



Chandler Girls Softball Coaches' Meeting Fall 2025

THANK YOU

For providing leadership and giving your time.

Without you, this league could not exist.

476 young female lives impacted this season



The Elephant in the Room

- We'd like to thank all previous members of the board for their dedication and countless hours of time put in to keeping this league alive.
- Thank you all for your patience with communication, and with the speedbumps of registration being early this year. We are all learning as we go.



2025-2026 Executive Board

- President
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Current Board

Members

- Chris Johnson
- Stephen Joy
- John Lang
- Miguel Zavala

Provisional Members

- Jessel Pedra
- Justine Krolikowski
- Sarah Boelig

If you are interested in joining the board, please chat with one of us, email us, or just come to the next board meeting here on Aug 25th at 6pm.



CGSL's Mission

- Work with supportive and cooperative parents, fans, coaches and umpires to provide our players with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of softball in a positive and encouraging environment so they develop a genuine love for the game.
- Everyone plays in CGSL! We do not hold try-outs, we do not cut any players, and every girl gets an equal amount of playing time! We emphasize skill development, fun, family, friendship & fitness!



Your Role as a Coach

Key Responsibilities

- Communicate to Players/Families
- Schedule Practices
- Be a Mentor
- Create a Positive Environment

Game-Day Responsibilities

- It is the Home Team's responsibility to keep official score. This applies to all divisions (except T-Ball)
- Failure to do so will result in forfeit of home team advantage.
- Scorebook or Gamechanger at Umpires Discretion.



Your Role as a Coach

- A Reminder: Coaches are not allowed to cancel or forfeit games on their own.
- If you are unable to attend your game, contact an assistant, parent or a board member to step in for that game. • If you need more players, please ask you division chair or a board member at the field.
- If you have a disagreement with a board decision on games, please proceed with the game and bring your concerns to the next board meeting.
- Extreme Heat Days: Later games may be rescheduled to a weeknight further into the season.



Coach/Team Field Duty

- Every game day we ask that a representative (Coach, Parent, Cousin, anyone over 18) from a team assist during shifts the board works.
- This ensures that if only one board member is present, we can still always have someone at the board table to assist. (Normally Band-aids and Ice Packs)
- Details on shifts and how to sign up will be sent out soon
- Completing a shift will allow selection of a practice slot before reservations open the following week.
- Failure for a Team to do at least one Field Duty shift will result in forfeiture of home field advantage for Pool Play.



Coach Conduct

- Coaches are responsible for their players and parents.
- 3.12 Player or Coach Ejections. If a player, coach, or spectator is ejected, the player, coach, or spectator is suspended from the next scheduled game. If any additional ejections occur, the player, coach, or spectator is suspended indefinitely and asked to appear before the Board for disciplinary action. The ejection of a player will not cause the team to begin its at bat with an out nor will an out be posted each time the player is scheduled to bat.



Code of Conduct

- In addition to our mission statement, Chandler Girls Softball has instituted a **zero tolerance** policy on poor sportsmanship. Poor sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to; yelling at umpires, players, coaches, board members or spectators, using inappropriate language or gestures, any actions that can be construed as a threat to another person or that, through aggressive intent or recklessness, may result in injury, and any public behavior that contributes to an atmosphere of conflict at the field or park in connection with a CGSL game or event. The **zero tolerance** policy is in effect for players & coaches as well as parents and other spectators. The umpire is in control of the game & should be treated respectfully. Judgment calls should not be challenged or disputed. The good sportsmanship code extends to the treatment of players, coaches, umpires, board members & spectators. Violation of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Board on a case-by-case basis and can include penalties up to a permanent ban from CGSL.



Code of Conduct Cont.

- Spectators, coaches, assistant coaches, and scorekeepers will refrain from use of profane or vulgar language in the presence of players; refrain from smoking within the park (including the use of electronic cigarettes and vape devices) during practices or games; refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages within the park during practices or games; and not permit spectators to harass any player or coach on any team for any reason. In the event of continuous harassment, the game will be forfeited and the harasser subject to suspension or ejection from the park. Additional sanctions may be imposed at the conclusion of a CGSL Board investigation. Field Supervisors strictly enforce League Rules.



Discrimination & Harassment

- Using technology such as Facebook, Twitter, texting, email, and voicemail to generate, send or display material that is considered obscene, profane, intimidating, threatening, defamatory or which identifies or refers to a Protected Characteristic in derogatory or stereotypical terms. This includes material that is intended only as a joke or for amusement purposes.
- It goes without saying this will not be tolerated in person either.

