



Fall 2025 Softball Rulebook

Registration Period: Monday, July 21st, 2025 – Monday, August 25th, 2025

Online Registration: <https://parksonline.newbraunfels.gov>

Phone Registration: Landa Recreation Center – (830) 221-4373

Rainout Hotline: 830-221-4376 (Updated Daily at 4:00 pm)

Format: 8-game season + single-elimination tournament for top 4 teams

Leagues: Monday Co-Ed Recreational,
Tuesday Men's Recreational,
Wednesday Men's Competitive

Registration Fee: \$225/team + Pay at Plate (\$25/game)

League Website: www.teamsideline.com/newbraunfels

League Start Date: Week of September 8th, 2025

Contact Us: 830-221-4373 or manchante@newbraunfels.gov

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **League Operations** - The New Braunfels Parks & Recreation Softball Program reserves the right to alter any rule, regulation, policy, schedule, or league itself, at any time, as deemed necessary.
- B. **Location** – All games will be played at Camp Comal Sports Complex located at 1901 Kuehler Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Games will be played on either Red Field or Blue Field.
- C. **Photo Release** - The Parks and Recreation Department routinely takes photos and video of participants and visitors in our programs and facilities for promotional purposes. Please be aware that by participating or utilizing our facility, you are granting the City of New Braunfels and its agents the right to use and publish your image or your minor children's image, and that no monetary remuneration will be given.
- D. **Music** – Inappropriate or overly loud music is not allowed. The staff member on site will ask you to turn off the music if it is being played too loud or contains foul language.
- E. **Tobacco Products** – Use of tobacco products is prohibited on or within 50 feet of any city-owned youth athletic field. Softball umpires or staff will have the right to eject a player or players that are found to be in violation of this policy.
- F. **Trash/Aluminum Cans** – All trash must be picked up and thrown away by the end of the night. If a league representative sees any player/team littering or throwing trash/cans on the ground, the player/team will immediately be subjected to forfeiture and/or suspensions.
- G. **Pets** - Pets must always remain on a leash and pet owners are responsible for removing and disposing of pet excrement immediately. Pets are not allowed on the fields at any time.
- H. **Jewelry** - The City of New Braunfels strongly recommends the removal of all jewelry before playing any athletic activity. A player may be asked to remove any jewelry deemed to be a safety issue. Failure to remove any jewelry once requested by the umpire may result in a player ejection. The City will not be liable for injuries incurred due to jewelry.
- I. **Uniforms** - Each player is required to have a uniform number for the purposes of identification. Each player's number should be indicated on the lineup card (see Lineup Cards section) submitted to the home plate umpire before the start of every

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game. Players without a number may not be eligible to play at the discretion of the on-site supervisor and/or umpire. **If a player is found to be participating without a number and is unable to be identified in the event of a code of conduct violation (see Code of Conduct section) further disciplinary actions may be imposed on the team as a whole.** It is imperative that each person participating is identifiable through the use of uniform numbers and corresponding lineup cards for each game.

Numbers can be written on uniform in permanent ink. No taped or stapled on numbers are allowed. It is not required but each team is encouraged to come prepared at game time with matching uniforms. Uniforms must be tasteful in nature, and absent of sexually or morally explicit words, phrases, or pictures. Athletic shoes are required.

