



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2019 SOFTBALL
RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES**

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The Sports Section offers three separate softball leagues.

The City of Albuquerque, Sports Section, is sanctioned by The Ramsey Charitable Trust Inc. /USSSA and all teams must be registered with the sanctioning body in order to participate in any City sports activity. The fee is \$50.00 per year and must be mailed in or paid online at <http://www.rctipif.org>. Proof of full payment must be turned in with roster. Registration material will be available at the City Sports Office or accessed online. If you have any questions about the sanction fee call the Sports Office. Every team manager must turn in a USSSA waiver for every participant on the team.

FYI – if you change your teams name in the summer/fall from the name you had in the spring/summer, you will have to pay the sanction fee again (even if everything else is the same).

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees are non-refundable!! No refunds will be issued under **any circumstances**. If your team is unable to participate for any reason the registration fee will be considered a donation to the City of Albuquerque! **Please note that any and all requests for refunds will be denied. There are no exceptions.** Please make **one check per team for registration.** Individual refunds will not be made.

Mandatory USSSA/City League Meeting

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| (Spring) March 5, 2019 | 5:30pm | Jerry Cline Recreation & Tennis Center |
| (Summer) April 16, 2019 | 5:30pm | Jerry Cline Recreation & Tennis Center |
| (Summer) April 17, 2019 | 5:30pm | Jerry Cline Recreation & Tennis Center |

(Fall) September 10, 2019 5:30pm Jerry Cline Recreation & Tennis Center

Managers are responsible to be aware of the rules and regulations/participant code of conduct of the softball league, and insure their players and spectators are aware of the rules and regulations and the participant code of conduct.

PROGRAM PARTICULARS

Note: The COA reserves the right to add, change or take out divisions as deemed necessary. Days of play and divisions are also subject to change.

SPRING SOFTBALL

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| Registration: | January 14 – February 15 | - eight (8) game season |
| Season: | March 10 – April 5 | - double-header leagues |
| Schedule pick-up: | March 6 | - unlimited roster |
| Entry Fee: | \$396.00 | |

Double Header League

SUMMER SOFTBALL

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| Registration: | February 18 – March 22 | - sixteen (16) game season |
| Season: | April 22 – September 8 | - same night play |
| | | - Unlimited roster |
| Schedule pick-up: | April 17 | |
| Entry Fee: | \$792.00 | |

Games will be played on Fathers’ Day and the weekend before and after the 4th of July as well as the Friday before Memorial Day and Labor Day. There will be no reschedules for games those days, so plan accordingly. There will be no games on Mothers’ Day, Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day.

FALL SOFTBALL

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| Registration: | July 8– August 9 | - eight (8) game season |
| Season: | September 13– October 13 | - unlimited roster |
| Schedule pick-up: | September 10 | |
| Entry Fee: | \$396.00 | |

Double Header League

Fall softball games will not be scheduled on the 1st Friday & Sunday of October for the Whole Enchilada Tournament. There will be games scheduled on that Thursday. There will be no reschedules for games that day, so plan accordingly.

BREAKDOWN OF DIVISIONS 2019

D League

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| Fields | - | Barelas RR, Vietnam Veterans, Martineztown, Los Altos 4, Tingley |
| Count | - | 3-2 |
| Arc | - | 6 feet to 10 feet |
| Homeruns | - | Limit *5 |

*(Homeruns over the limit will count as an out.)

E League

Fields - All
Count - 3-2
Arc - 6 feet to 10 feet
Homeruns - Limit *3

*(Homeruns over the limit will count as an out.)

Homeruns for Spring and Fall Coed – D Upper 5/E Lower 3

LEAGUE INFORMATION

AWARDS

Awards will be given for first place league finishers. Once the team manager is notified that their award is in and ready for pickup, the Sports Office will keep such award for one month and if award is not picked up the award will be donated.

CHEMICAL TOILETS

The upkeep of chemical toilets is costing more. We ask for your cooperation in keeping them clean.

DIVISION

A team may register for any division within the league. We ask that you register for the correct league based on your skill level. **NO SANDBAGGING.** However, to ensure league balance the League Director may move a team up or down within the structure of the league. If moved, a team will enter the new division with a 0-0 record. Division winner will be determined by total wins, head to head, runs scored then runs allowed.

