

# UTTC LEGENDS Softball

## Tournament Rules



USA Softball of ND (USAND) rules, which are not in agreement with National Rules. Those 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. USAND 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. Tournament Director(s) or the Umpire-in-Chief will rule on any point not covered in these amendments and rules.

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.

### **Divisions, Rosters and Eligibility**

#### **Women's Upper:**

Rec 1 and lower

#### **Women's Lower:**

Rec 1 and above

#### **Men's Upper:**

Rec 1 and above

#### **Men's Lower:**

Rec 2 and lower

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

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

### **Tournament Dress Code**

Shirts with numbers are required for all teams.

## **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 or arising out of USAND Softball Activities.
- 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 USAND.
- 5) Knowingly competing with or against individuals or teams which are suspended from USAND play.
- 6) Commission of any act while participating in USAND 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 USAND or arising out of USAND Softball Activities.
- 7) Violation of USAND substance abuse policies and procedures.

**Restricted Activity:** At no time shall may players, coaches or managers be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages or smoke on the field or in the dugout. At no time may a person knowingly possess or have under his/her control a weapon or explosive device on the playing field or in the dugout. For purposes of this subsection, a “weapon” means any firearm or any weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckle, or any knife, dagger, dirk, or other similar weapon that is capable of causing death or bodily injury and is commonly used with the intent to cause death or bodily injury, but the definition of weapon shall specifically exclude an ordinary pocket knife or any softball-related equipment.

- 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](http://www.safesport.org)
- 9) Interference with any USAND 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.**

## **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.

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**

USAND home run rules are used for each division.

<b>Men's Upper</b>		<b>Women's Upper</b>	
	3		3
<b>Men's Lower</b>		<b>Women's Lower</b>	
	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 USAND rules.

### **Run Rule**

USAND 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.

### **Protests**

In the event of a protest, the protesting manager must notify the Umpire-in-Chief of the protest before the game ends or following a protested call. A sixty (\$60.00) dollar cash non-refundable protest fee must be presented at that time for any and all protests. A Tournament Director along with the umpire will look up the rule allegedly broke. No games will be played under protest.

### **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.