

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

Tyndall AFB, FL

1) ELIGIBILITY:

A. Active duty and their dependents (18 years of age or older), DoD employees assigned/attached to an organization may participate with that organization. Retirees will play with the unit in which they retired from or be assigned by the Fitness Center through the player's pool procedures. Individuals attached to, or TDY for 30 days or more may participate with that unit. Contractor personnel are eligible to participate with the unit to which they are assigned.

2) PLAYERS POOL:

A. When a unit does not field a team and members of that unit wish to participate, they may do so by having their sports representative submit their name, by letter, to the Fitness Center.

B. Any squadron which fields a team and later determines that they require additional players to complete the season may request additional players by having their sports representatives submit a letter requesting players.

C. Squadrons entering more than one team are not allowed to receive players from the pool

3) RULES OF PLAY:

A. USA Softball (USAS) rules will apply except as amended by these by-laws

B. Run Ahead Rule – 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings or 10 after five innings.

C. Time limits - no new inning will begin after 50 minutes, unless the score is tied. All tie breakers, at the end of regulation play/time limit, will be determined by using the international rule, i.e. at the start of the extra inning, each team will start their half inning with a runner at second base (the runner will be the player who made the last out in the preceding inning).

D. Double First Base When Used:

1. Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white base, and the batter-runner must use the orange base. On extra base hits or balls hit to the outfield (when there is no play being made at the double base), the runner may touch the white or orange portion.

2. The batter-runner must use the orange portion on the first base; however, should he/she reach and go beyond first base, he must return to the white portion.

E. Pitch permitted: The ball shall be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 10 feet from the ground. Each batter will assume a one and one count with one extra foul ball. A pitching screen will be available. If the batter hits the ball into the screen, it is considered a foul ball. The pitcher must be behind the screen when the ball is hit. Once the ball is hit the pitcher may attempt to field the ball in front of screen.

F. HOME RUN LIMIT: Five (5) per team. An out shall be called on the batter thereafter.

G. COURTESY RUNNER: Each team may use one courtesy runner per inning. Courtesy runner will be the last recorded out.

H. LINE UPS: Each team will submit their lineup at least five (5) minutes before game time. A team may use two (2) extra players for a maximum of 12 players on their lineup.

I. SHOES: Cleats may be worn and must be molded rubber and may not extend more than ½ inch. **No screw-in, metal, or ceramic cleats maybe worn.** No hard sole shoes are allowed (i.e., combat boots, low quarters, etc.). Turf style shoes preferred.

4) FORFEITS:

A. Any team forfeiting two (2) consecutive games or three (3) during the regular season will be dropped from further competition. All games scheduled will be considered no contest for those teams.

B. Players on teams forfeiting out of the league are ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season.

5) POSTPONED GAMES:

A. Postponements should be held to an absolute minimum and are allowed only for base/wing alerts, mobility exercises and inclement weather, when 50% of the squadron (not the team) is involved.

B. In order for a postponement to be considered, a letter(email) must be submitted to the Fitness Center NLT 1200 hours the day of the game in question, signed by the Commander/First Sergeant.

C. In the event of bad weather, the Fitness Center will determine by 1500 if the fields are playable and contact all involved coaches if the games are cancelled that night. If the Fitness Center has not cancelled the games by 1500 the umpire at the first game time will determine if the fields are playable. We will make every attempt to play all games as scheduled. Make-up games will be played on Fridays.

6) PROTESTS:

A. For protests to be valid, they must be entered into the official's scorebook at the time of the protest and presented to the Fitness Center in writing NLT 1200 hrs. the next duty day. If a protest is valid the Sports Director and the Fitness Director will determine the outcome. Judgment calls cannot be protested, only rule interpretations.

B. Players or coaches ejected before, during, or after any game for unsportsmanlike conduct may be suspended from future games. The Fitness Director, after reviewing input from coaches, officials, and the Sports Director, may add more games if it is deemed necessary.

C. The penalty for the use of ineligible players: A loss for all games that the illegal player(s) participated in. The team will forfeit after two games. Loss of Commander's Trophy team participation points. Disqualification of the player(s) and coach for the remainder of the season, to include the playoffs.

D. During base championship games all protests will be decided at that time of protest by the Sports Director/Fitness Director.

7) BASE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:

A. The eight (8) teams having the best won/loss record will participate in a single elimination tournament at the end of the season.

B. Teams tied for any of the top eight (8) positions will be determined by head-to-head competition, next tie breaker will be run differential.

8) SAFETY:

A. All players should ensure proper warm-up exercises and stretching prior to the start of their games. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Drinking alcoholic beverages and or smoking is not permitted in the dugouts or on the playing area. Anyone who is observed drinking alcoholic beverages prior to or during their game will not be permitted to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS! IAW AFI 40-102 , There is No Tobacco allowed at all Recreation Facilities including Athletic Complexes.

9) MISCONDUCT/EJECTIONS/DISQUALIFICATIONS

A. Any player or coach ejected from a game, will be ineligible for the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game. Any player ejected during the playoffs will be ineligible for the remainder of the playoffs.

B. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected for aggression toward the officials, scorekeeper, opposing team members, spectators or staff will be disqualified for the remainder of the season. *AGGRESSION includes, bumping, pushing, swearing, profanity, or initiating any kind of physical contact.

C. Any player, coach, or spectator involved with physically assaulting another person (regardless of team) will be immediately ejected and the Security Forces will be notified. The offender(s) will be suspended from the intramural and/or Varsity Sports Program for one year and the offenders Commander will be notified for further disciplinary action.

D. Personnel ejected have two (2) minutes to leave the area-out of sight and out of sound. The Security Forces will be asked to escort personnel who do not comply.

E. Personnel who feel the ejection was unjust, may submit a typed appeal to the Sports Director. The appeal must be submitted by 1600 hrs. the following day. If the appeal is granted the player will be reinstated.

F. Individuals found with illegal equipment (banned, altered or senior bats), will be disqualified for the season.

10) GENERAL:

A. There will be no throwing the ball around the bases after an out has been made.

B. Teams may start with nine (9) players. When the vacant position comes to bat, it will be counted as an out. If a 10th player shows up, he/she may be added to the lineup vacant position without further penalty.

C. Home runs will not be run out. All players on base will return to their dugout directly. Only over the fence home runs are considered for this rule. No outs will be given to any base runners, if overrun by another runner.

D. Squadrons fielding more than one team must submit a roster (including name, rank, phone number) to the Fitness Center prior to the start of the season. Players will play for only one team during the season. Squadrons having more than one team must identify which team will compete for the Commander's Trophy.

10) OTHER:

A. The following bats are no longer allowed in intramural play: go online at <https://www.usasoftball.com/certified-equipment/> for listings.

B. NO Senior bats will be authorized at any time.

C. Anything not covered by these bylaws or the rulebook will be settled by the Sports Director and/or the Fitness Center Director.

D. Only game balls provided from the Tyndall AFB Fitness Center will be used.

E. No glass bottles, coolers, or PETS are allowed in the Fitness Center, football field, or Sports Complex, to include the playing field and spectator areas.