ELIGIBILITY

Each manager **must complete** a team roster form and sign the affidavit, provided by the Sports Office. The roster must include the participant's name, participant's signature, if minor Parent's/guardian signature, phone number and identification number (state issued ID). **ANY TEAM NOT RETURNING THEIR COMPLETED ROSTER AT THE DESIGNATED DEADLINE WILL NOT RECEIVE A PLAYING SCHEDULE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Player's must be 16 years old to participate.

Any player(s) age 16 or 17 must have parents/guardian sign the City of Albuquerque Waiver of Liability.

Teams using suspended participants shall forfeit the game in which such participant took part and be dropped from the league.

Women are allowed to play on a men's team. A maximum of 2 women are allowed.

ROSTER

ALL PLAYERS MUST TURN IN A SIGNED CODE OF CONDUCT AND USSSA WAIVER FORM EVERY SEASON (SPRING/SUMMER/FALL)

The manager must be an active participant on the team and be on the official team roster. They must be at the games and be listed on the lineup card. The manager must also be at the pre-game with the umpire. If a manager is unable to attend a game, then they the assistant manager will be the “manager” for that game. If for any reason, the assistant manager is unable to attend, the manager must designate another player listed on the roster to be the manager for that game. The manager for the game is responsible for the conduct of their team and spectators and to ensure that all rules are followed.

Incomplete, faxed, e-mailed, mailed, rosters will not be accepted. (Only original rosters will be accepted). All roster changes must be made at the Sports Office. The roster form and waiver of liability can be found at www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/recreation.

No telephone changes will be accepted. Only managers or assistant managers are allowed to make roster changes. Only the manager may remove their name from the roster. **NO EXCEPTION!!!**

In some cases the League Director may, at the request of a player wishing to be dropped from a roster, negotiate and drop a participant. A participant desiring a release to play with another team must arrange for the manager to drop his/her name from the roster. Roster changes will be accepted through the last scheduled game.

If roster is not complete and all paperwork turned in, a schedule will not be given out. To be complete the following must be done: (if all of the paperwork isn't turned in together, the paperwork will not be accepted)

A USSSA waiver for every participant must be turned in with original roster/addition to roster form.

A City of Albuquerque Code of Conduct is to be signed and turned in with the original roster /addition to the roster.

Roster page filled out completely - NO missing information/signatures.

A USSSA waiver and COA Code of Conduct must be filled out yearly. HOWEVER, if you play for more than one (1) team, you will need to fill out the forms for each team. Example: You play on a Coed and a men's team – you must fill out both forms for both teams.

If you play on the same coed team (same name) for spring and summer, then you do not have to fill out new waiver or code of conduct.

SCHEDULING

Special Requests: We do not guarantee any accommodations. You are welcome to put them on the registration form, but the Sports office makes no promises that any will be fulfilled in full or in part.

Schedules are set; teams unable to make scheduled games will forfeit that game. Games rescheduled due to weather, field conditions, or any other reason beyond our control will be posted on www.play.cabq.gov. It is your responsibility to check this website for any game changes, reschedules etc.

Rescheduled rainouts/cancellation of games will be played any night of the week including, Saturday and Sunday, be ready to play.

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

The “Participant Code of Conduct” (attached) of the Sports Section, will govern the league. **The Participant Code of Conduct will be in effect for any activity (City or Non-City sponsored and Tournaments) played at City facilities. All participants must sign and turn in the Participant Code of Conduct form in order to participate in the softball league.**

NOTE: MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THEIR PLAYERS AWARE OF THE “PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT/WAIVER OF LIABILITY.”

PARTICIPANT SUSPENSION/PROBATION

1. Any participant that is on suspension is not allowed to participate in any game as a coach, scorekeeper, spectator, etc., (Any sport – softball, flag football, basketball) suspension/probation is for any team, including tournaments.
2. Suspended participants are not allowed at any City Sports run complex.

