

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ▪ RECREATION AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
**NEWPORT BEACH ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES**

# SUMMER 2026 SOFTBALL

**League Schedules,  
Scores & Standings:**  
[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports)

**League Fees:**  
**\$490 Residents**  
**\$540 Non-residents** (\*Umpire Fees Not Included)  
\* +\$16/game umpire fee/per team (10 games, plus 1-2 playoffs)  
*Umpire fees are paid in cash to the umpires on game day.*

**Locations:**

- Arroyo Park
- Bonita Creek Park

**Game Times:**  
6:30 p.m. ▪ 7:40 p.m. ▪ 8:50 p.m.

**Contact Information:**

RECREATION OFFICE  
EMAIL: [sports@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:sports@newportbeachca.gov)  
PHONE: 949-644-3151  
FAX: 949-644-3155

Recreation <b>SUPERVISOR</b> Omar Ordiano	Recreation <b>COORDINATOR</b> Chloe Schilling
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## IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
**MARCH 24, 2026**  
*Returning teams RSVP to hold spot.  
Invoices available upon request.*

REGISTRATION ENDS  
**APRIL 27, 2026**  
*\$30 late fee will apply after registration deadline.*

LEAGUE STARTS  
**WEEK OF MAY 20**

ADDITIONAL ADULT SPORTS AVAILABLE  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

11v11 Soccer | 7v7 Soccer | Beach Flag Football  
Beach Volleyball | Volleyball | Basketball | Drop-in Basketball  
Drop-in Pickleball | Kickball | Softball | Turf Flag Football

*For more information, visit*  
[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports).



RECREATION AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, BAY E. | NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660



# SUMMER 2026 Softball Registration Form

SEASON:

DIVISION:

GENDER:

PREFERRED NIGHT OF PLAY: 1

2

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TEAM NAME:

MANAGER NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

ASST. MANAGER NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

SPONSOR NAME:

CITY:

**WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY** In consideration for participation in the programs and activities held in person, through an online platform, or by any other means whether located on or off of public property ("PROGRAMS"), conducted by the City of Newport Beach, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, or other such providers ("PROGRAM PROVIDERS"), I, on behalf of myself and on behalf of the participant of the PROGRAMS if someone other than me (both collectively, "PARTICIPANT") hereby: (1) acknowledge that participation in the PROGRAMS is voluntary; (2) agree to follow and abide by all rules, regulations, guidelines, and codes of conduct applicable to participation in the PROGRAMS; (3) certify that the PARTICIPANT is in good health and physically able to participate in the PROGRAMS, and does not have a medical condition that could make participation in the PROGRAMS hazardous to PARTICIPANT's health or the health of others; (4) agree to provide verification from a licensed medical professional of PARTICIPANT's physical fitness to participate in the PROGRAMS when requested by PROGRAM PROVIDERS; (5) agree that failure to disclose that participation by PARTICIPANT could create an unreasonable risk to PARTICIPANT or others may result in the PROGRAM PROVIDERS terminating PARTICIPANT from the PROGRAMS; (6) agree that PROGRAM PROVIDERS may terminate PARTICIPANT from participation in PROGRAMS at any time and in their sole and absolute discretion; (7) understand that participation in the PROGRAMS could result in bodily injury, property damage, death, disability, or other loss to PARTICIPANT or others as a result of, including but not limited to, strenuous physical activity or exertion, striking or being struck by objects or persons, falling, slipping, tripping, colliding with other persons or things, exposure to moisture, heat, cold, humidity, or sickness and disease (including but not limited to, COVID-19), which injuries and damage may include, but are not limited to, scrapes, bruises, cuts, sprains, strains, tearing or pulling of muscles or ligaments, fractures, dislocation of joints or bones, head or facial injuries, spinal cord injuries, internal injuries, or other injuries of any nature whatsoever which could be permanent or even fatal (collectively, "RISK OF INJURY"); (8) CERTIFY THAT PARTICIPANT AGREES TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISK OF INJURY ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANT AND ANYONE WHO MAY CLAIM ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF; (9) CERTIFY THAT PARTICIPANT AGREES, ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANT AND ANYONE WHO MIGHT CLAIM ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF, TO RELEASE, WAIVE, AND HOLD THE PROGRAM PROVIDERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, AND LIABILITY OF EVERY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, RELATED TO, CAUSED BY, OR ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS; and, (10) certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

**ALCOHOL POLICY/CONTRACT** I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the Team Manager of \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the City of Newport Beach rules regarding alcohol consumption in any City park, facility, or parking lot. Per Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 10.04.010, Drinking in Public, if any member of my team and/or persons associated with my team are caught drinking alcohol in any City park, facility, or parking lot, prior to, during, or after a game, I understand that it will result in the automatic forfeiture of my team for that game. I also understand that any person may be issued a criminal or administrative citation by an authorized officer if the person consumes alcohol in public.