Insurance & Background Checks

- All Coaches (including Assistants) must undergo a background check.
- You will receive an email from JDP with a link to fill out the background check.
- Failure to do so will lead to removal from league.
- If you should need a 'Certificate of Insurance' that shows dates Effective September 1, 2025 and Ending September 1, 2026 please let me know. I will need for **Additional Insured** purpose; Municipality Name along with the address they prefer (example; City of Chandler Parks and Recreation, address, city, state, zip code)
- Accident Forms – Must be completed and submitted within 14 days of injury



2025 Preseason

- Great News: Apart from the month of August, practice fields will be available Mon-Thurs at Tumbleweed Park and Saturdays Aug 30th and September 6th.
- Friday Nights Beginning 9/12 Folley East will be available through the season.
- Not so Great News: Preseason fields from city are thin.
Desert Breeze North and South.
Aug 11th-16th, Aug 18th-20th, Aug 25th-29th.



Practice Format

- All Non-Tumbleweed weeknight practices will use the old format: 5-6, 6-730, 730-9. No forced sharing but I encourage you to get to know the other coaches and share some fields.
- Weeknights at Tumbleweed will follow a new format.
 - 2-hour practice windows, 5-7, 7-9.
 - Shared with another team
 - One hour infield, one hour outfield (or vice versa)
 - Infield/Outfield start position selected when reserving in web app
 - Outfield for the sake of practices is beyond the 200ft fence
- South Gate Only – Weeknights at Tumbleweed



Scheduling Practice – Fields from CGSL

- New Scheduling Web App (Delayed Launch)
- practice.chandlergirlssoftball.org
- Scheduling unlocks the Monday Prior at 8am (Same time we used to do emails)
- 3pm the ability to book a second practice for that week unlocks
- Limited to two reservations per team per week



Scheduling Practice Fields from City of Chandler

- Coaches need to have a Chandler address to be able to request fields. If you do not have a Chandler address you can use an assistant coach's address, just let us know.
- Online reservations can be seven days in advance with reservations for the seventh day starting at 8 a.m.
- https://apm.activecommunities.com/chandleraz/Reserve_Options



Scheduling Practice Fields from City of Chandler

- Field Fees: Waived for CGSL coaches with a Chandler address
- Light Fees: \$15.00 per hour (I believe it's only \$7.50 for CGSL)
- Reservations: 7 days in advance only - Starting at 8AM
- Fields: Any City of Chandler softball field (some school fields)
- Permit: Issued by the city. Check it! No permit, no field!
- Who: Field must be reserved in name of head coach to waive field fees.
- Restrictions: All Tumbleweed Softball and Folley T-ball fields can not be reserved.



Pitcher – Catcher Clinics

- Thursday Nights – Sep 4th thru Nov 6th
 - Tumbleweed Field 3
 - Beginner Clinic – 7pm
 - Advanced Clinic – 7:45pm
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- Outfield (Beyond 200ft fence) will still be bookable for practice but please try not to interfere with the clinic.



Fall 2025 Game Schedule

- Opening Day – Sep 13th
- Pool Play Begins – Nov 8th
- Nov 29th – No Games (Thanksgiving)
- Dec 6th – Tournament Begins (Single Elimination)
- Dec 13th – Semi-Finals and Championship (Double Header)
- Games only on Saturdays
- Full Schedule this Season – Drop Dead after 15-minute OT in effect for ALL Divisions during regular season play.

Uppers Pool Play/Tournament Schedule Will Most Likely Vary



Fall 2025 Game Schedule

Slot	Field 1 - 8U	Field 2 - 10U	Field 3 - Uppers	Field 4 - T-Ball/Uppers/12U
1	8U G1 8:00 AM - 9:20 AM	10U G1 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	UP G1 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	T-Ball G1&2 8:00 AM - 8:55 AM
2	8U G2 9:35 AM - 10:55 AM	10U G2 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM	UP G2 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM	UP Extra 9:10 AM - 10:40 AM
3	8U G3 11:10 AM - 12:30 PM	10U G3 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	UP G3 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	12U G1 10:55 AM - 12:25 PM
4	8U G4 12:45 PM - 2:05 PM	10U G4 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM	UP G4 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM	12U G2 12:40 PM - 2:10 PM
5	8U G5 2:20 PM - 3:40 PM	10U G5 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	UP G5 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	12U G3 2:25 PM - 3:55 PM

Division Chairs

- T-Ball

- John Lang

- 8u

- Eddie Geren
- Miguel Zavala

- 10U

- Laurel Collins
- Bryan Brewer Twito

- 12U

- Christopher Johnson
- Erin Johnson

- Uppers

- Don McChesney
- Stephen Joy

- Head Umpires

- Peter Love
- John Spane



League Wide Rules

- Costs – Parents/Players can NOT be required to pay for anything beyond the registration fee and basic necessary equipment for their player/themselves.
- Chin-straps and face-guards (full mask, no baseball style jaw guard) are required at all times when batting/baserunning.
- Rubber cleats only. No metal cleats allowed.
- 8u, 10u, & 12u – Fielder's mask required at Pitcher Position. Highly recommended in Uppers.



League Wide Rules

- Avoiding Collisions - It is the runner's responsibility to avoid a collision with a defender when there is a close play at a base. To avoid a collision, the runner may choose to either slide, choose an alternate route to the base, surrender, or retreat to the previous base.
- 3-Run Ahead Rule is effect for all divisions in a game when the forecasted temperature meets or exceeds 100° F at game time.

