

Monthly Newsletter

THE GCLSL GAZETTE

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June 2025

Welcome! *The President's Perspective*

It's the end of Week 7 already! Can you believe it? And what a roller coaster of weather we have had. Mother Nature keeps trying to squash our spirit, but our passion for the game keeps us playing through it all. From toques and snuggies to cut-offs, we have seen it all in the first half of the season.

This is our first newsletter since our tournament. What a crazy and fantastic weekend. It felt like *Survivor* as we braved the elements. But thank you to everyone for making it a fun tournament. Thank you to the Tournament Committee for organizing the events, the food truck, and the beer tent. Thank you to the volunteers who came out Saturday and Sunday mornings to prepare the diamonds. And congratulations to our tournament winners: 'A' Finals - **Echo Chic Movement (Alexis' Team)**; and 'B' Finals - **Elevated Landscapes (Taylor's Team)**!

As was previously announced, any games scheduled for Thursdays will now be played at the Lions Club field in Richmond. In May, the City announced that AY Jackson High School would be undergoing a renovation and expanding its campus. This means the ball diamond will not be available to us for the remainder of the season. The options presented to us were limited as the local diamonds were already booked for other leagues. This also means the September tournament will not have the AY field available for us. For the September tournament, we have secured a diamond at Mlacak to replace AY. While not ideal, we adapt and forge ahead...

I look forward to the second half of the season. It has been great to watch so many exciting plays on the field, amazing hits, and dynamic defensive plays. It's been so fun, and I hope everyone is enjoying being part of the action. It has been wonderful getting to know the new players in our league and talking with so many of you about your experiences so far this season.

Thank you for your continued support and passion for the league. See you at the diamond.

Lisa Prentiss

League Updates

Standings

As we head into Week 7, the competition is heating up! **Elevated Landscapes (Taylor's team)** is holding strong in first place, followed by **L-D Tool and Die (Christine's team)** in second, and **The Glen (Mandy's team)** close behind in third. To learn more about standings and game results, please visit: [2025 GCLSL Standings](#).

Homeruns

We've also seen some massive hits this season! Megan St. Michael, Katie Flansbury, Hayley Bennett, and Katie Hallett are currently tied for the home run lead, each knocking out 2 dingers in regular season play! To view Home Run updates, please visit: [2025 Homeruns](#)

Executive Meeting

The Executive is planning a mid-season check-in meeting this July, so you can stay tuned for updates and opportunities to share feedback.

Field Change Alert: AY Jackson Field No Longer Available

Construction has officially begun to expand AY Jackson Secondary School, which includes the removal of the ball diamond. As a result, AY Jackson Field is no longer available for league use.

All future Thursday games will now be played at Richmond Park #1, located at 3304 Huntley Road, Richmond, ON.



Upcoming Events

BLSL Fun Tournament

July 18-20

Fall Tournament

September 5 - 7

Playoffs

September 9 - 26

AGM

October 1

Banquet

October 4



Sponsor Spotlights

We're thrilled to have **Viking Fire Protection** as a Gold Sponsor this season! With over 90 years of experience, Viking is a trusted name in fire protection across Canada, specializing in the design, installation, and maintenance of fire safety systems. Their support helps keep our league strong and our community safe.

To learn more, please visit: [Viking Fire Protection](#)

GCLSL Tips and Resources

The Real MVP: Your Sports Bra

When you're running the bases or making that game-saving catch, the last thing you want to worry about is your bra. Prioritize support and breathability by choosing a High-Impact sports bra from Sport Chek or Knix's high support line. Look for moisture-wicking fabric to stay cool and dry. For the ladies carrying their own team (bigger chests), check out SheFit.

Bonus tip: A racerback style often works best under jerseys and allows for full range of motion while batting or throwing. Try it on with your uniform top to make sure there's no uncomfortable shifting or rubbing.

GCLSL Rules Corner

Understanding the 10-Batter Inning Rule

The "10th batter" rule refers to the final batter allowed in an inning, unless three outs happen first. This rule means a team can only send a maximum of 10 batters to the plate in a single inning. Once the 10th batter comes up, the batting team must announce it to the other team.

If the 10th batter is:

- **Out:** the inning ends
- **Gets a hit:** play continues until the ball is returned and touches home plate
- **Walked:** the next batter hits. Inning cannot end on a walk.

This rule helps keep games on schedule and gives both teams a fair shot at fielding and batting each inning.

Community Corner

You're Invited: BLSL 2025 Tournament – Life's a Beach!

The Blackburn Ladies Softball League is inviting teams and individual players to join their 2025 annual tournament, Life's a Beach, happening July 18–20! Sign up as a full team (11–14 players) or register solo and get matched with a team. Along with great softball, enjoy drinks from Broadhead Brewery, a BBQ food truck, and fun field-side activities all weekend long. Visit [BLSL's 2025 Fun Tournament](#) for details and registration info, or email blsltournament2@gmail.com for any questions.

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