

2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadline
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

Pre-Season Team Captain Meeting
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
5:00p – VIDEO CONFERENCE

Season Openers
COED: Monday, June 29, 2020
COMP: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

All Leagues: All players must be 18+ years of age

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Weather Clause/Rainout Hotline

We try to do our best to give everyone the most amount of notice possible. Please understand that facility decisions in regards to weather are a cooperative effort between the Aspen Parks and the Aspen Recreation staff, both parties doing their absolute best to support the other. When we call games for weather, please believe that we rarely have a choice.

JUDI Hotline: (970)544-JUDI (5834)

COED Recreational League

Registration includes:

- 1 Team Scorebook
- 2 Game Balls Provided per Game
- 1 Aspen Rec Adult Softball Rules & By-Laws Booklet

.40COR Balls Mandatory

16 Teams
12 Players/Team MAX per Game
6 Games/Team

50/50 On-Field Ratio (Gender)
(5:4/4:5 allowed)
USSSA/ASA Stamped Bats

Monday/Tuesday Nights

5:30p/7:00p

Competitive League

Registration includes:

- 1 Team Scorebook
- 2 Game Balls Provided per Game
- 1 Aspen Rec Adult Softball Rules & By-Laws Booklet

8 Teams
12 Players/Team MAX per Game
6 Games/Team

.44COR Balls Mandatory

Wednesday Nights

5:30p/7:00p

Self-provided team jerseys are recommended.

Face Coverings are a required part of your team jerseys.

Teams/Rosters & League Guidelines

A. The Agreements

1. Eligibility Clause:
 - 1.1. In all leagues, 8 roster-eligible players minimum are required to play.
 - 1.1.1. COED: 50/50 gender ratio **mandatory** for players on the field.
(5:4/4:5 allowed)
 - 1.1.2. COED: Batting order must alternate gender regardless of number/ratio of players on the roster.
 - 1.2. To be eligible to participate in the end-of-season tournament, players will need to have played in the minimum number of games for the league:
 - 1.2.1. COED: 2
 - 1.2.2. COMP: 2
2. Game Time:
 - 2.1. Games have a sixty (60) minute time limit – timed by the umpire with a hard line policy. Games can start up to 10:00 before declaring forfeit, but all games end an hour past scheduled game time.
 - 2.1.1. If the first pitch is not able to be thrown **as stated by the umpire** by 10:00 past according to the umpire's phone's time, the game will be called a forfeit in favor of the team who is prepared to play.
 - 2.1.1.1. If neither team manages to field a team by the 10:00 mark, the game will be marked as a loss **for both teams**.
3. NO METAL CLEATS OR DETACHABLE CLEATS ARE ALLOWED. MOLDED RUBBER ONLY.
4. Tolerance Rule:
 - 4.1. We allow "cross-talk" between teams.
 - 4.2. Any use of profanity exclaimed aloud or otherwise directed towards any other person, place, or thing will warrant an ejection at the umpire's discretion.
 - 4.3. Any use of language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, umpires, spectators, or staff will warrant an ejection at the umpire's discretion.
 - 4.3.1. NOTE: Immature, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior, regardless of use of profanity, can be considered and treated as above and below.
 - 4.4. Any disrespect, profanity, inciteful or otherwise at-all violent or discernably disrespectful language directed towards any Aspen Recreation staff warrants an immediate ejection, subject to additional suspension or expulsion at the commissioner's discretion.

B. Rosters & Substitutions

5. Team Captains must submit their full roster to the Commissioner by Friday June 26, 2020.
 - 5.1. Players may be added to the roster after the season begins with approval from the Commissioner.
 - 5.2. No additional players may be added after the second-to-last game of the season (week of July 27, 2020).
6. No player will be allowed to play unless he/she is on the team roster confirmed by the commissioner.
 - 6.1. Teams may add players prior to the first 5 regular season games with approval from the commissioner.
 - 6.2. Any team caught playing with illegal team members will result in a forfeit.
 - 6.3. The illegal player must have been identified either by the opposing team or the field supervisor/commissioner prior to the end of the game. What's done is done and we try to avoid retroactive forfeits.
7. No team may add players to their roster for the tournament.
8. Teams may only have 12 players on-site per game.
 - 8.1. Team Captains are expected to manage their rosters to ensure no more than 12 players show up for any single game.
9. No player can play on more than one team in the same league.
10. Players are allowed to play in both leagues.
11. All players must be over 18 years of age.
12. Each player is expected to have a photo I.D. with them at all games.
13. Any player wanting to change teams in the same league may do so only once
 - 13.1. All transfers must be done prior to the third game, and with the commissioners prior approval.
14. All substitutions must be reported to the home plate umpire.
 - 14.1. Failure to do so will result in an out.
15. If an injured or sick player must leave the game, and no substitute is available, an out will occur each time that player comes to bat.
16. Once that player has left the game, he will not be allowed to re-enter.

