



# UTTC LEGENDS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT CODE/RULES GUIDE



UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament follows USA Softball of North Dakota Code/Rules Guide. 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 UTTC LEGENDS Softball Tournament Committee by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Any roster changes need to be made prior to the start of first scheduled game. No roster changes will be allowed after the start of the team's first game. Players can be on a Battle of Nations, Masters Division 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. UTTC Legends Softball Committee will determine teams/players classification per their discretion.

## **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. Softball wristbands will not get you into the Powwow or any other UTTC sponsored event other than the Legends Softball Tournament.

## **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 tournament play. As bats are no longer being orange stickered. It is the responsibility of the player to use legal bat. They step into the batter box with any illegal bat they will be ejected for a minimum of that game, possibly the tournament as decided by the UTTC Committee.
- Batters will begin with 1-1 count, no courtesy foul.
- Pitching arc 6' to 10' for all divisions.
- One (1) courtesy runner per inning is allowed for a non-pitcher player. Pitcher has the option of using a courtesy runner. Courtesy runner can be the same runner for both the pitcher and the non-pitcher player in the same inning.
- 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.
- Battle of Nations games are subject to a 60-minute time limit or a minimum of 4 full innings, with the exception of Semifinals & Championship games. A forfeit count as a win.
- Legends Softball Division games are subject to a 60-minute time limit or a minimum of 4 full innings for all Saturday games. All Sunday games will not have a time limit.
- Championship games will start with a coin toss to determine home & away.
- Pickups - Men's C/D Division: Only two Class B players allowed. Men's 1/2 Division: Only two Class D players allowed. Men's 3/4 Division: Only two Rec 2 players allowed. Women's Upper: Only 2 Class D players allowed. Women's Lower: Only 2 Rec 2 players allowed.
- Home runs do not need to be ran out. All runners on base go directly to dugout. Regular Division Home run limits are six (6) homeruns for Men's A/B Division, four (4) homeruns for Upper Division, two (2) homeruns for Middle Division, and one (1) homerun for Lower Division. All teams may purchase a coupon for two extra home runs for \$50.00. This coupon will be valid for the duration of the tournament. Coupons

will be sold at the sales shack. Teams must present the coupons to the game umpire prior to the start of the game.

- Protests are allowed on rule interpretation violations, not umpire judgement. The team manager must notify the Umpire immediately when protesting a rule interpretation and the U.I.C. will come to the field and settle the rule before play continues. All other protests require a \$100 cash fee nonrefundable at the time of the protest. The U.I.C. and the UTTC Legends Tournament Committee will review the rule and determine the action to be taken. These games may be played under protest while the decision is being made.

**Battle of Nations Rules - Battle of Nations will follow all playing rules listed above, in addition to:**

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- All players on a team must be enrolled in the same reservation/tribe.
  - All players must check in and show physical proof of tribal enrollment prior to first game. I.D, hard copies, and digital copies are accepted as proof of enrollment.
  - Decendancy will be accepted. Pending approval from committee after verification with descendant's tribe.
    - Ex. If a descendant is enrolled in another tribe, they will be required to play with the tribe in which they are enrolled.
- Homeruns: Home run limits are three (3) homeruns for Men's and one (1) homerun for Women's. All teams may purchase a coupon for two extra home runs for \$50.00. This coupon will be valid for the duration of the tournament. Coupons will be sold at the sales shack. Teams must present the coupons to the game umpire prior to the start of the game.

**Battle of Nations - 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 infields must play with a tradition 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. Men's will have two (2) home runs and will have the option of purchasing a home run coupon for \$50.00. Home Run Coupon will get them two (2) additional homeruns. This coupon will be valid for the duration of the tournament. Coupons will be sold at the sales shack. Teams must present the coupons to the game umpire prior to the start of the game
- Any other rules not defined: Will follow the rules set forth by USA Softball and the 2020 rulebook.