- J. **Lineup Cards** - Lineup cards will be made available from the field facilitator and must be filled out and submitted to the home plate umpire before the start of the game. All lineup cards must be filled out completely listing each player's name and number in the order in which they will bat. Eligible roster members may be added to the available substitute list at any time during the game. If a player is accidentally or deliberately skipped in the lineup it will be considered an out. If a player is not present at the time of his/her at bat, it is considered an automatic out.
- K. **Format** - Each league will play an 8-game season with a single elimination tournament (weather permitting) .
- L. **Recreation/Competitive League Assignment** – Teams will be placed into Rec/Comp divisions based on the team skill level self-assessment provided at the time of registration and their past performances in previous seasons. The top two teams at the end of the regular season in the Recreation League will be eligible to be placed in the Competitive League. The bottom two teams from the Competitive League will be eligible to be placed in the Recreation League. Other statistics like tournament record, runs scored & runs allowed will also be used to help determine the best division for each team.
- M. **Awards** – Awards will be allotted for both the regular season and playoff tournament winners. Regular season winners will receive a 20% discount on a future league registration. Playoff tournament winners will receive t-shirts. Any rec division team that refuses to move up to the competitive division after winning one or both league awards the season prior, will be subject to forfeiture of league awards for that season, at the discretion of the Athletics Supervisor.
- N. **League Tie Breakers** – In the event that standings finish with more than 1 team tied

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for the top record, the following tie breaker configurations will come into effect:

1. Head-to-Head Record (Excluded in 3 or more team tiebreaker)
2. Total Run Differential
3. Total Runs Against
4. Total Runs For
5. Lowest number of Forfeits
6. Coin Toss

- O. **League Info** – All pertinent league information, including but not limited to the schedule, standings, and scores will be located at www.teamsideline.com/newbraunfels. This website will be updated regularly.

TEAM ROSTER & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. **Rosters** – All players must print and sign on the team roster prior to playing in any game. Failure to turn in a roster will result in forfeiture of the game. If a roster is turned in illegible or incomplete you will be asked to fix or complete a new roster. (Grace Period will be given during the first week).
- B. **Roster Liability and Release Section** – By signing and submitting your roster, each member of the team who signed the roster is certifying that they have read and understand the rules, policies, and the Waiver and Release of Liability and by their signature, signify their agreement with the terms of the player contract and Waiver and Release of Liability. If it is brought to the attention of league staff that an individual is participating in a game and is not listed on the team roster and has not signed the Waiver and Release of Liability, that team will be forced to forfeit immediately. Each individual on the team is responsible for ensuring they have signed the Roster/Waiver and Liability of Release Form before participating.
- C. **Roster Submission**
- a. **On-Site** - The team roster may be turned in to the on-site field supervisor at the time of the team's first game.
 - b. **Online** - Teams may submit their team roster online via the league website (www.teamsideline.com/newbraunfels). Each team will have an online roster created for them under the manager/person's name that registered the team. Each team member, including the manager, will be required to add themselves to the online team roster by accepting a roster invitation via email sent by the team manager or person who registered the team. Each team member MUST electronically sign off on the waiver portion of the roster submission to be considered eligible for league play. For detailed instructions on the online roster submission process, you may visit <http://vzaar.tv/3438160> for a short how-to video. You may also refer to the step-by-step instructions provided in the "Downloads" tab of www.teamsideline.com/newbraunfels, or call an athletics staff member for assistance at 830.221.4373.
 - c. **Email** – Submit via email to the Athletics Supervisor (manchante@newbraunfels.gov).
- D. **Roster Additions** - Teams may add players to their roster at any time during the season up

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until the team's last regular season game. Teams may do so by adding players to the original roster form or submitting on a new roster form.

