

# Abe Montoya Recreation Center

## Adult Softball League Rules

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- I. Organization
  - A. This league is intended for the teams with USSSA classification Class D and E
    1. Players in this league may play in co-rec softball leagues or mush ball leagues offered by rec department.
  - B. Registration and Roster Requirements
    1. League Ages: (as of June 1 of current season) 18
      - a. **MAY HAVE TWO (2) 16 OR 17 YEAR OLD PLAYERS ONLY AND MUST HIGHLIGHT PLAYERS NAME ON ROSTER. ADULT MUST SIGN ROSTER**
    2. Rosters are limited to a minimum of fourteen (14) players and a maximum of twenty (20) players.
    3. Registration in this league is made by submitting a complete team roster, with payment of deposit, **by the due date** established each season.
      - a. Rosters will not be accepted unless they meet or exceed the minimum requirements outlined above.
      - b. Rosters will not be accepted after the established deadline, unless allowed specifically by the Recreation Manager.
    4. League fees are made up of the following elements, and are due on specified date prior to the start of the season.
      - a. Field maintenance fee/equipment/labor
      - b. Umpire/Score keeper fees to include tournament
      - c. USSSA membership fee
        - (1) All teams must register with USSSA in order for the league to utilize USSSA umpires. The Recreation Department will submit all teams to the State UIC as soon as all rosters are finalized.
      - e. League trophies/t-shirts
      - f. All – star game umpires/t-shirts/scorekeepers
    5. Roster Additions/ Deletions
      - a. All changes must be completed by the **halfway mark** of the season (usually after All Star game). After that date, no other changes to the roster may be made. Players must play in at least half the league games to qualify to play in the post season tournament.

- II. Post Season Play and Awards
  - A. Regular Season
    - 1. League division champions receive T-Shirts and a sponsor's trophy
    - 2. League division runners up receive a sponsor's trophy
    - 3. Tournament winner and runner up each receive T-Shirts and a sponsor's trophy
  - B. Post season double-elimination tournament will immediately follow the regular season
    - 1. Home Team Determination
      - a. Top seeded teams are considered home throughout the winner's bracket
      - b. Losers bracket home team determined by coin toss

### III. Game Rules

Games are governed by USSSA rules with the following exceptions

#### **A. Starting Times:** 6:15, 7:30, 8:45

- a. IF there are only two games then start times may be 6:30pm and 7:45pm
- 1. Teams have 15 minutes from start time to field a legal team

#### **B. Player Conduct**

- 1. **ALCOHOL - Consumption of alcoholic beverages on city property or in public is prohibited by City Ordinance and City law**
  - a. **No alcohol is allowed in bleacher area, and absolutely no alcohol allowed on field, or in dugout. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE:**
    - i. **Team/player will be asked to remove alcohol from premises (1<sup>st</sup> warning)**
    - ii. **Player will be ejected from game; or team may forfeit game being played (after 1<sup>st</sup> warning)**
    - iii. **Team and/or players in violation will be placed on probation for remainder of season or a minimum of one (1) year**
    - iv. **Team will be reported to Recreation Department and Team and players violating this rule again, will be suspended for remainder of season. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
    - v. **Violators may be issued a police department summons and/or fined \$100.00.**
- 2. Use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all department athletic fields.

### 3. **Unsportsmanlike behavior:**

a. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but it not necessarily limited to: fighting, **verbal abuse or dissent toward an official or opponent**, racial or ethnic slurs, **inappropriate comments or actions** that may be construed as sexual harassment, **PROFANITY, obscene gestures**, flagrant and violent fouls, **taunting, trash talk, baiting**, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, inappropriate posters, **physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, unauthorized leaving of a team bench area, striking or physically abusing an official, opposing coach, or player, intentionally inciting participants or spectators to violent or abusive action, using profane or unduly provocative language or action towards officials, opponents, or spectators, being critical publicly of any game official, City of Las Vegas Recreation Department personnel, another team, or its players, and any acts of deceit.**