[IN-GAME]

17. Refs will have master rosters for each team available at the fields.
 - 17.1. Eligibility decisions must originate with an opponent-protest (it is not the umpire's responsibility to track roster eligibility).
18. HOME TEAM DUGOUT is along the FIRST BASE LINE
19. AWAY TEAM DUGOUT is along the THIRD BASE LINE

Teams/Rosters & League Guidelines

C. Pre-Season Captains/Managers Meeting

20. Team Captains are expected to attend (or provide a proxy for) the Mandatory Pre-Season Captains/Managers Meeting
 - 20.1. SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020
 - 20.1.1. 5:00pm – ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
21. Team Captains collect Team Equipment at their first game:
 - 21.1. 1 Team Scorebook
 - 21.2. Season Guide (Schedule & Rules)
22. Team Captains/Managers of returning Championship teams from the previous season are responsible for returning their League Trophy to the Commissioner before their FINAL SEASON GAME.

D. OFFICIAL Equipment Rules & Standards

23. THE OFFICIAL BALL RULES
 - 23.1. Size & Weight: The completed 12" ball shall have a circumference of 12" +/- 1/8" and weigh 6.4 ounces +/- 0.2 oz. The seam shall have not less than 88 stitches in each cover, or 88 simulated stitches in molded cover balls.
 - 23.2. Shall have an optic yellow cover
 - 23.3. Shall have one of either "USSSA CLASSIC M"/"USSSA STADIUM M"/"USSSA Classic Plus" in 1/8" letters and the USSSA logo with a 1-1/8" diameter.
 - 23.4. **Shall have a COR of .40 (COED) or .44 (COMP) under the ASTM test used under the USSSA Softball Ball License Agreement**
 - 23.5. Altered balls and the potential of a ball being altered and those suspected of altering, owning or using an altered ball (or determined to have altered, owned, or used an Altered Ball) shall be viewed as falling under the same rules in place for Altered Bats (detailed below).
24. THE OFFICIAL BAT RULES
 - 24.1. Bats require an official USSSA or ASA stamp to be deemed eligible.
 - 24.2. All key graphics, including USSSA and BPF markings, must be permanent and cannot be applied as decals or by any other method that would allow the key graphics to be easily removed or added to the bat.
 - 24.3. THE BAT may be made of hard wood of one piece or laminated from sections of hard wood bonded together with adhesive in such a way that the grain directions of all the pieces are essentially parallel to the length of the bat.
 - 24.4. THE BAT may also be made of aluminum or other metals, fiberglass, graphite or composite materials.
 - 24.5. USSSA Softball Bat New Mark Rules:
 - 24.5.1. Have the new permanent USSSA or ASA Mark on its taper (USSSA/ASA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA/ASA licensed manufacturer. No stickers or decals are allowed and no one may add graphics to a bat once manufactured) OR

- 24.5.2. Be a Wood Bat (must be 2 ¼" or less in diameter and unlike other USSSA approved softball bats do not require the words "Official Softball" to be legal in League Play).