- E. **Age Restriction** - All players in the New Braunfels Adult Softball League must be at least 18 years of age.
- F. **Roster Restrictions** - No player may be on two rosters in the same league, on the same night. Violators will be subject to suspension and/or forfeiture of any game(s) participated in.
- G. **Photo I.D.** - All players must have a picture I.D. with them on site. A player will be considered INELIGIBLE if they cannot present a picture I.D. upon request. See Ineligible Player policy below.
- H. **Ineligible Player** - Any player deemed ineligible that has already participated in the game, will result in a team forfeit. Any player deemed ineligible that had not yet participated in the game, will not be allowed to participate but the team can still participate with any remaining legal players. If a team falls under the minimum number of players needed to participate due to ineligibility, the game will be considered a forfeit.
- I. **"Short Handed" Rule** - Teams in all leagues may start the game with eight players. However, a team which starts a game with only eight players, does not have to end the game with eight if the ninth and/or tenth shows up and they are listed on the lineup card. The ninth and tenth player may enter the game after the game has begun. However, if a player that is listed on the lineup card is up to bat and is absent, it will be considered an out. If the 9th and 10th players are listed on the lineup card and are both absent, only one player will be considered an out and the 10th player will be skipped.
- J. **Player Substitutions** - A player may sub in and out of a game when it is permitted as long as the umpire is notified. Subs must hit from the same spot in the line-up each time they are subbed in and must be listed on the line-up card as a substitution. **For Co-Ed substitutions the player must be the same gender as person being subbed out unless it is a female subbing in for a male. (i.e.: Male for Male)**
- K. **Pick up Players** - A team that is shorthanded with at least 7 roster players may pick up no more than 2 extra players and only play with 8 or 9. A team is not allowed to play with a full team of 10 if they have pick up players. The only way a line-up can be returned to 10 players after the game has started using pick up players, is if regular roster players take their place, then the pickup players can no longer be used in the line-up.
 - a) The manager must designate on their lineup card that a player is a "pick-up player".
 - b) If a team picks up players and continues to play with a full team (10 players) it will be considered a forfeit. They must continue with a maximum of 9 because picking up players should only be used if a team would have to forfeit otherwise.
 - c) Picking up players are not allowed for the playoff tournaments. All players who play in the playoffs must be on the team roster.
 - d) Team managers may protest opposing team rosters to verify the number of 'Pick up Players' on a team lineup.

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- L. **Men's Team Composition** - 10 players as follows: Pitcher (F1), catcher (F2), first base player (F3), second base player (F4), third base player (F5), shortstop (F6), left fielder (F7), left center fielder (F8), right center fielder (F9) and right fielder (F10).
- M. **Co-Ed Team Composition** – If a team has all 10 players, there must be a minimum of 5 women. If there are 5 men and 5 women you must play the following: a man/woman pitcher and a man/woman catcher, 2 men and 2 women in the infield, 2 men and 2 women in the outfield. Players will bat alternately, man, woman, man, woman, etc. A team is not allowed to play with more men than women. A team can consist of all female players if necessary. If a team does have more females than males, female batters can bat consecutively.

Example of lineups:

- 12 players – 6 males and 6 females
- 10 players – 5 males and 5 females
- 9 players – 4 males and 5 females
- 8 players – 4 males and 4 females

PLAYING RULES

- A. **Rules** – League play is governed by USA/ASA Softball, TAAF, and local league rules.
- B. **Extra Hitters** - The max number of hitters a team can have on their lineup is 16.
- C. **Pitch Count** - All players will come to the plate with a 1-1 count. A courtesy foul ball will not be given.
- D. **Designated Runner Rule** – Once per inning, a runner may be replaced by any player on the team as well as an additional runner for the pitcher (Runner could be the same player for both field player and pitcher). If the designated runner is on base when it is her/his turn to bat, it will be considered an out, but the runner can stay on base. **For Co-Ed the runner being replaced must be the same gender.**
- E. **Home Run Rule** – A team can hit a max of 3 homeruns in Competitive leagues and a max of 1 homeruns in the Recreation leagues.
- F. **Home Runs** - The net is not part of the fence. If the ball hits the net it is a home run. The batter will be out on any homerun hit over the allotted number per game. All runners must stay at the base they were on at the time the home run/out was hit. If a member from your team hits a homerun, they or someone from your team must retrieve the ball and give it to the umpire.
- G. **Stealing Bases** – There is no stealing allowed in either the Men's or Co-Ed leagues.
- H. **Keeping Score** - The official game score is kept with the home plate umpire. The umpire is responsible for ensuring every run is properly accounted for and not missed. The plate umpire will be confirming the score after every half inning. In the event of question about the score,

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the coach/manager may request to have the umpire review. Ultimately, the umpire's say is final and they may make any corrections required to the scorebook to reflect the accurate score.

