

MCGSA Recreational League Policies and Procedures (updated Mar 30, 2022)

I. Age assignment for Spring Season:

6U League: Age 6 or 5 as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

8U League: Age 7 or 8 as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

10U League: Age 9 or 10 as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

12U League: Age 11 or 12 as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

18U League: Age 13 through 18 as of Jan 1st of the current calendar year.

- A. In the Fall, girls will typically be assigned to the league to which they would be assigned the following Spring (except that girls who will be 13 on Jan 1st of the next year can play in the Fall 12U league).
- B. To play "down" in an age group requires the approval of the Board of Director's Executive committee. To play "up" in an age group requires the player to be evaluated in the top two rounds of that age group and/or the approval of the Board of Director's Executive Committee (this includes girls of age 4 who wish to play in the 6U league). All players must be evaluated in their own age group.

II. Eligibility of players for league play

- A. All players must be attending elementary, middle, junior high, high, or home school during the current year or must have graduated from high school.
- B. Expectant mothers may not participate.
- C. Exceptions may be granted by a majority vote of the MCGSA Board of Directors.
- D. Any team using an ineligible player will be subject to suspension and will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player appeared in the lineup.

III. Rosters and Player Assignment

- A. Team formation is governed by the desire to recruit and retain players and to ensure balanced teams. Therefore at most ages the league attempts to evaluate players prior to team formation and use that information in team assignment. Team assignment at all ages and for all seasons first begins with automatic assignment based on the following:
 - 1. Coaches' daughter(s) are assigned to their team.
 - 2. Sisters in the same age bracket will be placed on the same team unless parents request separate teams.
 - 3. Reciprocal buddy requests to be placed on the same team made by girls in the same age bracket will be honored when one of the players is playing in her first season at MCGSA (if siblings are in the same age and wish to play on the same team, then the siblings collectively can be buddy "paired" with one other player).
- B. 6U team assignments are made by the league director – there will usually be an evaluation, but there is no draft.
- C. In the Spring, team assignment for 8U, 10U and 12U is by draft after evaluations. Team assignment for 18U is based primarily upon school attendance (for example., teams may be based on keeping together girls attending Chamblee, Dunwoody and Lakeside). The 18U LD determines if evaluations are needed, and, taking into account school attendance and coach availability, assigns players to obtain as equitable a distribution as possible, with particular attention payed to pitchers and catchers. There is no 18U draft.

IV. Spring Tournament/Playoffs

- A. The Spring season for 8U and older will end with a double elimination tournament.
- B. Seeding for the tournament will be based on:
 - 1. Winning percentage
 - 2. Head to head results

3. Number of wins
 4. Runs against
 5. Run differential
 6. Runs scored
 7. Coin flip
- C. Higher seed has the choice to be home or away team, except:
1. In the first championship game, the team that has not lost has the choice to be home or away team
 2. In the event that there is an IF game, the choice to be home or away team will be determined by a coin flip
- D. Tiebreaker procedures and time limits for playoff and championship games are specified in the local playing rules for that age group.
- E. IF Game Format
1. 8U and 18U: Second game following same time limits and tiebreaker procedures as first championship game.
 2. 10U and 12U: Second game consisting of:
 - a) Three open innings (8 run limit)
 - b) Player rotation rules follow those that would normally apply for the age group
 - c) Tiebreaker procedure after 3 innings (if needed) would be that used for playoff games in that age group
 - d) "Mercy Rule"—a nine run lead at the end of the second inning shall constitute a complete game

V. Severe Weather

- A. In the event a game is suspended due to weather conditions, a Board Member or League Director shall have the final decision over whether a suspended game should be stopped or restarted. The maximum delay will be one hour, after which the game will be rescheduled for a later date.
- B. All parties will adhere to the Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Department's policy regarding inclement weather procedures, as follows:
1. At the announcement of a severe weather warning— ALL PLAY WILL STOP — and all players, spectators, coaches and league officials must leave the facility in an orderly manner. The facility will be closed for use.
- Note: Lightning Detection: We have a lightning detection system in place at Murphey Candler Park. The system will detect the buildup of static electricity in the air, an alarm will sound when there is a high probability of a lightning strike. All players and spectators should immediately go to their vehicle, or move indoors when the lightning siren is activated. The dugouts, concession stand, and the central pavilion are not to be used during a lightning warning. An all-clear siren will indicate when the threat has passed and we are ready to play again. At the announcement of a severe weather watch, the organization will prepare to stop play and secure the facilities, including: removing to storage all movable equipment i.e., bats, batting helmets, etc.

VI. Schedule

- A. Games may not be rescheduled without permission from the league director.
- B. In the event of inclement weather rendering the fields unplayable, the Board, a Board Member, or the League Director will cancel the games and use the league's communication systems to notify teams.
- C. Should an event occur (i.e., school trip) whereby a team will lose four or more players for a game, the manager of said team must contact the league director at least one week prior to the scheduled game. The league director will in turn immediately notify the coach of the other team and the director of scheduling. Failure to follow this procedure will result in a forfeit.
- D. No team shall practice more than three times per week. Each practice session will last no more than two hours. Once official games begin there shall normally be one or two games scheduled per week, in which

case practices are limited to one or two sessions per week, so long as the team does not meet more than three times per week including games.

VII. Supervision & Safety-

- A. MCGSA requires all children to have one parent or guardian in attendance while practicing or playing a game. No drop offs. If a child's parent or guardian is not staying at the park then another adult who is not a coach involved in a practice or game must explicitly accept responsibility for the child. Practices and games will only occur under the supervision of an adult who is affiliated with MCGSA as a coach or board member.
- B. No swinging bats outside of cages, tee stations or fields. Players in line to hit in batting cages should have helmets on and bats should not be raised to a swinging position.

VIII. Director Authority - A MCGSA Board Member shall have authority over all situations not covered by the USA Rulebook or the Local Playing Rules. This authority includes, but is not limited to, removal of an umpire from a game due to his/her being incapacitated or appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs; ejection of an individual from the park for inappropriate behavior; and closing the park due to severe weather.

IX. Rule Changes

- A. No rules / regulations shall be implemented without the approval of the MCGSA Board of Directors.
- B. Suggested revisions may be made by players, parents, coaches, managers, directors, umpires, Brookhaven Parks & Recreation Department officials, and other interested parties.
- C. Revisions shall be submitted to the MCGSA Board of Directors for review and discussion. The Rules Committee first reviews the suggestion and makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee which will determine whether to bring the rule change to the Board for a vote.
- D. For a revision to be incorporated into the Local Rules, it must receive a majority vote for inclusion by the Board of Directors