#### **DISCIPLINE STEP PROCESS:**

**b. Player will be warned by official (1st Warning)**

**c. Player will then be ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct**

**d. Player will need to leave the field and parking area; Rodriguez Softball Complex immediately**

**e. If ejected, player will be suspended from next scheduled team game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season, and may be on probation for a minimum of a year, depending on the infraction. Depending on the severity of the unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior, legal action may be taken and player may be ejected from all City of Las Vegas sponsored leagues, special events and programs.**

**f. Other actions may be implemented depending on the severity of the unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior.**

**g. A letter will be sent to player, and coach of team.**

**h. Suspension may be appealed in writing to the Recreation Department, and must be submitted to staff within 24 hours of notification of suspension.**

**A board will be selected to hear the appeal and will have full authority to make a ruling on a case to case basis.**

## **C. Game ejections**

a. **UMPIRES TAKE NOTICE:** All game ejections must be reported to the league director by the umpire within twenty-four (24) hours of game in which the ejection occurred.

a. The umpire will report all unsportsmanlike conduct to the league director within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident, or by noon on the next business day, if the incident occurred over a holiday weekend.

1. All incidents must be documented with date, time, teams playing, and names of all involved. A detailed outline of events as they occurred is crucial to the proper discipline and possible appeal process that may occur.

## **D. Uniforms**

1. Steel spiked shoes are not permitted.
2. Like colored shirts with numbers preferred

## **E. Team Responsibilities**

1. Both teams are required to provide the umpire with three (3) balls before the start of the game. Balls must have the "Classic M" (Men's) stamp and the "Classic W" (Women's) stamp in order to be legal. Men's teams will use a size 12, and women's team will use a size 11.
2. Bats: Please refer to USSSA rules for requirements.
3. Nine players, at a minimum, will constitute a legally fielded team.
4. Teams are allowed to pick-up their ninth player, only if that player has not already played or does not play a game that same night.
5. **No stealing or bunting is allowed. Runners shall not leave the base until the pitched ball reaches home plate.** (Penalty: Automatic Out)

## **F. Home Run Rule**

1. A team will be allowed 5 home runs per game. All subsequent home runs will result in the batter being called out. No runner may advance, but the batter maintains position in the batting order.

## **G. Sliding**

1. Players must slide or get out of the way of the throw. Failure to do so may result in an automatic out. The safety of all players is extremely important.

## **H. Line-ups and Batting Orders**

1. Managers must present the home plate umpire and the opposing team manager with written line-ups before the game.
2. Batting Order
  - a. A fixed batting order must be maintained.
  - b. Players must be present to be listed in the batting order.
  - c. Players arriving late shall only be added to the end of the batting order.
  - d. Teams with nine batters will have an automatic out for the tenth batter.
3. Free substitution is permitted when in the field, including the pitcher.

4. Players may be removed from the batting order without penalty, only in the cases of injury, work responsibilities, or specified emergency. Batting order will slide forward.
5. Teams with one or more players ejected from the game will be assessed an automatic out at the ejected players position in the batting order.
6. Courtesy runners may be allowed, provided both managers agree to allow this before the game begins.
7. Substitute runners must be allowed when a player is injured during the game.
  - a. The opposing team manager shall select the runner.
8. The third strike rule is in effect, i.e., if the batter has two strikes and he hits a foul ball, he will be called out.

## **I. Game run rule**

1. After five (5) innings (4 ½ for home team), if a team has a lead of 15 or more runs, the game will end.

## **J. Game postponement**

1. The decision to postpone games will be made no later than 4:00pm by the department.
2. The department will notify the home and visiting team managers as well as the umpire assignor.
3. After 4pm, game status is the responsibility of the umpire.
4. All cancellations will be reported to the Recreation Department, who will in turn schedule make-up games.
  - a. The department will notify the Umpire Assignor and coaches/managers of the new game date and time.
5. Make-up games must be played within two (2) weeks of the original date. If an agreeable date and time is not reached within this time frame, one will be assigned by the recreation department.
6. If postponement occurs late in the season, and the game will have no impact on final standings for either team, it may not be rescheduled.

## **K. Game Protests**

1. Protests must be rule related only, and protests must be submitted to the recreation department within 24 hours of the game in question, or by 12 noon on the next business day after a weekend or holiday game. A board will be selected to hear the protest and will have full authority to make a ruling on a case to case basis.