- I. **Mercy Rule** - A game may end any time after three (3) innings, when a team is behind by (20), four (4) innings when a team is behind 15 runs and five (5) innings when a team is down 10 runs and has completed its turn at bat.
- J. **Ties/Extra Innings** – In the event that a game requires extra innings, the team up to bat will place their last batter from the previous inning on 2nd base to start the extra inning. Each player will receive 1 pitch for the remainder of the game (foul balls will be considered strikeouts). A game will not exceed 1 extra inning. If the game is still tied after 1 inning, the game will be over and be listed as a tie. For playoff league games see "Tournament Specific Rules" section below.
- K. **Walking a Batter:** If a male batter is awarded a base on balls with none or one out, the male batter will advance to second base and the female batter is pitched to as a hitter. Any other base runners will advance accordingly as required by the male batter/runner being awarded second base. If a male batter is awarded a base on balls with two outs the male batter will advance to second base and the female batter has the option to hit or take a base on balls and advance to first base. No other runner may advance as a result of the female batter being awarded a base on balls.
- L. **Hitting up the Middle Rule:** Upon the judgement of the homeplate umpire, a "Hit up the Middle" is defined as any sharply hit ball up the middle that hits the pitcher while in a defenseless mode. The pitcher will establish a "lane" the size of their body width at the time of his/her pitch that will be considered the enforceable area for any hit up the middle violations. If the pitcher moves from the established lane any time after the pitch, the hit up the middle rule will not apply. The pitcher can make a play on the ball during a hit up the middle violation and play may continue until the umpire calls time.
 - 1st Offense – Dead ball out. Both teams will receive a warning.
 - 2nd and any Subsequent Offense – Dead ball out. The batter is ejected from the game.
 - If a player is ejected from the "Hitting up the Middle Rule" he/she may be required to leave the facility at the discretion of the umpires and/or league on-site supervisors.

TIME ALLOTMENT OF GAMES

- A. **Game Time Slots** – Games will be played at 6:45pm, 7:40pm, 8:35pm & 9:30pm on Red and Blue field. Game times may be revised as needed at the discretion of the athletics supervisor.
- B. **Official Clock** - The watch of either umpire will be considered the official clock. Managers are urged to synchronize watches with the umpire's watch before the beginning of the game. There is no guaranteed warm up time.
- C. **Grace Period** – If your full team is not present at the scheduled start time the game is forfeited. However, there is a 5-minute grace period for the first game of the night (6:45pm).

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If by 6:50 on the umpire's watch there are less than 8 players in the dugout, the game will be a forfeit. Players are only accounted for if they are in the dugout.

- D. **Length of Games** - Time limit is 50 minutes. Any inning that has started before time has expired shall be completed as needed. No inning shall begin after time has expired except for in the case of a tie.
- E. **Start of Games** - The game clock will begin at the scheduled game time or at the completion of the pre-game meeting, whichever is appropriate.

TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC RULES

- A. **Tournament Game Length** - Tournament and Championship games will be 50 minutes long
- B. **Pick-Up Players** – Picking up players for the tournament is not allowed. All players playing in the tournament must be listed on the official team roster.
- C. **Extra Innings** - In the event that a tournament game requires extra innings, the team up to bat will place their last batter from the previous inning on 2nd base to start the extra inning. Each player will receive 1 pitch for the remainder of the game (foul balls will be considered strikeouts). The game will continue until there is a winner.

