3- GAMES**

1. One (1) round robin with **four** divisions. Top four (4) in each division will move to the play-offs.
2. DOUBLE ELIMINATION (PLAY-OFFS)

### **Rule 4- FORFEITS**

1. No team may be penalized do to errors in the posted schedules
2. Grace period time is 10 minutes from the scheduled start time (UMPIRES WATCH)
3. **No Alcohol and No Smoking** allowed in the dugout or on the field
4. Any fighting will result in the player(s) suspended for the remainder of the season.
5. 3 forfeit games and your team will be automatically out of the playoff.

### **Rule 5- OPTION TO WALK**

1. If a male batter is walked before a female batter, the male batter advances to second base, however if there is 2 outs the female batter will also have the option to hit or walk. The female batter must announce to the umpire that she wants the option to walk if two outs.
2. On the female batter, outfielders must not pass the 120 mark.

### **Rule 6- EQUIPMENT**

1. Each Team must provide their own softballs (**MSP 44 ONLY**), No super duper, blue dots or iced balls. (ASA Stamped approve only)
2. Female batters have option to hit female softballs.
3. Follow ASA 2009-2010 rulebook.
4. All ASA approved bats are allowed. **Anyone caught with an unapproved ASA bats will be ejected.**
5. **Non-approved ASA** bats will be posted at the field for reference.

### **Rule 7- SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. No bad language allowed on the field by players or coaches.
2. Umpire has the authority to remove a player or players from the game for flagrant un-sportsmanlike conduct.

### **Rule 8- UMPIRES**

1. Umpires must carry a copy of GHRA by-laws and ASA Softball Rules Regulations book when working GHRA games.
2. Umpires call stands.
3. Protested games continue but the opposing teams' manager, umpire and official scorer must be notified that the game is under protest **before the umpire leaves the field.**
4. The committee will review the protest and a decision will be handed down before the next weekend.
5. A playing teams coach; manager or team captain should make the protests. There will be no protests accepted when an umpire's judgment is questioned.

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#### **Rule 9- POSTPONEMENTS**

1. Games may be canceled or delayed due to inclement weather
2. Inclement weather calls.... If it is before the end of 4 1/2 complete innings the game will be replayed from the start of the game. Follow **ASA 2009-2010** Official Softball Rules and Regulations.
3. Rain-out rescheduled towards the end of the regular season.
4. Should you need to reschedule a game, it must be done by the Monday prior to the game by 4:00pm submitted in writing. All teams involved must agree. League officials must be informed.
5. **Should games be delayed due to rain conditions, to catch up with game time, game will be a ONE-and-ONE count.**

#### **Rule 10- MERCY RULE**

1. Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings & 10 after 5 innings.
2. A time limitation per game is 1 hour and 10 minutes. No new inning after 1 hour and 5 minutes if the home team is ahead.
3. There is a 3-homerun limit, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> homerun, it will be **considered an OUT.**

#### **Rule 11- EXTRA HITTERS**

1. If using only (1) extra hitter the coach has the option of using a male or female hitter.
2. If using 2 extra hitters one hitter must be a FEMALE and the other a MALE.
3. Remember extra hitter may not be used if playing with only 9 players.

#### **Rule 12- TIE BREAKERS**

Ties will be decided in this order:

1. "Who beat who" during the regular season, (also called Head to Head).
2. Total runs scored are the final tiebreaker. This will be used if three or more teams are tied. Loses due to forfeit is counted as 0 runs and Wins will be counted as 7 runs.
3. IF THE GAME IS TIED, WE WILL USE THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULES, WHICH STATES THAT THE LAST BATTER UP FROM LAST INNING GOES TO SECOND BASE.

#### **Rule 13- MANAGEMENT**

1. The management of this league shall be vested in the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association Sports Committee, which will be formed on the coaches/ managers meeting.

#### **Rule 14- FEES**

1. Each team shall pay to the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association the total fees for active members (Hotel, Restaurants & Allied Members) \$450.00 and Affiliate Members (Government, Non-Profit, Federal Members) \$495.00 a week before the league starts. Once you've completed & submitted your registration form, there will be NO REFUNDS!

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The following is the official calendar game dates for the 2010 GHRA Softball League:

Week No. 1	Sunday, January 17, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm (11 games)
Week No. 2	Sunday, January 24, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
Week No. 3	Sunday, January 31, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
Week No. 4	Sunday, February 7, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, February 10, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 5	Sunday, February 14, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, February 17, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 6	Sunday, February 21, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, February 24, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 7	Sunday, February 28, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, March 3, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No.8	Sunday, March 7, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 9	Sunday, March 14, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, March 17, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 10	Sunday, March 21, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, March 24, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 11	Sunday, March 28, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, March 31, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 12	Sunday, April 4, 2010 – EASTER SUNDAY	PENDING
	Wednesday, April 7, 2010	6:30pm-10:00pm (3 games)
Week No. 13	Sunday, April 11, 2010	9:30am – 10:00pm

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Vince Walker/Bob Concepcion, G4S
- Ken Cruz/Ryan B, Team Kotte
- Manuel Babauta, GPD
- Shean Sablan, Morrigo
- John Santos, The Westin
- Juan Castro, DFS
- Bonny Duenas/Mikel K, Hyatt
- Jacob Quichocho, Nissan
- Jon Cramer, PIC
- Swingly Dismas, UOG
- Jesse Cruz, MWD
- Ryan Martinez/Roke Alcantara Jr., BOG
- Maria Leon Guerrero, Docomo
- Bill Cabrera, Sheraton
- Johnny Chargualaf, MBI
- Jose Manibusan, J & G
- Jerry Cruz, MCV
- Frank San Agustin/Ronnie B, ST Corp
- Ken Gokey, Onward
- Lisa Castro, Fiesta
- John Borja, City Hill
- Eddie Pelkey, Wells Fargo
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