- 24.5.3. USSSA Mark
- 24.6. 2019 Licensed Softball Bat Manufacturers (March 12, 2019)
- 24.6.1. Anderson Bats, Baden & Axe Bat, Boombah, Combat, Dirty South Bats, Dudley, Easton, Louisville Slugger, Marucci, Miken/Worth, Mizuno, Pure Sports Tech, Rawlings, Wilson/DeMarini
- 24.7. Ownership and Knowledge of Altered/Illegal Bat: The responsibility of knowing whether a bat is altered or illegal is that of the users and the owner of the bat. An individual must know that his bat is not an altered bat, if he/she brings it into an Aspen Recreation facility or used it in an Aspen Recreation Adult Softball event. If not, the individual can be suspended from Aspen Recreation Adult Activities for using or owning an altered/illegal bat.
- 24.8. Any in-game participant may at any time ask to have the League Commissioner inspect a bat that has been brought into the location of the League Event/Facility by either party.
- 24.9. Altered/Illegal Bat Inspection Protocol: The Aspen Recreation League Commissioner may at any time ask to inspect a bat that has been brought into the location of a League Event/Facility. The owner and/or user may either:
- 24.9.1. Withhold the bat from inspection and accept an immediate one-year (automatic lifetime for second-time withholders) suspension from Aspen Recreation Adult Softball events with no right to appeal; or,
- 24.9.2. Allow the Commissioner to inspect the bat and reach a conclusion as to whether or not the bat might be altered.
- 24.10. Altered/Illegal Bat Determination: If, after making the inspection of a potentially altered/illegal bat, the Commissioner in his discretion decides that the bat might be altered/illegal;
- 24.10.1. The Aspen Recreation Adult League Commissioner may suspend a first time offender for up to three (3) years from Aspen Recreation Adult League play. For a second time offender, any such suspension will be for life.
- 24.11. Investigation Cooperation: Any coach, manager, player or other person who fails to cooperate in the investigation by Aspen Recreation Staff of a potential or actual altered bat shall be subject to an unsportsmanlike conduct suspension. A manager or captain of a team that has more than one of his team's bats determined to be altered (or not allowed to be inspected upon request for an altered/illegal bat inspection by the League Commissioner shall be subject to an unsportsmanlike conduct suspension.
- 24.12. All further protocol and criteria regarding legal/illegal bats are detailed in the 2019 USSSA Slowpitch Softball Rules & Bylaws (kept by USSSA and published and made available by means including, but not limited to, the USSSA website).
25. THE OFFICIAL PITCHER'S FACEMASK RULE

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- 25.1. Aspen Recreation will provide protective facemasks at every field. Pitcher's have the option to void their right of usage of the provided facemask, with the understanding that they subject themselves to an increased risk of injury without equipping the provided hardware.
 - 26. THE OFFICIAL CLEAT RULES
 - 26.1. Only rubber molded cleats are allowed. No steel or detachable cleats are allowed.
 - 26.1.1. Anyone caught wearing steel or detachable cleats will be ejected from the game.
 - 26.1.2. If no substitute is available, an out will occur each time that player comes to bat.
 - 27. FORFEITS
 - 27.1. All declared forfeits will be recorded as a 0-20 LOSS for the forfeiting team.
 - 27.2. If a team forfeits three games within a season, they will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.
 - 27.3. Games may be forfeited by umpire if a team persists in using tactics that delay the progress of the game.
 - 28. THE RESCHEDULE QUEUE
 - 28.1. The Reschedule Queue will be the list of games requiring a reschedule in order of necessity.
 - 28.1.1. Games rescheduled for weather take immediate priority over games rescheduled due to a team's cancellation or a requested reschedule.
 - 28.2. DUE TO THE 2020 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND SHORTENED SEASON, WE WILL NOT BE OFFERING ANY MAKE UP GAMES FOR THE 2020 SEASONS.