EQUIPMENT

- A. **Bat Requirements** - All bats must have an official, current USA/ASA certification mark. Bats shall not exceed 34 inches in length, 38 ounces in weight, and 2 ¼ inches in diameter. The Bat Performance Factor (BPF) shall be 1.20 or less. Any bat that has visible/excessive wear, cracks, and dents are considered illegal bats. This visual "wear" is the judgment of the umpires. The bat must bear the ASA 2000, ASA 2004, ASA 2013 or newer certification mark and must not be listed on an ASA Banned Bat List. The bat must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National office.
- B. **Game Balls** - The City of New Braunfels will provide game balls. The CONB will provide (1) brand new game ball for each game (2 new game balls for coed: 1 for women & 1 for men).
- C. **Cleats** - No metal spikes allowed. If a player is seen wearing metal spikes, he will be asked to remove them. Failure to remove metal cleats once requested by the umpire will result in a player ejection.
- D. **Uniforms** – Each player is required to have a uniform number. Players without a number may not be eligible to play at the discretion of the on-site supervisor and/or umpire. Numbers can be written on uniform in permanent ink. No taped or stapled on numbers are allowed. It is not required but each team is encouraged to come prepared at game time with matching uniforms. Uniforms must be tasteful in nature, and absent of sexually or morally explicit words, phrases, or pictures. Athletic shoes are required.

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PAY AT THE PLATE

- A. **General Information** - There are two officials scheduled for each adult slow-pitch softball league. Each team will be responsible for paying one of the league umpires prior to the start of each game. The fee for each game is \$25.00 cash. No checks or electronic bank transactions will be accepted. The fee is non-refundable, and the officials are not expected to have change available.
- B. **Failure to Provide Umpire Payment** - If your team is unable to provide this umpire fee, the game will be forfeited, and the opposing team will be awarded the win. It is imperative that each team develop a plan in which they will address this payment each week.
- C. **Penalty Fee** - Forfeiture due to no call/no show or not having the \$25 umpire fee will result in the offending team paying the \$25 umpire fee plus a \$20 penalty fee.
- D. **Protest** - Fees will not be returned to teams on the result of a game win awarded to a team due to protest.
- E. **Solo Umpire** - In the event that a second umpire does not show by the start of the game, the second umpire fee should be given to the umpire present. The lone umpire is expected to take on more responsibility for the game and will be compensated accordingly. If the second umpire is late to the game, it will be the decision of league officials and the umpires present as to whether or not the second official will join the game and receive fair compensation. The teams are not expected to provide any further compensation towards that particular game.

Athletics Suspension Policy (New Fall 2025)

- A. Below is our new chart addition to our Suspension Protocol effective as of 9/10/2025.
- B. This chart will show the progression of action taking on failure to follow rulebook procedure as well as any disturbance to our adult leagues as needed
- C. Please reference to below the chart with any additional verbiage needed provided below the chart (Subject to Change)

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Athletics Suspension Policy Offense Progression

MINOR Infraction	<u>Offense 1</u>	<u>Offense 2</u>	<u>Offense 3</u>	<u>Offense 4</u>
Profanity, yelling, spiting or disrespect or mocking staff / officials	Verbal warning to participant	Suspension for one week	Suspension for one month	Suspension for six to twelve months
Facility disturbance, program disruption				
Refusal to follow rules/policies				
Abuse or Misuse of Equipment/Facility (Illegal Bats)				
Inappropriate PDA				
Obscene gestures				
Broadcasting personal Vulgar music				
Unsportsmanlike Spectator Behavior				

- FOR ANY MINOR INFRACTION , WHERE SUSPENSION OCCURS, PLEASE ASK MANAGER TO INFORM PARKS Recreation Manager IMMEDIATELY

MAJOR Infraction	<u>Offense 1</u>	<u>Offense 2</u>	<u>Offense 3</u>
❖ Endangering members or staff, and/or physical contact	Suspension for one week	Suspension for one month	Suspension six to twelve months
❖ Possession of alcohol or smoking on the playing field/court			
Verbal/Sexual abuse or incident			
❖ Threats of physical harm to others/violence			
❖ Possession of illegal substances			
❖ Possession of a weapon			
❖ Damage, Vandalism or Theft			
❖			

- FOR ANY MAJOR INFRACTION, PLEASE ASK MANAGER TO INFORM PARKS Recreation Manager IMMEDIATELY
- Please note: depending on the severity of the infraction, offense may move to become immediately permanent.
- Any infraction can result in a temporary suspension while an incident is investigated.
- ❖ CALL POLICE