RAIN OUTS/CANCELLATIONS

In an effort to better serve you, the City of Albuquerque, Sports Section has a system in place for game rain outs/cancellations. Team managers/participants will have the opportunity to call the City of Albuquerque’s, **768-GAME (4263) number** and obtain information pertaining to rain outs, game cancellations, and any other information that will affect league play. Please use this opportunity to get the status of your playing field on your night of play. Rain outs, game cancellations will not be posted until field conditions have been obtained.

We have a text messaging system as well. The Manager listed on the registration form will receive a text with pertinent information. It is your responsibility to pass on the information in the text to your players.

We also have a Facebook and Twitter page. Our Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/ABQParksRec. Our Twitter page can be found at www.twitter.com/CABQRecreation.

PRE-GAME INFORMATION

DUGOUTS

Children are not allowed in dugouts. All players/participants must stay inside the dugout during the game. Only uniform players and an official scorekeeper are allowed in dugouts during games. **Dogs are not allowed in the dugout.**

Players/participants that leave the dugout during the game may be ejected from the game.

DOGS

1. Dogs are not allowed in the dugouts at any time.
2. Dogs are not allowed on the softball fields at any time.
3. Dogs must be kept on a leash and accompanied by a Person able to control the Animal at all Times.
[9-2-2-4 –A1 – Leash Law](#)
4. Owners must clean up and properly dispose of waste left by their dog(s).

FIVE MINUTE (5) GRACE PERIOD

There will be a grace period for the weekday 6:30 game only. A grace period will be given for the 5:30 game only for Sunday coed. All subsequent game times will not have a grace period and will be forfeited. However, if you can field a team at your scheduled game time, officials will not wait for specific participants. Clock starts at scheduled game time. A forfeit will be called if a team fails to appear on the field, or being on the field, refuses to begin the game for which it had been scheduled at the time the game was assigned.

Scheduled Time of Play:

Slow-Pitch: Monday through Friday - 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 PM
Sunday Coed - 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 PM

FORFEITS

If a team fails to appear on the field with the appropriate number of players the game will be forfeited. All slow-pitch games must start with at least nine (9) participants, and finish with no less than nine (9) participants. At fields where a forfeit has occurred, teams may scrimmage after signing a waiver, releasing the City of any liability.

Teams are expected to comply with the Field Supervisor's request to clear the field. A twenty-five (\$25.00) forfeit fee must be paid before the forfeiting team's next scheduled game. Fees will be waived if the forfeiting team's manager or assistant manager calls the City Sports Office no later than 3:00PM on the day of the scheduled game.

Forfeits, which incur a \$25.00 fee, are:

1. Failure to present a new ball at pre-game. (home team should have at least three (3) game balls.)
2. Failure to have the required number of participants at game time.
3. Failure to have equipment.

Forfeits, which incur a \$50.00 fee, are:

1. Teams who have a no-show (no participants present at game time.)
2. Use of illegal/unregistered participants.

A team forfeiting two (2) consecutive games or a total of three (3) games may be dropped from the league. If a team does not pay the forfeit fee before the next scheduled game, that team will be dropped from the league.

GLASS CONTAINERS

City Ordinance prohibits the use of glass container in all City parks.

[10-1-1-4 -C](#)

JEWELRY

For safety prevention, jewelry **will not** be worn during a game. Players with jewelry will be called out at the plate.

LEAGUE BATS

For approved bats go to the USSSA web site.

The use of shaved or altered bats is strictly prohibited. Anyone suspected or caught using a shaved bat will be immediately suspended and must appear before the Sports Advisory Board.

If an Umpire or Site Supervisor suspects a bat is shaved or altered in any way, they may confiscate the bat for testing. The bat will be returned after testing is done and the results are received by the COA Sports office.

ASA BATS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

LINE UP CARDS

Teams must submit line-up cards (provided by the City) at pre-game with the umpire prior to the scheduled game time. Line-up cards must have the participant's, number and name (first and last). Any participant not there at game time will be added as a sub. Failure to comply with full name and number may result in a forfeit. The umpire may forfeit the game if there is unwarranted delay in providing a line up for batting order purposes.

The player that is present at the pre-game is the designated manager for that game. They must be listed on the lineup card and be on the roster as a player (not just as the manager). They are responsible for their team's behavior and actions during the game. Any issues with the team, players or fans, the game manager will be held accountable. If it is different than the manager listed on the roster form, both may be called in front of the Sports Advisory Board.