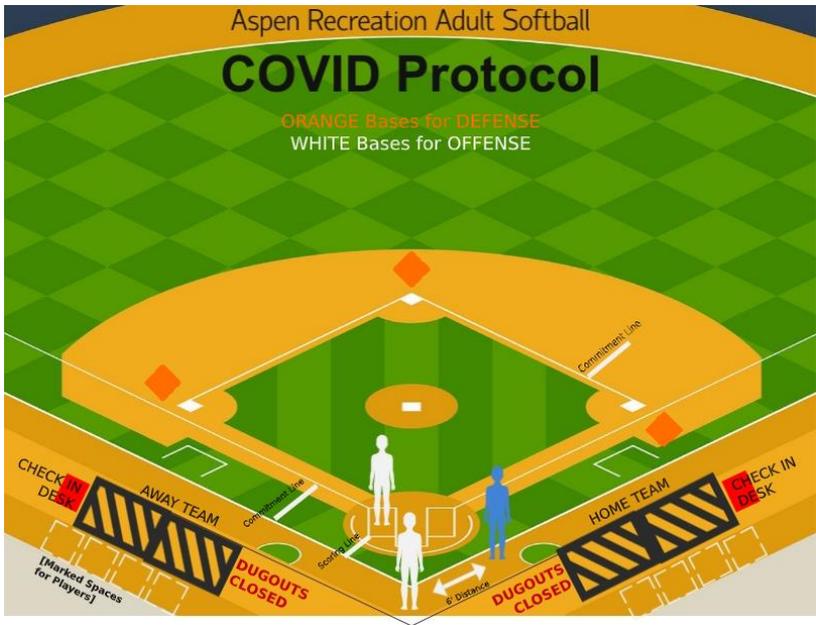
E. Aspen Recreation GAMEPLAY

29. Lineups in the provided Score Books must be ready before scheduled game time. First and Last names MUST appear on the scorecard.
- 29.1. Lineups may be verified by field umpire before the game begins.
30. A REGULATION GAME consists of 7 innings, or 60 minutes from the scheduled start time (whichever occurs first). No new innings will begin after 55 minutes from the scheduled start time.
- 30.1. Games (Regular Season & Playoffs) will be considered complete and no new inning will start:
- 30.1.1. In case of inclement weather, in which a game will be declared official as it stands as we are unable to offer make-up games this season.
- 30.1.2. If a situation (other than weather) causes a game to stop, the game is called as it stands unless there is a forfeit.
- 30.2. TIE BREAKERS:
- 30.2.1. COED Regular Season: Games may end in a tie. Games are called at 7 innings/60 minutes from scheduled start time.
- 30.2.2. COED Playoffs/MREC/MCOMP: NO TIE BREAKERS
- 30.2.2.1. Starting with the top of the 8th inning/after 60 minutes has expires, games move to Extra Innings
- 30.2.2.1.1. Each ½ inning thereafter, the batting team will begin it's at-bat with the player who made the last out in the previous inning placed at second base with one out recorded.
- 30.2.2.1.2. The batter will begin with three (3) balls and two (2) strikes count.
- 30.2.2.1.3. The batter will be allowed to hit one foul ball.
31. Mercy Rule "20-Run Rule":
- 31.1. If at the completion of 4 ½ or 5 innings, one team is ahead by 20 or more runs, the game will be declared won, and the teams have the option of using the rest of their hour for a friendly.
32. "Cross-League" Play
- 32.1.1. Players can play in both leagues for Summer 2020.
33. Designated Runner
- 33.1. The last player out must be the designated runner.
- 33.2. COMP:
- 33.2.1. All players must run the bases unless you are over 70 years old or,
- 33.2.2. If the Commissioner has already approved your appeal for a designated runner due to preexisting injuries, injury recovery, etc.
- 33.2.3. If you are approved for a Designated Runner, they will follow the rules outlined in 33.3.1.
- 33.3. COED:
- 33.3.1. For Pitchers/Catchers ONLY: The designated runner for the pitcher or catcher will start at the spot directly behind home plate where the sand meets the grass line, with their back foot touching the grass-line.

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- 33.3.2. Designated runners for all other field positions will still start on first base and batters must make it to first.
- 33.3.2.1. If a pitcher or catcher requests a designated runner from home plate, they may not have had played any other position for the entirety of that game and they not play any other position for the remainder of the game.
- 33.3.2.2. Exceptions for this rule can be appealed to the commissioner and will be considered at his discretion on a case-by-case basis.
- 33.3.2.3. Approved appeals in the Men's Competitive league will follow the same rules as detailed above for pitchers and catchers in COED.
- 33.4. Designated runner must not interfere with batter catcher and/or umpire, failure to comply will result in an automatic out determined by umpire.
- 33.5. The designated runner may not run until the batter strikes the ball with the bat.
34. Batting
- 34.1. Batters will start with a one and one count.
- 34.2. Batters must begin and end their at bat with their feet both in contact with the ground and within lines of the batters box (batters may NOT "rush" a short pitch, or chase a pitch thrown out of reach of the batters box).
- 34.2.1. Any at-bat attempt that clearly crosses the frontmost lines of the batters box will be declared an **automatic OUT at the umpires discretion.**
- 34.3. A batter with two (2) strikes is allowed one (1) courtesy foul ball. On the 2nd foul after the batter has two (2) strikes the batter will be called out.
- 34.4. Any roster-eligible player may be added to the batting order at any time during the game. Coach/Manager must inform the scorekeeper of the addition.
- 34.5. Batting out of order is an appeal play, by the defense.
- 34.5.1. If an incorrect batter is discovered before he completes a turn, and appealed, he/she is out.
- 34.5.2. If not discovered until a pitch is made to the next batter, the batter is then legal. The batter is out if:
- 34.5.2.1. He/she bats illegally and is discovered.
- 34.5.2.2. He/she hits the ball with an illegal or altered bat.
- 34.5.2.3. He/she hits two foul balls on what would be the third strike.
35. Strike Mat
- 35.1. A "strike mat" will be used to determine sure strikes, if the softball touches any part of the mat OR home plate on a legal pitch (6'-10' arc), it will be considered a strike.
36. Pitching
- 36.1. At the beginning of the game and before every offensive possession, a pitcher is allowed three (3) warm up pitches to the catcher or another teammate.
- 36.1.1. A pitcher may not request an umpire to "rebound" his practice pitches.
- 36.2. Legal Position of the Pitcher's Feet:
- 36.2.1. Preliminary to the pitch, the pitcher shall take a position with his/her pivot foot firmly on the ground and in contact with the pitching plate. The pivot foot must be in contact with the pitchers plate when the ball is released.
- 36.3. Pitchers legal motions allowed in actual delivery of the pitch.

