

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL BY-LAWS

- 1. PURPOSE:** *To provide organized athletic competition, unit esprit de corps and customer driven, quality of life programs to the units at Laughlin AFB.*
- 2. TYPE OF COMPETITION:** *League competition will be single/double round robin. The league standings will be determined by win/loss record and will be updated and posted on a weekly basis. At the conclusion of league play all teams will compete in a Post Season tournament to establish a Base Champion. Teams finishing in 1st & 2nd place in the league will be seeded on top & bottom of the bracket.*
- 3. TIES:** *If two teams are tied for 1st place, the team which defeats the other team during regular season plays will be determined the league champion. In the event of a three-way tie, the team with the most runs scored against the other teams involved will be determined the league champions.*
- 4. GAME TIME AND FORFEIT TIME:** *Games will be played at Babe Ruth Softball Field. There will be three games played on Monday-Thursday evenings at 1830, 1930, and 2030 hrs. After 50 minutes have expired in any game, no new inning will be played if the home team is leading in the game after 4 1/2 complete innings. Game will be declared a forfeit if one or both teams are not ready to play at the scheduled game times. **The line-up must be turned into the scorekeeper ten minutes prior to game time.** Players in the official line-up must be on the field and ready to play as scheduled. (Example: You may not enter a player's name in the official line-up if they are on their way to the field. Games will not be held up for late players, they must be present and ready to play. **Substitutions must be inserted by notifying the umpire or referee prior to entering the game.** The Official Game Clock is maintained in the score book.*
- 5. OFFICIALS:** *There will be one official for each regular season/playoff game. The Fitness Center will provide only one scorekeeper/timekeeper for each game.*
- 6. POSTPONEMENTS:** *Alerts and validated military commitment, which involves 50% of a unit, will be the only reason for the postponement of any game. NLT 1200 the day prior to the scheduled contest the team must **present a letter signed by the Squadron Commander** to the Sports Director. Games that are postponed will not be rescheduled or played if it has no bearing on the top four teams at the conclusion of league play.*
- 7. PLAYER CONDUCT:** *Un-sportsmen like conduct and profanity cannot be permitted. Any player, coach, or manager ejected for un-sportsman like conduct will leave sight and sound of the playing area within 2 minutes of his/her ejection. The first violation*

will result in a two-game suspension. A two-game suspension includes playoffs. A second violation will result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the season including playoffs. Playing while under the influence of alcohol is grounds for ejection and carries the same suspension penalties. **Smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, chewing tobacco are strictly forbidden in the dugouts or playing fields and is prohibited from this facility!**

8. FIELDS: The Losano Fitness Center is the judge as to the playing condition of the field until 1500. If games are to be postponed, affected teams will be notified. After 1500 the head umpire makes the decision at game time, if teams are not present and the umpire rules "play ball", that team will lose by forfeit.

9. GAME:

- a. Rules for league play are governed by A.S.A., except as amended by these by-laws.
- b. Teams may start with nine players.
- c. If after three complete innings one team is leading by 20 runs, 4 complete innings 15 runs, or 5 complete innings and leading by 10 runs - the game will end.
- d. **TITANIUM BATS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** They must have the ASA logo, diamond or circle.
- e. In Wet Bulb condition Black, games will be canceled and rescheduled, Determined by Officials.
- f. Two consecutive forfeits or three total forfeits during the season will cause a team to be dropped from the league.
- g. No base stealing
- h. Only Fitness Center softballs will be use during the game.
- i. Catchers must wear mask.
- j. Jerseys or uniforms must match with numbers on the back (The Losano Fitness Center will provide jersey's if needed. Coaches must sign out on AF Form 1297), Teams must pick-up their Jerseys from the Gym!
- k. Home team has priority of jerseys to be worn if both teams show with same color uniforms. (ie: if both teams show up with same color, the visiting must pick up different color jerseys from the gym.
- l. Coaches are Responsible for keeping their team player's updated

- m. *Headfirst sliding is **not allowed**.*
- n. ***No Gentlemen Agreements allowed:** Meaning no two teams will make arrangements prior to their games.*

10. DRESS:

- A. *Players may not participate in military uniform or parts of a military uniform.*
- B. *Only wedding bands are allowed but must be covered by a glove or tape. All other jewelry is prohibited.*
- C. *Players wearing glasses should have shatterproof lenses*
- D. *Only molded rubber cleats or tennis shoes are allowed. Street shoe, golf shoes, track shoes, combat boots, as well as screw-in type and metal spikes are not authorized.*

11. Land line Phones: *Land line phones are no longer available at the field, must use cell phones in case of emergency. Base Emergency numbers:*

- A. *Security Forces x5100*
- B. *Fire Department x5633*
- C. *Command Post Weather Warning: x4412, 4601, 5654*
- D. *Calling 911 from your cell phones goes directly downtown, you must inform them you're from Laughlin AFB.*

12. The Losano Fitness Center Staff may make changes to the rules for safety and welfare of the participants or at any time deemed necessary to benefit play.

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