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. **Umpire or Staff Warnings** – At any point in a game, if a team or individual has verbally harassed a City of New Braunfels staff member or an umpire in any way, the official or staff member will issue a warning on the first occurrence.
- B. **Ejections** - An umpire or staff member may eject any player, manager, or spectator for unsportsmanlike conduct immediately before, during, or after a game if they deem necessary per our minor infraction clause.
- C. **Ejections/Leaving the Facility** - Any player that has been ejected from any New Braunfels league or tournament game will need to leave the facility in **two (2) minutes** (reasonable considerations will be made). **Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the current game being forfeited. Additionally, the ejected player will receive a one week suspension to include any additional games scheduled that night and to extend through the team's next scheduled game. Player ejections are subject to reviewal at the discretion of the Athletics Supervisor.**
- D. **"Travesty of the Game"** – The **"Travesty Rule"** may be enforced against teams that intentionally use errors or misplays for the purpose of avoiding a run rule or to intentionally extend a game. If, in the umpire's judgement, a team is making a **"travesty"** out of the game, the violating team will be subject to a 7-0 forfeit loss, regardless of the score at the time in question.
- E. **Violent Acts** - the suspension is near the end of the season, the suspension will be extended to the following softball season if necessary. All infractions are subject to reviewal at the discretion of the Athletics Supervisor.
- F. **Spectators** - Team captains are responsible for the behavior of their spectators. Failure to control the actions of the spectators will result in proper steps as a minor infraction
- G. **Threatening an Umpire** - Anyone (player, coach, or spectator) threatening an official or umpire may be liable to charges and banishment from all future City of New Braunfels athletic activities per our major infraction clause
- H. **Fraudulent Activity** - Anyone or team who commits fraud or is involved in any act of fraudulent activity while a player, coach, or manager (including playing under an assumed name or falsifying rosters or I.D.) will be subject to forfeiture of game/ suspension from league due to severity
- I. **Roster Restrictions** - No player may be on two rosters in the same league, on the same night. Violators will be subject to suspension and/or forfeiture of any game(s) participated in.
- J. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Foul Language** - There is zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct/foul language directed towards umpires, staff and opposing players. Umpires/staff will be directed to use the minor infraction protocol

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- K. **Drinking** - Suspensions for drinking will be handled the same as unsportsmanlike conduct. There is no drinking allowed in the dugout or in the field of play. Consumption of alcohol is not allowed in the parking lots or within 25 feet of park roadways.
- L. **Illegal bat** – The use of illegal bats is prohibited. All bats must have an official, current USA or ASA certification mark. Prior to each game, all bats to be used will be required to be placed inside the “bat-check bucket” located outside the home and visitor dugout areas. Umpires will check all bats at this time. Only bats that are deemed legal will stay in the bucket and may be used in league play. Bats found to be illegal will be taken out of the bucket and banned from use in any PARD softball league game. No more bats may be added once “game clock” starts and buckets will be considered “frozen”. An umpire or league supervisor can question the legality of a bat at any time. When this occurs, the bat in question will be removed from the facility until it can be examined. Umpires and staff will be looking for situations in which pitchers and infielders do not have reaction time to a ball. If a bat is determined to be illegally modified or does not meet the league requirements. If an injury occurs due to a direct hit, with reason, the bat will be tested automatically. Failure to allow our staff to check a bat immediately will result in suspension from the league.
- M. **Athletic Supervisor Discretion** - All disciplinary actions will be enforced at the Athletic Supervisor’s discretion. If deemed necessary, the Athletic Supervisor can make the length of a suspension greater or smaller.

FORFEITS

- A. **Forfeits** - A forfeit score will be posted as 7-0 in favor of the offended team.
- B. **No Call, No Show** – A “No Call, No Show” is when a team does not show up for a game and fails to tell the Athletic Supervisor by 4:00pm. Any team that has a No Call, No Show forfeit will have to pay a \$40 fine (\$25 umpire fee + \$15 penalty fee) and will forfeit every subsequent game until the fine is paid.
- C. **Planned Forfeits** - In the event that you anticipate being unable to make a scheduled league game, please call in to the Landa Recreation Center (830-221-4373) by 4:00 PM to inform us of your planned forfeit.

