

UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Rules



The North Dakota Amateur Softball Associations has adopted rules, which are not in agreement with National ASA Rules. Those NDASA Rules will be in effect throughout the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament. The rules are as follows

1. No metal spikes
2. Anyone ejected from a game must also sit out the next game
3. The ball will have COR of .52 and compression of 300 lbs. or less
4. North Dakota's Casual Profanity Rule will be in effect
5. A player registered with two different teams may play for the one team s/he chooses in this tournament
6. Additionally, athletes playing in the All Native American divisions must carry proof of Native blood via CIB, *enrollment letter, or *letter of descent at all times. Tribal enrollment card must be with player at all times. All players must carry a photo ID.

**document must be on official tribal letterhead of a federally recognized tribe*

Property damage caused by fly balls and/or home run balls is the sole responsibility of the individual player involved. Bismarck Parks and Recreation and the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament bear NO responsibility for any damage.

Rosters and Eligibility

Women's Upper

Rec 1 and above.

Women's Lower

Rec 2 and lower.

No more than three (3) Rec 1 classified players and no players from Class D or higher.

Men's Upper

Rec 1 and above.

Men's Lower

Rec 2 and lower.

No more than three (3) Rec 1 classified players and no players from Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D+.

Pickup Players

Pickup players must be from the same classification or lower than the team picking them up. Pickup players must be added before the team's first game. A team is not allowed to add any pickup players or additional pickups thereafter.

Tournament Dress Code

Shirts with numbers are required for all teams classified recreation. Many of these teams have full uniforms and they are urged to wear them. Shirts must be the same color + style. Plastic visors and bandannas are illegal headgear.

Team Managers, Players, and Officials Code of Conduct

Acts of Suspension. A team, team member, manager, team official, administrator, volunteer or umpire may be suspended for one game for any of the following:

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 2) Physical violence, such as an attack on an umpire, tournament official or participant immediately preceding, during or following a game.
- 3) Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying an affidavit or roster or giving false information to tournament officials.
- 4) Participating when they do not meet the eligibility requirements of the ASA.
- 5) Knowingly competing with or against individuals or teams which are suspended from ASA play.
- 6) Commission of any act while participating in ASA activities such as: failure to pay indebtedness, destruction of property, violation of state or local laws or any other acts that are contrary to the objectives and purposes of ASA.
- 7) Violation of ASA substance abuse policies and procedures.
 - a) Absolutely no alcohol in or around the dugout area during game play.
 - b) Absolutely no alcohol consumption during game play.
 - c) Absolutely no tobacco use during game play.
- 8) Bullying, hazing, harassment (including sexual harassment), emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, and sexual misconduct (including child sexual abuse) as defined by the USOC SafeSport program at www.safesport.org.
- 9) Interference with any ASA Hearing Process as cited in Article 305 B 04 of this Code.

Jewelry

Exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets, any type of earrings, neck chains or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire, may not be worn during the game. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry, but if worn, must be taped to the body.

NOTE: *Players may be asked to remove jewelry and if they fail to do so, will be ejected from the game.*

Penalty for violation of these rules – The Player may not participate unless s/he follows the above code.

- 1) The first violation will result in the ejection of the offending player and his/her team manager and also result in a one-game plus a one-game suspension.
- 2) A second violation by the same player or team manager during the same year will result in a three-game suspension for the player or manager. (Ejection from that game and a two-game suspension.)
- 3) A third violation by the same player or team manager during the same year will result in a 365-day suspension

The penalty for an umpire not enforcing the uniform dress code will be forfeiture of the umpire's fee for the game. Tournament Directors will also be penalized.

Notify the state umpire-in-chief if the tournament director does not enforce this dress code.

Casual Profanity Rule

Casual profanity pertains to expletives "not" directed at the umpires or opposing players, but most likely at the players uttering them as a vent to frustration. This type of profanity is penalized by "OUTS" being declared against the offensive or defensive team, whichever is guilty of the violation. The above "OUTS" will be treated on a delayed, dead ball situation. Profanity directed at others, especially umpires, will still result in ejection.

If a player is called out on a bang-bang play at first and he utters a word under his breath as he runs by the umpire or curses under his breath because of his poor hit as he is thrown out at first, the CASUAL PROFANITY RULE will not be enforced. That's because no one but the umpire, and maybe the first baseman, has heard him.

The CASUAL PROFANITY RULE provides a lesser penalty for the gray area between accepted conduct and situations where the offender must be ejected. It has been found that the players police themselves and each other after this happens a couple of times and it has worked for the betterment of softball. It gets players to clean up their act.

Umpires, in pre-game conference, should warn both managers what the CASUAL PROFANITY RULE entails. Failure to do so does not preclude the penalty being enforced.

Home Run Rules

NDASA home run rules are used for each division.

Men's Upper	Women's Upper
3	3
Men's Lower	Women's Lower
2	2

Extra Home Runs

Before each game players may purchase a coupon for an Extra Home Run for \$10. The teams must present the coupons to the Umpire prior to the start of the game. The purchase of extra home runs will go towards Academics and Athletic scholarships at United Tribes Technical College.

Time Limit Rule

All games are subject to a 75-minute time limit or a minimum of 4 full innings. Forfeits count as wins. Championship games in all divisions will have no time limit.

One & One Count

The tournament will be using the one and one beginning ball and strike count with no courtesy foul ball, per ASA rules.

Run Rule

NDASA has adopted the national rule for all tournaments. The rule is 20 runs after three innings and 15 runs after four (4) innings and ten (10) after five (5), including championship games.

Courtesy Runner

All divisions will be allowed to use one courtesy runner per inning.

Forfeits

Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be at the assigned diamond and ready to play 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

Liability

Tournament is not liable for damage to automobiles and other personal property, or injuries to players, officials or spectators as a result of tournament play.

No person may play with more than one team in any tournament.

****Important notice to all teams entering the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament****

Mandatory Bat Check

All bats that do not have an orange sticker must be checked and marked by either the ND Deputy Umpire-in-chief from your home area before coming to the tournament or by an official at the bat check station located in the Sales Shack at the Clem Kelley Complex. If your bats already have an orange sticker, they do not need to be checked. Officials will be at the station Friday through Sunday.

BATS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE UTTC LEGENDS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT IF THEY DO NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL BAT STICKER.

For a complete listing of bats that are approved by ASA, go to the certified equipment section of their website: www.asasoftball.com.