If any member of my team and/or person associated with my team is caught drinking a second time in any City park, facility, or parking lot, prior to, during, or after a game, I understand that the second offense will result in the automatic forfeiture of the game and our team will be removed from the league.

*MY SIGNATURE INDICATES MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ALCOHOL POLICY.*

MANAGER SIGNATURE:

## League Fees

**Residents \$490 • Non-residents \$540**

+\$30 LATE FEE AFTER APRIL 21, 2026

**TOTAL TO BE CHARGED:**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION & POLICIES:

- Cash, checks (Check payable to City of Newport Beach) and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) accepted.
- Registration is for teams only.
- Individuals may sign up on the free agent list online at [newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports).
- Leagues run 10-14 weeks.

## TEAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT:

- Full payment and signed release of liability/alcohol policy submitted together. If a player is unable to sign the roster it will be available at the location of your game.
- Teams not qualified will be notified by phone.
- Submission of team roster and payment does not guarantee league entry.

## REFUND POLICY:

- Forfeited games will NOT be rescheduled or refunded.
- City of Newport Beach has a refund processing fee of \$20.
- Full refunds will be processed only if the league has been cancelled by the City of Newport Beach.
- Any team that is removed from a league or cannot complete the season due to disciplinary reasons will not be refunded any portion of their league fee.
- In order to request to withdraw your team from any Adult Sports Leagues you must email: [sports@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:sports@newportbeachca.gov) prior to the end of registration; refer to withdrawal dates below

Withdraw your team from the league:	On or before April 27	April 20–27
You will receive a refund minus a:	\$20 Processing Fee	\$50 Penalty Fee + \$20 Processing Fee

*Full league fees are forfeited if your team withdraws on or after April 27.*

## ROSTER AND VERIFICATION OF RESIDENT TEAM FEE:

- Managers will have their team fill out and sign the attached roster form before their first game.
- Any subsequent seasons thereafter, managers of returning teams will receive a Master Roster to have their team sign, double check for accuracy and update with any player additions or changes.
- An approved roster is required every season.
- A player must sign and complete the roster before he or she is eligible to play in a game.
- Rosters will be treated as the add/drop form which will be available to sign at game sites up until the 7th week of the season.

## PLAYER COVERAGE OPTIONS (ADDITIONAL FEE):

The Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Player's Medical Benefit Fund (PMBF) was established to give medical financial reimbursement to any player under the supervision of SCMAF members who become injured during their participation on league sports at public parks, playgrounds, or other SCMAF member supervised locations. Fees vary per sport. PMBF available for teams or individuals.

Visit [scmaf.org](http://scmaf.org) and click on the "insurance" tab along the top or call (626) 448-0853 for more information.

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

- Returning teams may RSVP via email for the upcoming season by the registration deadline.
- Priority is given to teams who submit a completed registration packet.
- A completed packet included registration documents and payment
- Day/division preferences are not guaranteed.

## REGISTRATION METHODS:



### Mail-In

**REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:**  
**Recreation & Senior Services Dept.**  
City of Newport Beach  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660



### Walk-In

**Recreation & Senior Services Dept.**  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**Monday–Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



### Fax-In

Registration form including your Visa, Description Mastercard, Discover or AMEX card number/expiration date and fax to 949-644-3155. Faxes are processed during regular business hours.



### Online

1. Go to [newportbeachca.gov/register](http://newportbeachca.gov/register)
2. Click on Classes
3. Click on register online
4. Click on Sign in and login
5. Click on Register for Activities
6. Sort by location, category, activity name.
7. Click on activity
8. Click Add to Cart
9. In the drop down box select the participant who will be taking the class.
10. Follow the steps for payment.