PROTESTS

- A. **Reason for Protest** - Only protests based on rule interpretation and player eligibility will be accepted. Protests based on judgment calls will not be accepted. Umpire has the final call on a rule. If a rule interpretation is protested, it will be settled the following day and handled accordingly.
- B. **Roster Protest Procedures (Regular Season)** – Roster protests will be executed in the following manner for any regular season games:

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1. **Time of Protest** - Protests must be submitted to the home plate umpire before the start of the 4th inning.
 2. **Protest Form/Fee** - Protests must be clearly written on a City of New Braunfels Official Protest Form and accompanied by a \$20.00 cash protest fee. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned to the protesting team.
 3. **Protesting Team Procedures** – The team coach or manager will inform the home plate umpire of intent to protest player(s) of opposing team. The umpire will direct the team manager to submit a protest form and \$20 cash fee with on-site staff. Staff will assist manager in filling out protest form and the protest will be submitted to Athletics Supervisor the following day for processing. A decision will be made and communicated to each team manager the following day.
 4. **Protested Team Procedures** – The protested team must comply with the protest procedure and submit the identity of any protested players by allowing staff to verify the photo ID of each individual protested.
 5. **On-Site Staff Procedures** – On-site staff will assist protesting manager in filling out protest form and will verify the identity of each individual protested. Any protested individual unable to provide a Photo ID will be deemed ineligible and the game will be forfeited at that time. Protest forms will be completed and submitted to the Athletics Supervisor the following morning.
 6. **Game/Umpire Procedures** – The game clock will continue to run and the game will continue as scheduled. Regular season protests will not be processed on-site and the game will continue “under protest” until completed. Regular season protests will be processed the next day to allow for the teams the opportunity to play the entirety of the game.
- C. **Roster Protest Procedures (Playoffs Only)** – Roster protests must be executed in the following manner for any playoff tournament games:
1. **Time of Protest** - Protests must be submitted to the home plate umpire before the start of the 4th inning.
 2. **Notification** - The team manager or coach must notify the home plate umpire of the intent to protest. This will result in the home plate umpire calling time to let both teams know that the game is under protest.
 3. **Protest Form/Fee** - Protests must be clearly written on a City of New Braunfels Official Protest Form and accompanied by a \$20.00 cash protest fee. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned to the protesting team.
 4. **Protesting Team Procedures** - The team that is protesting will need to provide a valid picture ID for everyone on their lineup card. If one person on their lineup card does not have their ID with them the protest is forfeited, and the protesting team will lose their \$20.00 and the game will result in a forfeit for the protesting team. If each player has a

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valid form of ID, then the Field Scorekeeper will then check the IDs to match them with the lineup card and official team roster. If any of the individuals are not listed on the official roster, the protest is forfeited, and the protesting team will lose their \$20.00 and the game will result in a forfeit for the protesting team.

5. **Opposing Team Procedures** - If the protesting team has a valid roster, the opposing team will now need to provide a valid picture ID for everyone on their lineup card. If one person on their lineup card does not have their ID with them then the protest will be upheld, and the team will then forfeit the game. If each player has a valid form of ID, then the Field Scorekeeper will then check the IDs to match them with the lineup card and official team roster. If any of the names are not listed on the official roster, the protest is upheld, and the game will be forfeited, and the protesting team will receive their \$20.00 back.

- ❖ **Game Clock** - The official game clock will continue to run during the protest. If a protest is invalid the game can continue if there is any time remaining. Be mindful when you protest because it will most likely consume the entirety of the game to conduct the process.

- ❖ **Valid IDs** - A valid picture ID can be any type of identification card as long as it has the individual's name and picture clearly displayed on it. Driver's license is preferred.