MUSIC/SOUND EFFECTS

The playing of music/sound effects during a game in the dugout or spectator area is not allowed.

SMOKING/ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

All participants are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages/smoking, during any game, either on or off the field area. Participants consuming alcoholic beverages/smoking during the game will be immediately ejected. Participants observed to be partaking in alcohol beverages by an official or field supervisor before a game will not be allowed to participate in the game. Alcoholic beverages/smoking in the general area of the playing field is not allowed by any participant or spectator. This includes the bleacher area and dugouts. "Smoking" or "smoke" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or

pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookah, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” or “smoke” also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking. This prohibition applies to all member of the public.

As per City Ordinance alcoholic beverages are **not** allowed at the following facilities:

Tingley, Martineztown, Vietnam Veterans (during school hours)

STANDINGS

Standings will be available at www.play.cabq.gov. Standings will not be given over the phone. Once standings are completed, two weeks will be given for any disputes, after that period standing will be final and awards will be given.

UNIFORMS

All participants on a team must properly wear uniforms that are IDENTICAL. Sleeves or straps of the uniform top may be adjusted, with or without tie-ups.

Numbers: An Arabic **whole number** (0-99). The number must be permanently affixed, legal size; at least six inches high must be worn and clearly visible on the back of all uniform shirts. Numbers on the hip, arm, or shoulder will not be accepted. Participants wearing taped, painted or magic marker numbers will be considered out of uniform. Duplicate numbers may not be worn. Illegal/not permitted numbers:

00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 - these are NOT whole numbers

- ▶ Metal cleats prohibited for all slow pitch teams.
- ▶ Ball caps, if worn they must be worn properly.
- ▶ Order your uniforms early so that you have them by the start of the season. Teams that don't have their uniforms in on time may get a one (1) game exception. You must come into the Sports Office to get the paperwork.



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT LEAGUE RULES/POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
(All rules in this document supersede the affiliate rule book.)**

Softball games will be governed by a 2019 softball affiliate unless superseded by this document and where smaller fields, walls, dimensions, or clearances exist at City facilities. Then such circumstances will supersede all. Please visit www.ussa.com for all other rules.

BALL

All teams must use a United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) ball/COR.40

Men's Classic M – Women's Classic W

Women's slow-pitch must use an 11" ball – COR.40

Men's fast-pitch - COR.47, **Max compression 375**

Coed will use both a men's and women's balls. Men will hit the 12-inch ball and the women will hit the 11-inch ball.

Teams must "shag" all homeruns and foul balls that they hit. If a team does not have a COR.40 ball to throw in as a replacement ball, play will not resume until a COR.40 is retrieved. Game clock continues to run.

Teams must supply a new ball for each game.

In coed you can use one new and one used.

ASA balls will not be allowed.

COR.44/COR.47 balls will not be allowed on City fields at any time during league play. This includes any ball(s) that come from the dugout to replace a homerun or foul ball(s).

BASE DISTANCE

All softball leagues will use the base distance:

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| Women's | 70 Feet |
| Men's | 70 Feet |
| Coed | 70 Feet |

BATTING ORDER

A team may have an unlimited batting order.

Coed batting order must alternate genders.

COURTESY RUNNER

Any participant in the batting order may replace any runner at any time when time is called. Allow one (1) courtesy runner per inning. If the courtesy runner is due up to bat he/she will be called out. The runner will be removed from the base and a second courtesy runner cannot be substituted. The courtesy runner called out does not lose his/her turn at bat. This out could end the inning. You can replace an injured courtesy runner but he/she will not be allowed to play for that game. A courtesy runner must be announced before the next legal pitch. In coed allow one courtesy runner per gender, per inning.

FENCES

Due to the maintenance problems, we request that you **DO NOT** bat balls against, or scale the chain link fences.

HOME RUN RULE

If a team hits more than their allowed number of homeruns in a game, the additional homeruns will be counted as outs.