For more information:

[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports)



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## ROSTERS & ELIGIBILITY

- A.** Each team will be allowed a maximum of 16 players. Teams may be granted an unlimited number of players on the roster as long as only 16 attend any one game. A coach or manager may not play unless he is included on the 16-person roster.
- B.** A player is eligible to play for only one team in one league. Exception: a player may participate on different nights, in different divisions.
- C.** All players must be 18 years of age or older. No card, No Play.
- D.** Women may play on a men's team.
- E.** Roster additions will be accepted only on the official roster form. No roster changes allowed after the seventh (7th) league game played unless all team managers in the league give approval.
  - i.** Player adds or drops must be submitted to the umpire on-site BEFORE the start of the game in order for a player to be considered eligible for play.
  - ii.** If a player's information is incomplete, the player will not be included on your roster. Please write legibly.
- F.** Eligibility protests must be made prior to the conclusion of the game. A protest must be made against a specific player. The team protesting needs to request the umpire to get the signature of the player in question on the scoreboard. A game played with a confirmed ineligible player will be forfeited by a 7-0 score. Players are responsible to have pictorial identification at all games in case a question of eligibility arises.
  - i.** Any players whose ineligibility is verified may not return to play in that league for the remainder of the season.

## TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

The following is a guideline for team managers to use to determine which division to enter. The final classification of teams will be determined by the League Director.

- **UPPER DIVISION:** Highly competitive
- **MIDDLE DIVISION:** Moderately competitive
- **LOWER DIVISION:** Recreational
- **COED LEAGUE:** Men (*maximum of 5 in the field*) and Women (*minimum of 4 in the game*)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Newport Beach Recreation Department reserves the right to move teams pre or midseason to a different division or site than originally requested based on a number of factors including skill level or the size of the existing division.

Division, day of the week, and location requests are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Division level is considered first when placing teams. Night and location are secondary requests that will be accommodated if possible. If a division is full, a team will be defaulted to the division level that comes closest to their secondary request. For this reason, it is important that all registering teams list at least two preferences for night of the week.

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## FORFEITS

- A.** Teams unprepared to pay the umpire at the start of the game will be subject to an automatic forfeit.
- B.** Teams that have the knowledge that they are unable to field a team of at least 7 players, (4 women for coed), should do the following in this order:
  - i.** Call the adult sports office at (949) 644-3151 to inform the league regarding the forfeit.
  - ii.** If it is after regular business hours (5:30pm Monday through Thursday), please call the Newport Coast Community Center at (949) 270-8100 (5:30pm-8pm Monday through Thursday).
- C.** Forfeiting teams will be subject to pay the umpire game fees for both teams. Teams forfeiting less than 24 hours before game time will be assessed a \$32 forfeit fee.
  - i.** Forfeit fees must be paid directly to the Recreation & Senior Services Department at 100 Civic Center Drive at least 24 hours prior to your next scheduled game.
  - ii.** Any team that fails to submit the forfeit fee on time will be ineligible to participate and subject to additional forfeits until all fees have been paid.
- D.** In an effort to avoid forfeits, teams shall be granted a 5 minute grace period after their scheduled game time has passed. The game will still be able to start within this timeframe, however, the time spent waiting will be taken from the overall game time. The umpire shall hold the official watch. A team not having 10 players may start and finish the game with a minimum of 7 players.
  - NOTE:** Coed teams need 4 women.
  - i.** If a game is late to start due to the grace period, then those minutes are deducted from the 65 minute time limit.
- E.** Forfeited games will NOT be rescheduled or refunded.
- F.** Teams that forfeit 3 or more times in a given season will be judged in poor standing and MAY be subject to removal from the current or future seasons without refund.
- G.** A team may be issued a forfeit by the umpire if the manager is perceived to not have complete control of his or her team.
- H.** Continued harassment of officials and/or scorekeepers will result in an automatic forfeit and may be subject to additional action as deemed necessary.
- I.** In the event that a team wins via a forfeit, they will be refunded the umpire fee of \$16 once the opposing team has paid their forfeit fee. Refunds may be deducted from following season's registration. Refunds will be processed by credit card only!



## RAIN & INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

All rained out or postponed games shall be made up at the end of the schedule in order of the first cancellation. Rained out games are rescheduled immediately after cancellation on the website at [newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports). Make-up games may be scheduled on days other than a team's normally scheduled game day.

It is the responsibility of each team to call and verify if games will be played on a rainy day: Call to verify field conditions via the mud-line at (949) 718-1860 or visit [newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports) to sign up for email and text alerts for field conditions.