CANCELLATION AND POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

- A. **Cancellations** – Cancellations occurring before 4 PM on the day of the game will be communicated via the Rainout Line (see below). Cancellations occurring after 4 PM will result in the rainout line being updated and coaches receiving an email and/or text message or phone call.
- B. **Rainout Line** - The rainout line can be reached by calling (830)221-4376 after 4pm. It is the team manager's responsibility to contact this number for playing conditions.
- C. **Inclement Weather** – Games will be played unless weather forces the games to stop (puddles on the field, hail, lightning). Games will be played in light/mild rain. If games have not been cancelled, then the decision to play or cancel games may be announced at the field. If staff do decide to cancel at the fields, the teams playing at the later games will be contacted.
- D. **Lightning/Thunder** – If lightning is seen, heard, or staff have been alerted that there is lightning within 10 miles, games will be immediately suspended. The minimum amount of time before games can resume is 30 minutes.
- E. **Game Delays** - If a game is canceled due to inclement weather or another unforeseen event, 35 minutes and/or 3 ½ innings will constitute a complete game if the home team is winning or 4 complete innings if the home team is not winning. If a game is cancelled before reaching 35 minutes/3 ½ or 4 innings, the game will be rescheduled from the time where the game was stopped. (ie: Bottom of 2nd inning with home team up to bat with runner on 1st base and 3rd batter in the lineup.) Substitutions for the makeup games will be allowed if they are on the active roster of the team.

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- F. Making Up Rainouts** - The Parks and Recreation Department will attempt to make up all rainouts. Most canceled/postponed games will be played at the end of the season. A minimum of two (2) make-up dates have been allotted for each league to utilize in the event of any cancelled/postponed games throughout the season. This season will have a drop-dead date of Saturday, December 13th, 2025. In the event that cancelled games aren't made up within the allotted time frame, the drop-dead date will be utilized to schedule any remaining regular season and/or tournament league games.





ATHLETICS TEAM ROSTER AND PLAYER CONTRACT

**Note: False information on the team roster can be grounds for disqualification.*

Office Use Only

Year:

Season:

I hereby certify that I have read and understood and by this signature signify my agreement with the terms of the player contract and Waiver and Release of Liability.

Signature

Team Name:		Sport:	League:
	Player Name	Phone	Email Address
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1. I hereby agree to play with the team specified on this team roster and player contract during the season of ____ in the New Braunfels Parks & Recreation Department Athletics Division League. I am rendering my services in good fellowship for the athletic benefit, and do not expect any remuneration for my services-it all being in good, clean, sportsmanlike manner.
2. I further agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Athletics Division and agree that my right to participate with the Athletics Division is subject to such rules and regulations.
3. BY MY SIGNATURE AND IN CONSIDERATION OF SPONSORING OR PARTICIPATING ON THIS TEAM, I COVENANT AND AGREE AS A TEAM MEMBER AND/OR THE SPONSOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RELEASE, TO INDEMNIFY, TO DEFEND AND TO HOLD HARLMLESS THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS AND ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS, IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPACITIES, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, LITIGATION EXPENSES, DAMAGES OR CAUSES OF ACTION, WHICH MAY ARISE BY REASON OF PERSONAL INJURY TO ME OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF USE OF ANY PERSON'S PROPERTY, RESULTING FROM SPONSORING OR PARTICIPATING ON THIS TEAM. MY EXPRESS INTENTION IS THAT SUCH RELEASE AND INDEMNITY WILL APPLY TO ANY CLAIM, SUIT, DAMAGES OR LIABILITY WHATSOEVER ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM MY NEGLIGENCE, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS OR SERVANTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON'S NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER THE NEGLIGENCE IS SOLE NEGLIGENCE, COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE, CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF NEGLIGENCE FOR THE ABOVE CONSIDERATION. I CONTRACT TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM SPONSORING OR PARTICIPATING ON THIS TEAM AND TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF SPONSORSHIP AND/OR PARTICIPATION.