PITCHING

Before starting the delivery pitch, the pitcher shall comply with the following:

- A. When taking the pitching position in contact with the pitcher's plate, the pitcher must have their hands separated and must have the ball in either the glove or the pitching hand.
- B. The pitcher shall not be considered in the pitching position unless the catcher is in position to receive the pitch.
- C. One foot must be on the ground within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate. The shoulder shall be in line with the first and third bases. The pitcher shall take a position with their pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and their non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate.
- D. While on the pitcher's plate, the pitcher shall take the signal or appear to take a signal with the hands separated. The ball must remain in either the glove or pitching hand.
- E. The pitcher shall bring the hands together for not less than one second and not more than 5 seconds before releasing the ball. A backward step may be taken before, simultaneous with or after the hands are brought together. The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate at all times prior to the forward step. Effect, any infraction of A-E is an illegal pitch. If the batter strikes at any unfairly delivered pitch, it shall be declared a strike with no penalty for the unfairly delivered ball. The ball remains in play if batted by the batter. All action as a result of the batted ball

stands. No option is given. When a runner passes a base, the runner is considered to have touched that base.

Legal delivery

1. The pitcher must not make any motion to pitch without immediately delivering the ball to the batter.
2. The pitcher must not use the pitching motion in which, after bringing the hands together, the pitcher removes one hand from the ball, and returns the ball to both hands.
3. The pitcher must not make a stop or reversal of the forward motion after separating the hands.
4. The pitcher must not make two revolutions of the arm on the windmill pitch. A pitcher may drop the arm to the side and to the rear before starting the windmill motion.
5. The delivery must be an underhand motion with the hand below the hip and the wrist not farther from the body than the elbow.
6. The pitch shall be delivered on the throwing arm side of the body and not behind the back or through the legs.
7. The release of the ball and the follow through of the hand and wrist must be forward and past the straight line of the body.
8. In the act of delivering the ball, the pitcher must take one step with the non-pivot foot, simultaneous with the release of the ball. The step must be forward toward the batter. It is not a step if the pitcher slides the pivot foot across the pitcher's plate toward the batter, or if the pivot foot turns or slides in order to push off the pitcher's plate, provided contact is maintained with the plate. Raising the foot off of the pitching plate and returning it to the plate creates a rocking motion and is an illegal act.
9. Pushing off with the pivot foot from a place other than the pitcher's plate is illegal.
10. Pushing off and dragging the pivot foot in contact with the ground, or if both feet are in the air, having the toes of the pivot foot in the downward direction is required.
11. The pitcher shall not make another revolution after releasing the ball. The pitcher shall not deliberately drop, roll or bounce the ball in order to prevent the batter from hitting it.
12. The pitcher has 5 seconds to release the next pitch after receiving the ball or after the umpire indicates "play ball."

The pitcher's box consisting of the area from the front of the pitcher's plate, 50 feet from home plate, and extending back six feet perpendicular to the pitcher's plate shall be used. The pitcher's box acts as an optional extension of the pitcher's plate. All pitching rules will apply. **NO JUCKING ALLOWED**

PITCHING SCREEN

1. Pitchers have the option of using the screen. If the pitcher starts with the screen he/she must finish with it.
2. A batted ball striking the pitcher's screen shall be deemed a dead ball. If the courtesy has already been used, the ball will be dead and the batter will be called out. If the batter hits the screen twice in the same at-bat, he/she will be called out.
3. **0/0 count with a NO COURTESY FOUL BALL will be in effect.**

4. The pitcher is responsible for positioning the screen; right-handed pitcher must pitch from the third base side of the screen and left-handed from the first base side. The screen is to remain uprights at all times.
5. Pitching screen must be placed in front of the pitchers plate with the brace at the outside corner tip of the plate.
6. Once the screen is set it can't be touched by any participant.
7. On defense the screen is part of the field and the ball is live. The screen may not be touched by any participant and must remain upright.
8. The pitching screen includes any and all parts; frame, tires, etc.
9. No tampering with the pitching screen.

PLAYERS

All slow-pitch games must start with at least nine (9) participants, and finish with no less than NINE (9) participants. However, an out shall be declared when the 10th position in the lineup is scheduled to bat.

Managers can add the 10th participant at the end of the lineup upon arrival. If a participant is injured he/she can be scratched out of the lineup and each player after will move up in the batting order. If a participant is ejected and there are no substitutes every time that batter appears in the lineup, he/she will be declared an out.

