

# DICKINSON COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## 2018

1. To be eligible for competition in the Dickinson Co. Softball League a player must be of the female sex. Maximum age is to be no older than a senior in high school and a maximum age of 19 by January 1. All girls will play in the community that they live in or live closest to. Teams shall be made up of girls from their community or the girl must attend a school in the community in which she will play. Any girl who does not reside within that community or attend a school in that community and wishes to play in that other community must petition to the board for their approval of the move.
2. **Teams playing in the League shall have either A) ASA individual player insurance/registration on all players OR B) be able to show that their Community/Recreation Department or Governing body has liability insurance on the fields being used on behalf of the Dickinson Co. League. If you choose option B, then each team will need to be ASA registered. A/B teams should be registered as one team of 18u and C/D should be registered as 12u so, in essence, you would only need two registrations to cover all your teams. Go to [www.RegisterASA.com](http://www.RegisterASA.com) or contact Local commissioners at [cvogan@cox.net](mailto:cvogan@cox.net) or [l.fisher@masscomail.com](mailto:l.fisher@masscomail.com).**
3. Each team is required to pay \$100 for entry into the league. This shall be due with the Rosters by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If not turned in by June 1 all games will be forfeited until it is turned in.
4. Rosters of all players in each age group due to the league secretary by June 1. If not turned in by June 1 all games will be forfeited until the roster is turned in. No teams will be allowed to add players to the roster after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the season without board approval. If an ineligible player is used and so determined by league officials, that game will be forfeited.
5. The board of directors consists of 6 board members with 2 year terms, a president with a 1 year term and a secretary-treasurer with a 1 year term. The president, secretary-treasurer and 3 of 6 board members are elected every spring with one board member being chosen to serve as vice-president. The secretary-treasurer will be paid an amount to be determined by the board of directors.
6. In A/B League all towns must have the same amount of teams, in other words an "A" team must have a "B" team or vice versa. In C/D League you do not have to have a "C" team to have a "D" team. May 1 is the deadline for teams entering the league. All towns must notify the league secretary by this date as to how many teams they will have and names, addresses and phone numbers of the team's coaches.
7. Official ASA Girl's Fast Pitch softball rules are to be used except where league rules are different than ASA. Metal cleats are allowed in A/B divisions. Pitching distances are to be 35 ft. for D team, 40 ft. for C team, 43 ft. for A/B teams. Base Length is 60 feet for A, B, C, and D.
8. Home teams will provide field, umpires and playable softballs. Home team will be the official scorebook and visitors will run the scoreboard. Home teams for Tournament play will be decided by a flip of the coin. Home teams are to pay for the umpires who will be scheduled by ASA UIC. There will be 2 umpires in the A/B games including Championship play. C/D games will have 1 umpire. All umpires must be ASA Certified. (Note: In the event of a shortage of Certified ASA umpires, at least one umpire must be certified).
9. Home team managers are to call games in case of rain only and are to be responsible for the re-scheduling of such games. Home team manager must arrange 2 dates within 2 weeks of the rain out for possible re-schedule and if both dates are unacceptable to the visiting team, the visiting team will forfeit the game. The makeup should be scheduled as soon as possible but must be played prior to the last game of the season. During League Play when there is a rain out during a game in progress then it must be started from the beginning if it is not a complete game. A complete game for a 5 inning game is 2 ½ innings and for a 7-inning game is 4 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead. During Tournament play a game in progress that is called due to weather will be suspended and resumed from the point of interruption.
10. Game times are as follows:

B/D games will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be 7 innings for B games and 5 innings for D games or 90 minutes. No new inning shall start after 8:00 p.m. (Rule explanation: This will allow an inning to be complete. If the B/D Game is tied at 8:00 and inning is complete B/D Game will end in a tie. If the inning is not complete, play will continue until inning is completed).

A/C teams will start no later than 15 minutes after the B/D game ends. They will play 7 innings or 90 minutes with no new inning started after the 90 minute time limit unless the game is tied. ITB will be used at the start of any new inning after the expiration of the time limit. A and C games cannot end in a tie.

Any team in any age classification failing to have a team on the field within 30 minutes after starting time will forfeit the game.
11. In A, B and C games run rule is 15 runs after 3 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings. In A, B and C games a maximum of 10 runs can be scored per half inning in all games except the end of season Championship game of the A/C season Tournament which will have no run limits. D games will have a maximum of 5 runs per inning.

12. Any girl 13 years old before January 1 will not be eligible to play C team ball. Any girl who plays B team ball is not eligible to play C team ball (during the same season). Any girl 11 years old before January 1 will not be eligible to pitch on the D team.
13. In the D team game, ASA 10-Under Fast pitch base running rules will apply.
14. Roster batting is optional (coach decision) for classes A, B and C. Roster batting is required for all D games. This includes championship play.
15. D team pitching rules:
  - A. No walks will be allowed. Once a player pitcher has pitched four pitches, determined by the umpire to be balls, to a batter then a coach from the batting team will come in to finish pitching to that batter. The coach will assume the number of strikes in the count that the player pitcher had thrown to the batter. The coach will have as many pitches as the batter has strikes left to be thrown until she either strikes out or puts the ball in play. A fouled third strike will result in an additional pitch as per normal softball rules. (Example: The batter has a 3 ball 1 strike count and the player pitcher throws another ball for ball 4. The coach will then enter and throw a maximum of 2 pitches for the batter to put the ball in play. If the batter does not hit one of those two pitches she will strike out. It does not matter if these are good pitches or not and the umpire will not need to call them balls or strikes). Each pitch thrown by the coach will be a strike.
  - B. Hit by a pitch. A batter hit by a player pitcher will be awarded first base. A batter hit by a coach pitcher will not be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.
  - C. Coaches will pitch from the front of the circle and the player pitcher will remain in the game and must be within the circle as well.
16. A season end league tournament will be set annually at a site and on dates selected at the Annual meeting of league participants. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals will be awarded for League the A division. The C tournament will be a double elimination tournament with a Gold and Silver bracket to allow for a three game guarantee for each team in the tournament. The Gold and Silver division champions and runner-ups will receive medals. The League will provide umpires and each team will provide two softballs.
17. A tournament will be held in Chapman July 9th thru the 12th, 2018 and C tournament will be held in Abilene July 16th thru the 19, 2018.
18. ~~Tournament gate fees are as follows: \$3.00 for Adults, \$1.00 for children under 18 & pre school free.~~
19. Tournament brackets will be made up according to team records. Ties will be broken as follows: 1) Head to Head. 2) Minimum runs allowed. 3) If still tied names to be drawn. The League Secretary will make changes to the tournament schedule. Tournament games will be played as scheduled. The Board will not allow coaches or others to change the scheduled games. Dispute resolution committee for Tournament play will consist of the President (or Board member designee if President unavailable – appointed by the President), UIC and the Tournament Director.
20. The Board of Directors will have the authority to control the recruitment of travel team pitchers to pitch in the league.

**ALL COACHES MUST GET THEIR GAME RESULTS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE LEAGUE IN A TIMELY MANNER. E-MAIL SCORES to Jenn Ames (jenlynames1@yahoo.com). STANDINGS WILL BE POSTED AT**

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