



UTTC LEGENDS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT CODE/RULES GUIDE



UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament follows USA Softball of North Dakota Code/Rules Guide. However, the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Committee reserves the right to overrule and make decisions regarding the tournament rules and all other aspects of the tournament. All UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Committee decisions are FINAL. USA Softball of North Dakota Code/Rules Guide can be found at <https://www.usasoftballnd.com/code-rules>.

ROSTERS AND ELIGIBILITY

Rosters must be submitted to the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Committee by August 31st, 2023. Any roster changes need to be made prior to the start of the first scheduled game. No roster changes will be allowed after the start of the team's first game. Players can be on a Co-Ed, Legends, and Regular Division team roster. Players must not be on more than one team roster for Regular Divisions. Managers should have a copy of their team rosters for possible roster checks. Players must carry a picture ID with signature and present when requested. Players under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign the roster, no players under the age of 16 will be allowed.

PLAYER WRISTBANDS

All teams will receive 15 player wristbands. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$15.00 each. Players should physically attach the wristband to their wrist and it should be worn for the entire tournament to gain free admission. The wristbands are non-transferable and once broken, become invalid.

LIABILITY

UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament is NOT responsible for accidents, injuries, lost, stolen items, and/or damage to vehicles.

PLAYING RULES

- Only bats which bear an USA Softball approved certification mark and not on the USA Softball non-approved list will be allowed for use in USASND play. Local UIC's shall be responsible for marking approved bats with orange stickers.
- Batters will begin with 1-1 count, no courtesy foul.
- Pitching arc 6' to 10' for all divisions. EXCEPTION: Men's Legends is 6' to 12'.
- One (1) courtesy runner per inning is allowed. EXCEPTIONS: Men's Legends unlimited courtesy runners are allowed. Co-Ed is allowed one male and one female courtesy runner per inning.
- The Casual Profanity rule is in effect. Use of casual profanity will result in the NEXT batter being called out.
- The run ahead rule is 20 runs after three (3) innings, 15 runs after four (4) innings, 10 runs after five (5) innings. This includes championship games.
- Men's and Women's Upper and Lower divisions are subject to a 65-minute time limit or a minimum of 4 full innings, with the exception of Championship games. Co-Ed and Legends are subject to a 60-minute time limit or a minimum of 4 full innings, with the exception of Championship games. A forfeit counts as a win.
- Home runs do not need to be run out. All runners on base go directly to the dugout. Home run limits are four (4) runs for Upper, two (2) runs for Co-Ed, and one (1) run for Lower and Men's Masters. All teams may purchase a coupon for extra home runs at \$15.00 per run. No more than two (2) extra home runs per team per game. Coupons will be sold at the Sales Shack or from the game umpire before the first pitch. Teams must present the coupons to the game umpire prior to the start of the game.
- Protests are allowed on rule interpretation violations only. Protests will not be allowed for judgment calls. The team manager must notify the umpire immediately when protesting a rule interpretation. A one-hundred dollar (\$100.00) cash non-refundable protest fee must be presented at that time. The umpire and the UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Committee will review the rule to determine the action to be taken. Games may be played under protest.

Softball Co-Ed Rules

- The batting order for coed softball must alternate the sexes. Teams may start the game with the following numbers of players, with the noted conditions: Starting with 9 players -- If a team elects to start the game with 9 players, the 10th spot in the batting order will be an automatic out. The batting order will otherwise alternate the sexes. If a 10th player arrives after the game has started, he/she must bat 10th and may enter the game immediately. A team starting with 9 players will only be allowed to use 3 outfielders and must adhere to defensive alignment rules. Starting with 10, 12 players -- Must have an even number of players in their batting order and the batting order must alternate the sexes. Teams may start with up to 12 players in

their batting order but should one of those players become unable to continue the game due to injury, his/her spot will become an automatic out in the batting order if a sub is not available.

- Teams will use a 12" softball when a male batter is at the plate and an 11" softball when a female batter is at the plate
- Batters will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count with NO courtesy foul
- Coed defensive positioning always shall include two males and two females in the infield, two males and two females in the outfield, and one male and one female in the pitcher - catcher positions. If a team elects to play with nine, their three outfielders must include at least one male and one female. No five-man infield must play with a traditional defensive line up.
- On any walk to a male batter (intentional or not), will result in a two-base award. The next female batter behind him will bat. **Exception: With two outs, the female has the option to walk or to bat.**
- Women's home runs will be unlimited, and Men will get two (2) and buy two (2) homeruns.
- Any other rules not defined: Will follow the rules set forth by USA Softball and the 2020 rulebook.

Men's Legends Rules

- Legends 50 must turn 50 during the calendar year.
- Teams have the option to bat all players in the opening line-up. Team managers must inform umpires at the pre-game conference how many players will be in batting order.
- Unlimited courtesy runners. The same player cannot be used as a courtesy runner more than one time per inning.
- No sliding or diving by base runners. Any base runner sliding or diving will be called out.
- Runners must avoid contact with fielders.
- Base Runners may overrun second or third bases.
- All defensive plays are force-outs.
- The base runner must use the scoring line. Any base runner touching home plate or entering the right handed batter's box shall be called out.
- Wood bats must be constructed completely of wood. No composite or metal handles, no composite wood.
- Home run rule 1 per game and can buy 2 at \$15.00 each.
- Extra Innings: The USA Softball tie-breaker rule will be used for extra-inning games. The last player to bat in the previous inning will be placed on second base at the beginning of all extra innings. A courtesy runner may not be used in this instance.
- Pitching areas will be 6' to 12'.
- Hitters begin with 1 ball and 1 strike count with NO courtesy foul
- No scoring limit per inning.
- See <https://www.usasoftballnd.com/masters> for more rules.