(All games if forecasted on Pool Play Days)



League Wide Rules

Official Line-Up Cards

- Coaches must complete an Official CGS Line-Up Form to be presented to the umpire at the start of the game.
- The line-up cards shall include players' names and shirt numbers, starting positions and substitutions.
- 10U, 12U, Uppers: Pitcher/Catcher forms must be used to document all pitchers and catchers used in the game and must be submitted to the umpire at the beginning of the game or at the time a substitution is made. Use team # and full player name.
- If a player arrives after the start of the game, the coach must report the player to the umpire and the umpire will add the player(s) to the end of the batting line-up.



League Wide Rules

Legal Line-Up

- A minimum legal line-up is eight (8) players for every division, except for 8u Coach Pitch. The 8u Coach Pitch minimum legal line-up is seven (7) players. All divisions can borrow to get up to (9) players.
 - If you borrow a pitcher or catcher, they can only pitch or catch if you do not have your own pitcher or catcher. Must pitch or catch entire game.
- If you need help getting to a legal line-up, please contact your division chair or a board member at the field we will help find you players.
- Players can play up a division but may not go down a division.

Batting Line-Up

- ALL PLAYERS listed on the team roster must bat, unless being held out for disciplinary or other reasons. Coaches must indicate on the official CGS Line-Up Form if a player is being held out of a game along with a reason why. After play has begun, players arriving late must be reported to the umpire and are added to the bottom of the batting line-up. If a player is unable to bat when it is her turn to bat, the player must be removed from participating in the remainder of the game and the umpire must be notified. If the umpire is notified before the next batter steps into the batter's box, an out IS NOT called for the team, and the removed player is skipped over in the batting order. Players playing on a team and not registered or on the official team roster will cause the team to forfeit all games in which the non-registered or non-official player participated. USA Rules apply if batting out of order is discovered. See USA Rule 7, Section 2(D).



League Wide Rules

Defensive Substitutions

- All players must play defensively in every game unless a player or parent requests to sit additional innings (due to illness or other reasons). Players may sub a maximum of two innings per game and no player may sub more than one inning in a game until all eligible players have been subbed one inning.

~~Exception: In 12U and Uppers, Pitcher or catcher, once relieved, must sit out for an entire (three out) inning unless there are placed back into the pitcher or catcher position. If subbed out mid inning, the pitcher or catcher may be moved to a fielding position for the remainder of the inning.~~

- YAY!

Consequences

- First deviation will result in an ejection from the current game and a one-game suspension for the following game for the acting head coach. See Rule 5.2
- Second deviation during the same season will result in a forfeit of the game and a one-game suspension.



League Wide Rules

Intentional Walks

- Not allowed. In the event of an “intentional walk,” the pitcher will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game. Umpire judgment

Protests

- The game clock is stopped, and all play ceases until a ruling has been made by the CGS field supervisor. See also USA Rule 9. A team may play a game under protest if they disagree with the ruling of the CGS field supervisor. The coach must inform the umpire and opposing coach prior to the next pitch that the game is being played under protest.

Courtesy Runners

- One courtesy runner is allowed per inning, unless a serious injury occurs after the utilization of the one courtesy runner. The courtesy runner must be the last out of the current or previous inning — an additional courtesy runner is optional for catchers when there are two outs to allow the catcher equip their gear.



League Wide Rules

Time Limits

Tied Games

- Tied games remain tied during regular season and pool play. See USA Tiebreaker Rule, Point of Emphasis 54 for tournament play. CGS Rule 3.16 (5-Run Ahead Scoring) will apply during a tournament tiebreaker inning.

- T-Ball games are 55 minutes.
- 8u games are 65 minutes.
- 10u, 12u, & Uppers games are 75 minutes or 7 innings, whichever occurs first.
- All Divisions (except T-Ball) have a 15 minute OT window to complete the final inning.
- 90 Minute drop dead now applies to all divisions (80 minutes for 8u). If time is reached, score reverts back to the last completed inning.



Website and Social Media

- Apologies for the website issues during registration – domain change
- chandlergirlssoftball.org – please add to safe sender list in emails, icloud specifically has been blocking emails
- Working on a new website – to be launched before Spring 2026 registration.
- Updated and more active socials
- New Memento Gallery – Flyers last year



Fundraising

- Thank you to those who bring sponsors
- Raised registration \$10 due to rising costs – extra lights alone this year ~\$2,000
- We are working on new merch
- Design Contest this year for new jersey/league logos
- The more money we raise the better experience we can offer and the more scholarships for families we are able to do.



Photos

- New Company this year – TSS Photography
- Composite Team Photos
- Free Coach/Daughter Photo
- Custom Group Photos Available
- No physical included photo, digital of the same included
- Picture Day – November 15th
- Specific Details Provided as the Season Progresses



Umpires

- Role in the Game:
 - “Impartial observer in a conflict between opposing forces”