In coed a minimum of NINE (9) must start a game and finish with no less than NINE (9) players. In the event a team starts with nine (9) there must always be five (5) female players in the lineup. Teams starting with ten (10) players must also have 5 males and 5 females in the lineup. An out shall be declared for the ninth and/or tenth position in the lineup when that position is scheduled to bat. A ninth or tenth player may be added in the ninth and/or tenth position of the line up at any time before the end of the game. Male and female players must alternate in the batting order. Teams must have two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield and one male and one female as pitcher and catcher. Teams cannot have more males than females in the lineup. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat.

All Softball Leagues can bat an unlimited roster.

PROTEST

Two types of protest may be requested.

1. A protest based on the misinterpretation of a playing rule shall be filed by the manager/captain immediately, and before the next legal/illegal pitch is made to the batter. Should a manager/captain decide after play has resumed, or after the game is over, that he/she wished to protest, the protest will be denied. Field Supervisors will have the final decision on all protest.
2. A legal protest must include:
 - a. The date, time, and place of the game.
 - b. The decision and/or condition surrounding the cause for the protest.
 - c. All essential facts involved in the matter of the protest.
3. A protest based on the use of an illegal/unregistered participant. To do so the manager must

protest after such participant is entered into the game and prior to such participant completing his/her second time a bat. Upon proper protest the umpire will have participant produce a pictured ID (i.e.: driver's license, school ID, etc.) and game will resume. The umpire will note the protest and inform the Sports Office the following workday. If the questioned player is not on the roster, the game will be forfeited. Failure to present a pictured ID card at the field, during a protest, will result in a forfeit.

PENALTY:

1. Manager(s) may be suspended for one calendar year and must appear before the Advisory Board, if using suspended/unregistered participants. Managers using suspended/unregistered participants will automatically forfeit game at point of detection.
2. All other forfeit rules apply.

RUN RULE

Slow-Pitch Softball (Men – Women – Coed) will use the ten (10) run rule after five complete innings or any inning thereafter.

SCORE CARD

The card should be signed at the end of the game to ensure accurate reporting of scores. Neither the score, nor the standings will be changed if the score card is not signed at the end of the game.

Make sure you verify the score before you sign the card.

SCORING

On a fair fly ball hit over the fence for a home run, the batter and all base runners are credited with a score. The batter and any runner on base do not need to advance and touch the bases. They should go directly to the dugout area. This would eliminate any base running appeals.

TIME LIMIT

Slow-Pitch games shall be fifty-five (55 minutes), or seven innings whichever occurs first. The inning in progress will be completed. If the home team is ahead, the bottom part of that inning will not be played.

In case of a tie game at the end of the time limit, or at the end of seven (7) innings whichever occurs first, one extra inning will be played, if teams are tied after the extra inning, it will remain a tie game. The last completed batter must start at second base. A courtesy runner may only be inserted only after the runner on second base has advanced to third base. A courtesy runner must be announced before the next legal pitch.

If teams are still tied at the end of the extra inning, game will be declared a tie.

A game called by the umpire or field supervisor shall be regulation if five or more complete innings have been played.

There will be no infield practice in any softball game, including between innings.

- ▶ HOME TEAM WILL BE DESIGNATED ON THE SCHEDULE.
- ▶ HOME TEAM WILL OCCUPY THE THIRD BASE DUGOUT.
- ▶ HOME TEAM WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL SCORE. FAILURE TO HAVE A COMPETENT SCOREKEEPER MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME. THE VISITING TEAM HAS THE OPTION OF KEEPING SCORE AND BECOMING HOME TEAM, IF THE HOME TEAM DOESN'T HAVE A COMPETENT SCORE KEEPER.

UMPIRES

Umpires assigned will have the power to banish any manager, participant, or sponsor from the participant's bench or field for misconduct, delay of the game, or any other reason deemed necessary for the good of the game. The umpire's decision shall be final, except those regarding misinterpretation of the playing rules.

All umpires assigned will submit a written report to the Sports Office within twenty-four (24) hours after the game in which a ejection/banishment has occurred. The reports will focus on the team and participant conduct. Any participant causing a forfeit is suspended for a minimum of (2) two games. Any participant banished from the game by the umpire shall be required to leave **(OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF SOUND)** and shall not be allowed to remain in the stands or vicinity of the playing field or direct remarks toward the umpire during the remainder of the game.