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- 36.4. After assuming the pitch position, the pitcher must present the ball IN FRONT OF HIS/HER BODY (for at least one second) in either one or both hands, before starting the delivery motions.
 - 36.5. The pitcher may hold or grip the ball in any manner before delivery.
 - 36.6. Only a definite underhand motion is permitted in the delivery of the pitch.
 - 36.7. The pitcher may release the pitched ball in any manner, when delivering the pitch. This includes any and all types of delivery.
 - 36.8. After the pitcher presents the ball he/she may make any wind-up or arm motion desired, either in front of his/her body, above his/her head or behind his/her back including stops and pauses in these motions.
 - 36.9. Once the pitcher begins his/her delivery motion, the umpire shall not give a call or signal for 'time' unless an unusual happening occurs.
 - 36.10. The pitched ball must be released within five seconds from the time the pitcher has the ball and the batter has taken his position in the batters box.
 - 36.11. The pitcher must face home plate on the delivery of the pitch.
 - 36.12. Type of pitch permitted:
 - 36.12.1. COED: In Coed the pitched ball must arc SIX (6) feet minimum to TEN (10) feet maximum from the ground – *as judged by the umpire.*
 - 36.12.2. COMP: In Competitive, the pitched ball must arc SIX (6) feet minimum to TEN (10) feet maximum from the ground – *as judged by the umpire.* (Judging pitch height is not an exact science. Any harassment toward officials will not be tolerated.)
 - 36.12.3. A strike is a pitch that is judged legal by the umpire and hits any part of the plate or mat.
 - 36.12.3.1. NOTE: An illegal pitch will be called when the arc is below SIX feet or higher than TEN feet (automatic ball).
 37. Fake Tags
 - 37.1. Players giving fake tags will first be warned, then ejected.
 38. Music/Broadcasted Sound
 - 38.1. Given that our parks are public space, we must regulate any music played at any volume that can be heard by any visitors on-site.
 - 38.2. EXPLICIT/PROFANE MUSIC IS DISALLOWED – if any Aspen Recreation Staff notices explicit or profane content played aloud, teams will be asked to turn down the music and issued a warning.
 - 38.3. ON A SECOND OFFENSE IN A GAME, the offending team will be subject to a forfeit as declared by an umpire or other Aspen Recreation Staff.

F. COVID-19 Rules Modifications, Field Layout, Field Rules



39. 2020 COVID-19 Rules Modifications

- 39.1. Our infields will feature separate “Offensive” and “Defensive” sets of Second and Third bases.
 - 39.1.1. The 60’ measured bases are white and are for the offensive team.
 - 39.1.2. The 66’ measured bases are orange and are for the defensive team.
- 39.2. Our Infields’ FIRST Bases feature a “social distanced” double-base.
- 39.3. The batter runs to the orange base at first base when trying to reach on an infield hit. If they reach this base safely, they will transition to the white base and continue running to the white bases from here on.
- 39.4. White bases will be used by the runner on any extra base hits after first.
- 39.5. If a runner crosses the commitment line after rounding first base, they must continue to second base and risk being forced out.
- 39.6. If a baserunner occupies first base, the first base defensive player must play 6’ in front or behind.
- 39.7. All outs are force outs. This minimizes the risk of gameplay violating social distancing.
- 39.8. Runners may tag-up on fly balls, but all outs are force outs.
- 39.9. Any player caught in a rundown (“pickle”) is automatically out.
- 39.10. Plays at home feature the same commitment/scoring line as seasons past, with the runner running through the scoring line while the defensive players attempt to make the play on the plate.

