

COTTAGE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (CGAA)
General Rules, All Sports
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1. All players on teams comprising the in-house leagues must play a minimum amount of time during each event. Minimum playing times and team sizes shall be determined within each Division.

Baseball	3 innings on defense and once at bat
Basketball	The equivalent of ¼ of play
Football	The equivalent of ¼ of play
Hockey	Approximately 5 minutes of play per period, minimum
Soccer	½ of the game
Softball	3 innings on defense and once at bat
2. The officials shall completely rule over the games, including participant conduct and misuse of CGAA, Inc. equipment. Each Division will set penalties.
3. All players should be encouraged to wear CGAA, Inc. issued equipment at all games. No players shall be allowed to wear other team member's issued uniforms unless first cleared by officials and opposing coach.
4. All players may use his/her own equipment, as long as it is essentially the same as that issued by the CGAA for such league.
5. Rule Deleted.
6. The commissioner of each league for each sport will rule on all protests with that league and his/her decision is final. However, if he/she wishes, he/she may refer the protest to a Protest Board whose decision is final. If it is felt by parties involved that the commissioner had a conflict of interest, directly or indirectly, they may appeal his decision to the Protest Board in that sport. Each sport will set up a Protest Board. None of the regular or alternate members of the Protest Board can be coaches in the league for which they serve on the Protest Board.
7. Forfeit time for any game is 15 minutes after the designated starting time for all sports, unless both coaches make an agreement ahead of time.
8. Each coach must keep and maintain his/her own records of all games and shall submit these records to the Commissioner upon request.
9. Coaches, assistant coaches and commissioners should not officiate games in their respective leagues unless absolutely necessary.

10. Notice must be given to the Commissioner 24 hours before a scheduled game for a postponement. Reason for the postponement is to be judged legitimate at the Commissioner's discretion.
11. In the event any league has team(s) from an area outside of Cottage Grove, these team(s) must abide by these general rules and select their team(s) in a manner similar to that used by CGAA.
12. All sports must allow anyone moving into the Cottage Grove area after any sport registration cutoff, to register and play. Exception: All Divisions do not have to allow new move-in to play on specialty teams after teams have been formed. If in-house teams are filled to maximum, all sports do not have to register and let the new move-in play.
13. Participation in two CGAA sports at the same time is strongly discouraged.
14. No CGAA team will play games or practice against any other team out of its age and weight class in any sport.
15. Any participant in post-season tournament or regular season play must be a registered member of the CGAA, Inc.
16. The CGAA, Inc. must approve all head coaches for any select team before they will be given a team to coach. It is expected all players will participate on select teams.
17. Total time for practices and games during the school year will not exceed 8 hours per calendar week for CGAA In-House teams.
18. Any player who is ejected from a CGAA sponsored game by the officials for misconduct, fighting or misuse of equipment will automatically be suspended for the next league or post-season game.
19. There will be no trading of players without the consent of the Board of Directors of that sport.
20. The cutoff date for determining ages of boys and girls registering for Baseball is August 1, In-house Softball is September 1, Traveling Softball is December 31, Football is September 1, Hockey is August 1, and Traveling Soccer is July 31. Basketball and Rec. Soccer are determined by grade level.
21. If a player is picked for a CGAA sanctioned all star or tournament team, he/she cannot play on another team participating in a conflicting tournament.
22. This priority of rules interpretation will prevail for in-house leagues in the event of a conflict:
 - a. The individual CGAA Divisional Rules,

- b. The CGAA, Inc. General Rules, All Sports,
 - c. The league rule book being referred to.
23. So select teams may be competitive outside our area, this priority of rules interpretation will prevail in the event of conflict:
- a. The individual CGAA Divisional Rules,
 - b. The CGAA, Inc. General Rules, All Sports,
24. Smoking and/or use of alcoholic beverages by players or coaches during any CGAA sporting event is strictly forbidden. Any violation of this rule will mean immediate removal for the game and also the next game.
25. For all outdoor events, if game officials or both coaches (2) see a flash of lightning in the sky, the game will be over. If any official fails to see the lightning and it is seen by a coach, the game will be halted immediately and watched for a reoccurrence, and action taken accordingly. Failure to comply, will result in forfeiture of game by both teams. If a game is complete, it counts: if not, the game will be rescheduled.
26. CGAA Inc. shall make reasonable accommodations for known disabilities of participants or qualified applicants of its programs in compliance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act and other applicable laws. CGAA Inc. will consult with the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) and/or appropriate professionals (e.g., the child's doctor or teacher) to decide what action will be needed to provide reasonable accommodation for the child's individual needs. This will become an expense of the division of which the child is participating. (1999)
27. Penalties for violations of CGAA, Inc. Antidiscrimination policy. (2001) Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of the Antidiscrimination policy, the executive board shall determine whether it constitutes a serious or non-serious violation of the policy. A serious violation is any violation which has been determined to cause lasting or permanent harm and/or is an intentional violation of the policy. A serious violation of the policy is grounds for automatic dismissal from the CGAA, Inc. for a time period determined by the executive board. A first time non-serious violation of the Antidiscrimination policy shall require the member to receive written notice of the violation and shall require the member to review the Antidiscrimination policy and provide a written statement describing the manner in which they violated the policy. A second non-serious violation shall result in dismissal from the CGAA, Inc. for a time period determined by the executive board.
28. It is the policy of the Cottage Grove Athletic Association Inc. to require any person holding a position as coach, assistant coach, manager, officer, board or committee member to undergo a child protection background check. Every applicant for these positions shall complete a release authorizing the performance of a background check. This release shall be submitted to the association before the performance of any duties for the association. Failure to complete and submit a release for a child

protection background check shall disqualify the applicant from holding a position with the association. (2001)

29. At no time will the CGAA allow or authorize the payment to a coach for services rendered as a coach. The CGAA will authorize payment to a trainer or clinician if his/her services are made available to all players within a division.