

# Monthly Newsletter

THE GCLSL GAZETTE

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April 2025

## Welcome!

### *The President's Perspective*

Hello GCLSL!

What an amazing way to kick off our 2025 season! Our *Meet the Team* night was a blast. It was so great to reconnect with familiar faces after the winter break and to welcome so many new ones. A special shoutout to the 12 new players joining us this year; we're thrilled to have you as part of the GCLSL community and can't wait to get to know you better!

We also had the pleasure of meeting Marc, our chief umpire, who shared some incredibly kind words about our league and the talent we bring to the field. We're lucky to have his support.

If you weren't able to attend, no worries — your team captain has your shirt ready for you.

### **Schedule Update**

The game schedule is now live on our website here: [2025 GCLSL Regular Season Schedule](#). We're currently waiting for the City's green light to access the fields. As soon as we get the go-ahead, we'll be back on the diamonds, ready to play!

### **Volunteers Needed**

As a volunteer-run league, we're so grateful to everyone who steps up! Right now, we're especially looking for scorekeepers. If you're interested in helping out, please email [softball@gclsl.com](mailto:softball@gclsl.com).

We can't wait to get the season started. See you on the field soon!

*Lisa Prentiss*

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## League Updates

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### **The Draft is Done – Let the Season Begin!**

The 2025 GCLSL Draft has come and gone, and we're thrilled to welcome *eight* brand-new teams to the league this year! A huge thank you to the 2025 Captains: Alexis Reid, Cat Ladouceur, Christine Anderson, Hayley Bennett, Katie Flansbury, Mandy Moskal, Steph Wilson, and Taylor Albert. To learn more about your captians, please visit: [\*\*2025 GCLSL Captains\*\*](#)

### **Meet the Team Night**

We're off to a great start with our Meet the Team event that occurred on April 17, which saw a fantastic turnout of players. It's already shaping up to be an incredible season — let's play ball!

### **Year-End Banquet Survey – Due May 10th!**

We're planning a fabulous wrap-up to the 2025 season, and we want your input! Please take a few minutes to fill out the Year-End Banquet Survey before May 10th. Your feedback helps us make the celebration fun, inclusive, and unforgettable. Find the survey link here: [\*\*2025 Year-End Banquet Voting\*\*](#)



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Season Starts**

May 5

#### **Spring Tournament**

May 30 - June 1

#### **Fall Tournament**

September 5 - 7

#### **Playoffs**

September 9 - 26

#### **AGM**

October 1

#### **Banquet**

October 4



### **Sponsor Spotlights**

We're thrilled to have Kichesippi Beer Co. on board as a sponsor! Rooted in Kanata and known for their easy-drinking craft beers and strong community spirit, Kichesippi is a local staple. Kichesippi brings people together, one pint at a time. They will be running the Spring Tournament BBQ, so you can come and say hi!

To learn more, please visit:  
[kbeer.ca](http://kbeer.ca)

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## GCLSL Rules Corner

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As we gear up for another fun-filled season, let's remember what makes the GCLSL so special: community, camaraderie, and respect. All players are expected to help create a safe and welcoming space for everyone. Unsportsmanlike behaviour, like harassment, aggression, or discrimination, won't be tolerated. Let's start the season strong and play with heart, integrity, and good vibes all around! Find the GCLSL Code of Conduct here: **[GCLSL Rules](#)**

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## GCLSL Tips and Resources

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### Looking for a bat to play with this season?

Only bats with proper certification stamps from WBSC (2005 or newer) or USA Softball (ASA 2000, 2004, or 2019) and listed on their respective Approved Bat Lists are allowed. Bats must meet compression standards and pass visual inspection as per the Softball Canada rulebook.



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## Community Corner

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### Kanata Sports Club

The fun doesn't stop after the last out! Swing by the Kanata Sports Club after your games to grab a drink/snack, catch up with teammates, connect with other teams, and keep the good vibes going. Whether you win or lose, it's always a good time off the field, too!

### Submissions

Your input helps us highlight the diverse perspectives, achievements, and ongoing initiatives that strengthen our community. Please send in your ideas and updates to **[softball@gclsl.com](mailto:softball@gclsl.com)**.

*Thank you for reading!*



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