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GBAA LOCAL SOFTBALL RULES

****When playing other parks Tri-County rules will be followed.**** In park games will be only games to use Local rules, all games will follow Tri-County rules with the following exceptions for FALL 2019. Rules will be assessed prior to each new season.

6U (T-Ball)

1. Each team will designate four to be designated hitters. The four will not have access to the tee.
2. The player-pitcher will not be allowed to make an unassisted play on any runner until after they reach third base. (For example- runners on first and second- the ball is hit to the player-pitcher, she cannot tag the runner going from home to first, second to third or touch a base unassisted for the force out. She can, however, tag a runner going from third to home, or touch home plate for a force out if the bases are loaded.) If, in the judgment of the umpire, a tag on the runner from home to first by the player-pitcher is the "natural" play, it will be allowed.
3. The hitter may advance no further than 2nd base on an overthrow to first. For example, if the player-pitcher throws to first in order to get the base runner out, and if the first base player does not catch the throw, no matter how far the overthrow, the base runner can only advance to 2nd base. The runner is not granted 2nd base, only restricted to taking more than one base. With the ball being live, the runner will still be called out if tagged in play. All other runners will be allowed to advance as regular play.
4. A ball that is hit into the outfield will first have to be made a play on by an outfielder. (A play on the ball will be considered by making a legitimate throw toward the infield.) After an outfielder has made a legitimate play on the ball, they can then have assistance from an infielder. Violation of this rule will result in the batter being awarded third base. A player-pitcher will not be allowed to go into the outfield under any circumstances.

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2. A ball that is hit into the outfield will first have to be made by an outfielder. (A play on the ball will be considered by making a legitimate throw toward the infield.) The ball must reach the outfielders to be considered outfield only. After an outfielder has made a play on the ball, then they can have assistance from an infielder. Violation of this rule will give the batter third base. The player-pitcher is not allowed to go into the outfield at any time.

3. The hitter may advance no further than 2nd base on an overthrow to first. For example, the circle throws to first in order to get the base runner out and the throw misses. No matter the length of the overthrow, the base runner may only advance to 2nd base. The runner is not granted 2nd base, only restricted to moving past 2nd base. The ball is still live, the runner will still be called out if tagged in attempt to advance. All other runners will be allowed to advance as regular play.

****All other age groups will play by Tri-County rules.**