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- 39.11. Players are not allowed to slide head-first, they must slide feet-first.
 - 39.12. Catchers must position themselves six feet away from the umpire.
 - 39.13. No sunflower seeds or chewing tobacco - NO SPITTING.
 - 39.14. No handshakes/high-fives, and no post-game high-fives.
 - 39.15. Players not able to follow revised rules will be ordered to leave.

40. Standard Field Rules:

- 40.1. Sunflower seeds and chewing tobacco are disallowed on all fields. Use of these products will result in a warning by the umpire, and immediate ejection for repeated, same-game offenses.
- 40.2. ALL FIELDS:
 - 40.2.1. THREE (3) maximum out of the park home runs are permitted on any field for COED and COMP games.
 - 40.2.2. ONE-UP Rule: The "One-Up" rule is implemented in all COED Games once either team reaches 3 out of the park home runs.
 - 40.2.2.1. After 3 out of the park home runs, teams are only allowed to hit up to one more out of the park home run than the opposing team, but can continue up to any total number of out of the park home runs as long as one team never has more than one more out of the park home run than their opponent.
 - 40.2.2.1.1. NOTE: Aspen Recreation is NOT subject or liable to provide additional softballs outside of the 2 provided balls per game. Understand that if you run out of balls, the game will be called.
 - 40.2.2.1.2. NOTE: Aspen Recreation staff is NOT responsible for retrieving any out of the park home runs. Participants may not request umpires or any other Aspen Recreation staff to retrieve balls hit out of the park.
 - 40.2.2.1.3. Team are expected to have as many LEAGUE-APPROPRIATE balls as is required to complete a game.
 - 40.2.2.1.3.1. IF BOTH TEAMS RUN OUT OF SOFTBALLS, the game is called as final at whatever time and score has been reached if a replacement ball cannot be provided within FIVE (5) minutes.
 - 40.2.3. RESPECT THE BATTERS BOX:
 - 40.2.3.1. No player is permitted to "deliberately remove/wipe clean" the batters box lines.
 - 40.2.3.2. Any player caught doing this by an umpire is immediately called out.
 - 40.2.3.2.1. NOTE: We take time adding these little details to the fields and to your experience – please respect that effort.
 - 40.2.3.2.2. NOTE: See Rule 33.2 for additional rules pertaining to the Batter's Box.
- 41. Commitment/Scoring Line
 - 41.1. NO CONTACT is permitted between the runner and the fielder between the commitment line and the scoring line – all plays must be made at the plate.
 - 41.2. Once a player crosses the Commitment Line between 3rd Base & Home Plate they must continue through to Home.

- 41.3. The act of crossing the Safety Line will now replace touching Home Plate, whereas **any player running Home that touches Home Plate will be considered out.**
- 41.3.1. All plays at Home Plate will be forced plays (i.e. once a player crosses the Commitment Line they can be forced out at if the player with the ball tags home plate).
- 41.4. The Safety Line shall be marked between the back corner of the batters box and the grass line on the third base side of the diamond, perpendicular to the third base line (parallel to the first base line).
On a play at home plate, a runner will be called out if he or she touches or crosses the Safety Line after the catcher has the ball and is in contact with the plate (i.e. a force play). Otherwise, the runner will be safe.
- 41.5. A runner will be considered to have crossed the Safety Line once they touch the ground on or beyond the line, anywhere along the line between the corner of the batter's box and the fence. **The catcher/fielder may not tag the runners with the ball, they must contact Home Plate.**
- 41.6. **If the runner touches home plate, runs over the plate or on the inside of the back corner of the batter's box where the line begins, or makes intentional contact with the catcher, the runner will be called out.**
- 41.6.1. EXCEPTION: The runner will not be out for any of these reasons if the catcher, or any member of the fielding team, is blocking the scoring/Safety Line so that the runner cannot be reasonably expected to cross it properly.
- 41.6.1.1. NOTE: The runner is permitted to slide across the line.
- 41.7. Once a runner has touched or crossed the "Commitment Line", he or she has committed to trying to score and may not return to third base. A force play will now be in effect at home plate and the conditions of the previous rule will apply. In the event that the runner returns to third base and does not try to score after having "committed", the runner will be called out once the play is over, IF APPEALED TO THE UMPIRE.
- 41.7.1. EXCEPTION: A runner who "committed", passed the commitment line, may return to third base after a caught fly ball OR to touch a base previously missed.

G. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

42. Sportsmanship and it's enforcement will be a point of emphasis for the 2020 Season.
- 42.1. Any UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT results in an immediate suspension affecting participation in any-and-all leagues (in any-and-all Adult Sport Programs run by Aspen Recreation) at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- 42.1.1. Only suspensions over a year may be appealed, and an appeal will need to be initiated by the offender to the commissioner during the off-season to schedule a mandatory meeting.
- 42.1.2. The commissioner reserves the right to grant or deny eligibility based on the outcome of that meeting.
- 42.1.3. The commissioner reserves the right to request a contracted commitment to agreed-upon terms regarding the offender's future behavior in Aspen Recreation Programming, and deny any reinstatement of eligibility if a contracted agreement is not reached.

At-A-Glance

Aspen Recreation COVID-19 Rules Modifications Adult Softball Rules Updates 2019

- 2020 COVID-19 Rules Modifications
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 - The 66’ measured bases are orange and are for the defensive team.
 - Our Infields’ FIRST Bases feature a “social distanced” double-base.
 - The batter runs to the orange base at first base when trying to reach on an infield hit. If they reach this base safely, they will transition to the white base and continue running to the white bases from here on.
 - White bases will be used by the runner on any extra base hits after first.
 - If a runner crosses the commitment line after rounding first base, they must continue to second base and risk being forced out.
 - If a baserunner occupies first base, the first base defensive player must play 6’ in front or behind.
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 - Players are not allowed to slide head-first, they must slide feet-first.
 - Catchers must position themselves six feet away from the umpire.
 - No sunflower seeds or chewing tobacco - NO SPITTING.
 - No handshakes/high-fives, and no post-game high-fives.
 - Players not able to follow revised rules will be ordered to leave.
- A REGULATION GAME consists of 7 innings, or 60 minutes from the scheduled start time (whichever occurs first). No new innings will begin after 55 minutes from the scheduled start time.

ALL FIELDS:

- THREE (3) maximum out of the park home runs are permitted on any field for COED and COMP games.
- ONE-UP Rule: The “One-Up” rule is implemented in all COED Games once either team reaches 3 out of the park home runs.

- “Cross-League” Play
 - Players can play in both leagues for Summer 2020.
- Designated Runner
 - The last player out must be the designated runner.
 - COMP:
 - All players must run the bases unless you are over 70 years old or,
 - If the Commissioner has already approved your appeal for a designated runner due to preexisting injuries, injury recovery, etc.
 - If you are approved for a Designated Runner, they will follow the rules outlined in 33.3.1.

DUE TO THE 2020 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND SHORTENED SEASON, WE WILL NOT BE OFFERING ANY MAKE UP GAMES FOR THE 2020 SEASONS.

There are other new rules not listed on this page. Any rule highlighted in yellow has been updated since 2019

1 Offensive/Defensive Bases

- The batter runs to the ORANGE first base to reach on an infield hit.
- If they reach the base safely, they will transition to the white base and continue running to the white bases from there on.
- White bases will be used by the runner on any extra base hits after first.

WHITE =

RUNNER

ORANGE =

FIELDER



2 Commitment Lines

- If a runner crosses the commitment line after rounding first base, they must continue to second base and risk being forced out.
- At Home Plate, runners run through the Scoring Line! If they cross the commitment line to Home, they must continue through the Scoring Line
- Runners who step on Home Plate will be called OUT!
- Defensive Players make their play on the Home Plate.

3 All outs are Force Outs

- This minimizes the risk of game-play violating social distancing mandates.
- Any player caught in a rundown ("pickle") is automatically OUT!
- Runners may tag-up on fly balls, but outs are still force-outs.
- NO HEAD-FIRST SLIDING! Feet-first only.



No High-Fives, No Dugouts, No Tags 4



- No handshakes or high-fives, and no post-game high-fives.
- Dugouts are OFF-LIMITS for the season and will be gated off.
- There is NO TAGGING allowed.

Sanitation Stations

- All dugouts will have Hand Sanitizer
- Softballs are sanitized between each inning, and more as needed.
- Teams are responsible for sanitizing their bats.
- High-Touch areas will be cleaned before and after games, and more as needed.

Wear Your Face Masks

Face Masks are a MANDATORY part of your Jersey
Masks must be worn when entering the facilities, and whenever you are on-site and not actively in-play.