Any participant who is ejected from a game will automatically be suspended from his/her team's next scheduled game. They may be suspended further if they are required to go in front of the Sports Advisory Board.

Any participant who is banished and does not leave the playing area may cause the game to be forfeited.

Any player causing their team to forfeit will at minimum will be suspended for 3 games. Player may be required to go in front of the Sports Advisory Board. If player goes in front of the Board, they are suspended until their appearance and a decision is handed down by the board.

When a participant is ejected and your team doesn't have a substitute for the ejected participant that position will be an out every time the ejected participant is up to bat.

A participant is able to participate on more than one team, as long as he/she plays on teams that are within the same division/league.

NOTE: Once a participant has established themselves on a league, he/she cannot move to a different league.

Suspension: Violation of this rule may result in a one-year suspension from league play.

SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

1. Made up of participants, managers, and officials.
2. To stay generally informed of the league and of the administration.
3. To make necessary changes.
4. To hand down disciplinary action on participants and managers misconduct as called for by the Participant Code of Conduct.
5. The Sports Advisory Board is always looking for interested individuals who would like to serve on the board.
6. The Advisory Board meets once a month during the months of February - November .
7. **If you must appear before the Advisory Board, you will be scheduled for the next available time slot. This may be up to several months from your incident, as the Board's agenda can fill up quickly depending on the number of incidents.**

APPEALS PROCEDURE for ADVISORY BOARD DECISIONS

Request for appeal must be filed in the Parks and Recreation Department, Sports within five (5) days of notification of the Advisory Board decision. The aggrieved party shall provide written justification for his/her request for an appeal of the Advisory Board decision. Aggrieved party shall also be notified that the appeal will be heard only with enough evidence/testimony not presented during the original Advisory Board Hearing the may have made a difference in the outcome.

2019 PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

The City Sports Program has adopted the following “Participant Code of Conduct” to complement the City of Albuquerque player handbook and sanctioning body rules. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced during the coming season. It is the manager’s responsibility to ensure all his/her participants and spectators know and adhere to these rules. Sports Advisory Board meets once a month February through November. If you are required to appear before the board, you will be scheduled for the next available opening. This could be several months depending on the case load. You will be suspended until you go in front of the board and a decision has been made regarding time served or continued suspension from City leagues and fields. The Sports Advisory Board has the prerogative of modifying any Participant Code of Conduct rule, and/or penalty, when deemed appropriate.

1. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an official. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play, and report such participant to the League Director.
2. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Refuse to abide by official’s decisions. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play, and report such participant to the League Director.
3. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official’s decision. Only one representative, who must be designated at pre-game, shall be allowed to have any verbal contact with the officials.
4. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics (in the play of game) against the body, or person, of an opposing participant. Officials are required to report such participant to the League Director.
5. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any participant, official, field supervisor or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play and report such participant to the League Director.
6. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any participant, official, field supervisor or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further participation and report such participant to the League Director.
7. Participants are prohibited from the use of alcoholic beverages, or smoking, in the immediate vicinity of the scheduled playing area. Participants, who in the opinion of the umpire appear intoxicated, shall be ejected from the game.
8. Any participant being placed on probation, and reported again for violation of the Code of Conduct, will be given a minimum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the probation period.
9. Any participant removed from a game must leave the recreation facility (**OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF SOUND**) immediately. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game and suspension for the participant.
10. Throwing of the bat is prohibited.
11. Participant may be held liable for damages caused by negligence.
12. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to control disruptive spectators may result in forfeiture of the game to the opposing team.
13. **No glass containers are allowed at City facilities. All beverages brought to City facilities must be in plastic containers or aluminum cans. Failure to do so will result in corrective action.**
14. The rules set forth herein govern the conduct of all Participants before, during and after the game.

By signing this code of conduct, I understand that by violating the code of conduct, rules in City of Albuquerque handbook, or sanctioning body rules, I will be prohibited from play or spectating at City fields until I go in front of the Sports Advisory Board and have been notified in writing of time served or continued suspension from City Leagues/fields.