

**SECTION D: PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS: TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY**

**4. Player options**

- a. One manager's option is provided to allow a manager's selection of his/her daughter, or stepdaughter, or sister, or niece, or granddaughter to the team to which he/she was assigned. Managers may not choose another player as their option in lieu of choosing their own daughter, stepdaughter, sister, niece, etc., with the intention of otherwise choosing their relative in the player selection process.
- b. Sister options will be identified prior to the player selection process.
  - 1) Sisters may choose to exercise an option to be selected to different teams.
  - 2) Sister options are allowed with the second sister moving to the teams last round pick. The team that selects a sister will participate in the next round of the player selection process if the team has player spots available.
- c. One Team Option is provided to allow a Manager's selection of his Assistant Coach's daughter. Managers may not utilize their Team Option to draft more than one Gold Pitcher. Each team will only be allowed one Gold and one Silver Pitcher as described in the Section D) Topic 2. Rule b. above.

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**IV. GAME OFFICIALS**

**3. Pay Rates**

- a. Chief Umpire – (scheduling) \$4.00 per game

b. Game Officials – as follows:

1. Sweetees	\$20.00 per game	1 umpire
2. Darlings	\$20.00 per game	2 umpires
3. Angels	\$27.50 per game for Plate and \$22.50 per game for Field	2 umpires
4. Ponytails	\$30.00 per game for Plate and \$25.00 per game for Field	2 umpires
5. Belles	\$30.00 per game for Plate and \$25.00 per game for Field	2 umpires
6. Debs	\$30.00 per game for Plate and \$25.00 per game for Field	2 umpires

c. Concession Workers

- 1. Lead-Operator \$8.35 per hour
- 2. Worker \$6.00 per hour

## **DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. GENERAL OPERATING RULES**

### **SECTION F: LOCAL OPTIONS TO DIXIE SOFTBALL, INC. RULES**

#### **5. Start of a game due to an inadequate number of players shall be at the later time of 15 minutes after the scheduled game start time or 15 minutes after conclusion of the preceding game.**

- a. A team must have the required number of players to start or continue a game or that team will forfeit the game. Requirements are as follows: DIXIE SWEETEEES eight (8) players, and DARLINGS, ANGELS, PONYTAILS, BELLES and DEBS nine (9) players. Teams without the proper number of players may borrow players from within their division or a younger division to bring the number of players up to the proper number of players, without penalty, as long as the borrowed player is a registered player from the same league. Borrowed players shall not be allowed to play any infield position and shall fall to the bottom (end) of the batting order.
- b. In the event that neither team reports to the assigned field with the minimum number of official, uniformed players, both teams shall be deemed to forfeit the game.
- c. Games determined to be forfeitures shall not be rescheduled.
- d. No one shall have the authority to excuse one team from reporting to a scheduled game.
- e. Games can be rescheduled due to rainouts or as a direct result of church and/or school functions which causes teams to fall below the minimum number of players with a 48hr. notice by the affected manager.

## **DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. Official Operating Rules**

### **SECTION A: Determination of Team and League Numbers**

#### **1. The number of teams/leagues will be dependent upon the number of players registering to play softball.**

- a. All players registering by the deadline and participating in player evaluations will be assigned to a team through the player selection process.
- b. Players who do not participate in regular or make-up player evaluations shall be placed on a team through a random draw process. This random draw process will take place at the beginning of the draft and the players will be placed in the last open slots on the teams for which they are drawn. Due to the random nature of this process, no Manager or Coach could unfairly load a team with stronger players; therefore, these players will be eligible for post season play.

## **Addition to, The DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. GENERAL OPERATING RULES; SECTION F: LOCAL OPTIONS TO DIXIE SOFTBALL, INC. RULES:**

14. A pitcher shall not pitch in consecutive games played by her team in the same week if she has pitched: DIXIE ANGELS and PONYTAILS — in three (3) or more innings of the previous game, and DIXIE BELLES and DEBS - in four (4) or more innings of the previous game.

### **Change to Managers/Coaches Application:**

Each Team Manager (or Coach with Chief Umpire Approval) will be required to volunteer to umpire at least 1 game in the field in a division other than the one he/she is managing in during the first half of the Season.

### **Addition to The DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. GENERAL OPERATING RULES; SECTION F: LOCAL OPTIONS TO DIXIE SOFTBALL, INC. RULES:**

13. In the Angels division, after four (4) batters have walked in an inning, the offensive team's manager or coach comes in to pitch for the rest of the inning. **(NOTE: A hit batter does count as a walk).** Present coach-pitch rules that appear in the DIXIE DARLINGS SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES will apply to satisfy this rule.

NOTE: A pitcher removed from the mound under this rule may return to the mound in the next inning and may continue to pitch until such time her coach removes her for circumstances other than what is covered in this rule.

NOTE: This rule only applies to the first four games of the Season. After that, the player pitcher(s) must pitch the entire inning until the inning concludes or until she is removed from the mound by her Coach.

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All players will be evaluated in all aspects by the division commissioner, president, and at least one other impartial evaluator. The president may designate who these evaluators are. In Angels and all the divisions above Angels, the determination of the Gold and Silver Pitching Pool will be by this group. In special cases during the draft, the evaluations of this group will help determine decisions made by the player agents. The managers should still perform their own evaluations and rankings for the purpose of the draft.

## **Addition to The DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. GENERAL OPERATING RULES; SECTION F: LOCAL OPTIONS TO DIXIE SOFTBALL, INC. RULES:**

In the Angels Division, the base-runner shall be allowed to advance at their own peril (steal) once the pitch crosses the plate. The base-runner shall only be allowed to steal one base at a time. Once the base-runner has safely advanced to the next base during a steal attempt, the play will be called dead. Unless, of course, the batter has batted the ball in this case, regular base running rules apply. The Base-runner may advance one base on a wild pitch by the pitcher or a passed ball by the catcher. Under no circumstance, will the base-runner be allowed to steal Home. If a base-runner leaves her base before the pitch crosses the plate, the base umpire shall signal "delayed dead ball" to indicate the violation at the time it occurs. The defensive team shall have the privilege of having nullified any portion of the play that occurred on the violation.

## **Addition to The DECATUR DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC. GENERAL OPERATING RULES; SECTION F: LOCAL OPTIONS TO DIXIE SOFTBALL, INC. RULES:**

**17.** Adopt the Run on dropped third strike for Ponytails:

(A) The catcher shall not be required to catch the third (3rd) strike, except for a foul tip, if first (1st) base is occupied with less than two (2) outs. The batter is out and all base-runners advance at their own risk.

(B) The catcher shall be required to catch the third (3rd) strike when there are two (2) outs or when first base is unoccupied. The batter may advance to first base with liability to being put out, either by the catcher touching the batter with the ball or throwing the ball to first base for the put out, if the catcher misses the third (3rd) strike. All other base-runners advance at their own risk with liability to being put out.

EXAMPLE A: The third (3rd) strike is not caught by the catcher with two (2) outs in the inning and a runner on third base. The catcher does not throw the ball to first base nor touches the batter with the ball, the runner at third stays at third and does not try to advance. RULING: The batter is safe at first and the count remains at two (2) outs.

EXAMPLE B: The catcher does not catch the third (3rd) strike with two (2) outs and the bases loaded. She does not throw the ball to any base but touches home plate with the ball in her possession. RULING: The base-runner at third is out because it became a force play.

NOTE: To make this rule applicable a missed third (3rd) strike shall be judged as a ball that either, passed by the catcher, was dropped by the catcher or hit the ground before reaching the catcher.