## UMPIRES & CREW CHIEF

- A.** All league games are under the control and direction of the umpire and only the acting team manager may discuss decisions with the umpire on the diamond during the game. All discrepancies, questions, and comments must be directed through the designated team manager.
- B.** It shall be the duty of the umpire to administer decisions of the game in accordance with the SCMAF rules of play and those adopted by the Newport Beach Recreation & Senior Services Department.



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## GAME PLAY

All games shall be played according to the current 2017 S.C.M.A.F. Slow-Pitch Softball Rules unless otherwise stipulated in these rules.

- A.** All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 10 games.
  - i.** Forfeits are included in the 10 game total, unless otherwise noted.
- B.** The official holds the official game time. Game time begins when the umpire requests the first pitch.
- C.** Monday through Friday games will start between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.
- D.** Length of game:
  - I. MEN'S:** 9 innings or 65 minute time-limit\*
  - II. COED LEAGUE:** 7 innings or 65 minute time limit\*
  - III. \*TIME LIMIT:** No new innings will be started after time limit. Once an inning starts (new inning starts as soon as last out is made in prior inning), it will be completed.
- E.** The 2010 "16 ft Pitch" Rule will not be in effect in City of Newport Beach Softball leagues. 12 ft pitches will be enforced as in past seasons.
  - i.** The pitching distance will be fifty (50) feet. And the ball must not exceed a height of more than 12 feet above the ground.
  - II. PITCHER'S BOX:** The field will be marked with a "Pitcher's Box." This is a chalked box, extending back from the pitcher's plate for six (6) feet. The pitcher may deliver the pitch from any point inside the "Pitcher's Box," and for the purposes of rule enforcement, the "Pitcher's Box" is treated the same as the pitcher's plate. If the pitcher's box is not chalked, the umpire will judge the six (6) foot distance.
- F.** All batters in all leagues will start with a count of 1 ball and 1 strike.
- G. TIED GAMES:** Regular season games will be allowed to end in a tie. All playoff games must have a winner and will continue beyond the time limit.
- H.** A minimum of 3 outfielders must stay behind the 180 foot arc line until the batter hits the ball. While a female is batting, the rover must be a female.
- I.** In the event that a team only has the minimum of 7 players, they are only required to keep 2 outfielders behind the 180 foot arc line.
- J.** A manager can use a courtesy runner for any batter/runner in any inning (No approval required). A courtesy runner may only be used after a batter/runner has reached his/her base. Teams may have unlimited courtesy runner's, however a courtesy runner can only be used once per inning (no rabbit). If a runner is on base when it's his/her at bat, the batter will be called out. A pinch runner cannot be requested for a courtesy runner.
  - i.** The player making the last official out is the Courtesy Runner.
- K.** Base runners may not leave the base at any time until the pitcher releases the ball. (Penalty: "No pitch" is called and the runner is out. After any legal pitch, if the ball is thrown to the base before the runner retouches, the runner is forced out. On a dropped or overthrown pickoff attempt, all runners may advance at their own risk without retouching the base.
- L.** Runners must slide or otherwise avoid contact when the fielder who has the ball is waiting to tag the runner. Failure to do so will result in an automatic out.
- M.** The umpire reserves the right to close the middle if he thinks it is hazardous to the pitcher. The "middle" is considered the area around the pitcher when standing on the pitching rubber; a half step in any direction and within arm's reach of the pitcher. In most circumstances, a warning will be issued before closing the middle. Once closed, any ball (ground ball or line drive) deemed up the middle by the umpire will be considered an automatic out. The rule will be consistently enforced through the remainder of the game for both teams. This rule is not in play at the beginning of a game, unless there is previous history with team(s) or specific player(s) and league administrator and/or umpire deems it necessary to enforce. There are 2 types of hazardous situations that would warrant closing the middle; one with intent and one without intent.

