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**NOTES FOR COACHES AND PLAYERS
2020**

PLEASE REVIEW THESE WITH YOUR TEAM!

1. Teams must provide their own water and ice. Ice and water will not be provided by the concession stand (except in cases of emergency for ice packs).
2. Umpires will first warn coaches, players, and spectators of unacceptable behavior and/or language. The second time, the offender will be asked to leave the park. A third warning will result in a forfeit of the game.
3. **FULL UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN AT ALL GAMES.** Each participant places a order for a specific size shirt and shorts at registration. **Make sure you check your team roster for the correct sizes when you pass out uniforms to your team.** The uniform consists of a shirt, a pair of shorts, and a pair of socks for every player. The cost of uniforms and coaches shirts is around \$4,500.00 per season, and players are expected to be in **full uniform at all games; shirt, shorts and socks!** This rule should be enforced at every game, not just during tournament. Coaches should be wearing the shirts they are provided as well. **NO NAMES OR SAYINGS ON BACKS OF SHIRTS.**
4. 14 – 18 YEAR-OLD DIVISION: Smoking by players will not be allowed. Please warn any of your players that do smoke, that they are not allowed to do so within the limits of the ballpark while dressed in their uniform. Throughout the regular season and tournament, any player in uniform that is seen smoking in the ballpark will be given one warning. If, at any time after that, there is another occurrence they will be asked to leave.
5. Friends, girls or boys, hanging out around the dugouts will not be tolerated. The bleachers are there for a reason, let's use them.
6. The Rock Island Girls Softball League Board of Directors has voted to formalize its long-standing policy in regard to notification of and verification of a player pregnancy.

Historically, notification and verification has come from the player themselves. The board is not ruling out the possibility of some other form of verification, but prefers the open and honest communication from its players. Each and every coach, upon notification by a player of a pregnancy, must inform a board member immediately of said notification. From the moment the player verifies that she is pregnant, she becomes an ineligible player.

Said player may continue participating with her team in any and all manners of activity that does not place said player on the field of play. While said player may “coach”, it has been determined that base coaching, as it requires the player to “take the field”, would not be an “included” activity.

Finally, the Board has confirmed that any and all such players that are subject to this policy are eligible for their scholarship(s), provided all other scholarship requirements have been satisfied.