

# 2018 Glastonbury Little League

## Softball Minor League Division

### ***The Home Run Card***

The League continues its ***Field Improvement Fund*** to support the refurbishment of several fields. ***The Home Run Card*** is a major fund-raiser for this Fund. Each player will purchase two \$5.00 Cards included in the \$100 registration fee. (early bird \$20 discount for January live registration payment) The player may sell these valuable discount cards and keep the proceeds of the sale. This provides each player the opportunity to participate in the development of facilities which all will enjoy.

### ***Minor League Program: How it works***

The Softball Minor League Program is generally for 7-9 year old players. 10 year old players who are not selected for the Major Leagues this season will be assigned to a Minor team. This division uses an 11 inch softball with players pitching. Players are assigned to teams with consideration given to balance of ages, special request by the players and school district. Siblings will be assigned to the same teams.

There will be a 14 game schedule played preceded by two weeks of practices beginning early April. The season ends at the end of the school year. Two games a week are played, starting at 5:45 pm on weekday and on Saturday at 9:30am, 11:30am or 2:00p.m. Rain dates will vary this schedule. Hebron Avenue, GHS and Ross Field will be used. Each team will play a couple games against District 7 Little League teams, ie. Wethersfield, Newington

### ***Important Minor League Playing Rules***

In an effort to provide safe play and equal baseball experience to all Minor League players, the following apply. Players, parents and coaches are urged to take note of the playing rules.

- 1. No player shall play one inning more than any other player in a game. Please advise your coach if you are going to miss a game as this rule requires pre-game planning***
- 2. All players are placed in the batting order regardless of whether they are playing a defensive position***
- 3. The batting order will be set for the season. Players will move up one batting order position with every game with the lead off batter batting last in the next game. This progression continues even when a player may be absent for a game.***
- 4. No player shall sit on the bench for consecutive innings.***
- 5. Every player shall play at least one defensive inning (3 outs) at an infield position. The Pitcher and Catcher positions shall be considered infield positions.***
- 6. A pitcher is limited to 2 innings/game and 4 innings/ week with 1 calendar day rest***

### ***Little League Age Defined***

A Little League minor softball player's age is defined by that player's age on **December 31, 2017**

### ***Volunteers Needed***

Glastonbury Little League is a community activity. It is operated totally by the efforts of volunteers, donations from sponsors and registration fees. Please help your baseball program by volunteering for coaching, umpiring, publicist, special events, fundraisers and by attending games

### ***Equipment and Baseball Pants Return Requested***

Players will be supplied tee shirts, hats and baseball pants, if needed. The pants, if loaned, must be returned to your Coach immediately after the last game of the season. The shirts and hats will be kept by the players.

### ***A Special Note to Players and Parents***

Sportsmanship is the essence of the program, both on the field and in the stands. Positive cheering is encouraged; negative cheering is out of place. More softball is learned during practices than in games. Players are encouraged to attend all practices scheduled by the League and the by the coach.

### ***Questions and Further Information***

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