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- I. WITH INTENT:** Balls hit up the middle with intent to harm, retaliate against or target the pitcher, warrant closing the middle. A pitcher's ability to get out of the way or field the hit is not considered in situations with intent, as this rule is in place to protect the pitcher. Factors the umpire will take into consideration when deciding to close the middle include:
  - a. Division/skill level
  - b. Incidents in the current game that would warrant retaliation
  - c. History between teams/players as directed by league administration that would warrant retaliation
  - d. Skill level of the hitter; i.e. Does a hitter possess the skills and bat control to place the ball?
- ii.** Without Intent: Balls hit up the middle without intent are less likely to warrant closing the middle. This factors in characteristic play of a division/skill level and hitter tendencies. If balls are consistently hit up the middle without intent but pose a risk to the pitcher, the umpire may choose to close the middle.
- iii.** Repeat violations in a game or throughout the season may be subject to further action as deemed necessary by the umpire to maintain a safe playing environment. Offenders will also be subject to review by the league coordinator to determine if actions warrant
- N.** It is the responsibility of the managers to verify the score at the end of each inning. Both teams are encouraged to keep score. No score may be refuted after game day. Any questions regarding score should be verbally submitted to the umpire immediately following the inning and should be clarified before the team managers and/or umpire leave the field of play.
- O.** A team not having seven (7) eligible players on the field at the scheduled game time will forfeit the game. All games are permitted a five (5) minute grace period which will be deducted from the overall game time (i.e. 60 minutes instead of 65 minutes).
  - i.** In the event that the teams would still like to play a game after the grace period has ended, the managers must meet with the umpire to agree that they would like to proceed.
  - ii.** If teams agree to play, the game will proceed with the remaining time (full game time will not be awarded).
  - iii.** A team must still have the minimum number of players in order to play.
  - iv.** Once both teams have agreed to play, the results of the game may not be disputed.
- P.** A player who is bleeding or has an open wound or an excessive amount of blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. After proper treatment has been rendered to the injured player and/or uniform, the player may re-enter at the next substitution opportunity.

## ADDITIONAL RULES FOR COED PLAY:

- A.** A coed team may play with 7, 8, or 9 players due to an absence of rostered players. A minimum of 4 women must be in the game. A maximum of 5 men can play in the field when using 9 or 10 players. **AT NO TIME MAY TEAMS USE 6 MEN IN THE FIELD.** All players present must be in the batting order.
- B.** Batting Order: Players must bat in alternating order by sex.
- C.** Substitute runners must be of the same gender.
- D.** A male batter who is intentionally walked on three (3) consecutive balls (for a count total of 4 balls), without a strike called during the at bat, will be awarded second (2nd) base. Base runners will only advance if forced to do so.

## CONDUCT

- A.** Each manager is responsible for the conduct of his/her team AND their spectators. If, in the opinion of the umpire or City representative, a manager does not have complete control of his team, the game may be forfeited.
- B.** The manager shall conduct all grievances in an orderly manner. Continued harassment of umpires by players, managers, or spectators may result in ejection from the game or forfeiture of the game.





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- C. Any player, manager, or spectator involved in unsportsmanlike conduct, either on the field or in the immediate area, before or after the game, may be declared ineligible to participate in future games.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE:** Unsportsmanlike acts consist of acts of deceit such as accepting a call which should be charged to a teammate; faking being injured; indicating disrespect by making debasing or critical remarks about or to an official, opponent, or City representative; or engaging in acts of vulgarity by using profanity, whether or not directed to someone.

- D. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for a minimum of one game after. The length of the suspension will be determined at the discretion of the League Coordinator based on the nature and severity of the action as well as the player's team and individual history in the league.
- E. **EJECTIONS:** Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for a minimum of one game after. The ejected player cannot be inside of the gym, facility or park. If it is the last game of the season, that player will sit out the first game of the next season they play in.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any Newport Beach park, field, and/or school facilities. Any player, manager, or team supporter consuming alcoholic beverages at the game site will be subject to player suspension, forfeited game and/or removal from the league.

## COLLISIONS

It is the City of Newport Beach's intent to avoid collisions whenever possible to prevent injury. At no time does the City of Newport Beach insist or make mandatory for anyone to slide, unless to avoid interference with a fielder.

- A. If a player makes any intentional or accidental non-sliding contact with a fielder at home plate (whether they have the ball or not), they may be called out for interference and further consequences (ejection and/or suspension) may be enforced.
- B. Umpires may also call interference and enforce further consequences for any plays at the plate (sliding or non-sliding) that are deemed unsafe or intentionally obstructing play.
- C. It is your responsibility as a base runner, to avoid all contact with a fielder in ALL live play scenarios. Sliding is not mandatory but if you choose not to slide, you are required to avoid contact by going around the fielder and/or out of the baseline.
- D. It is your responsibility as a fielder to position yourself in a way that does not obstruct the base path during live play or when waiting for the ball. Interference may be called on a fielder when they are obstructing play or a runner's path to the base.

**NOTE:** It is possible for contact to occur without interference or obstruction. Please refer to the definitions of interference and obstruction in the 2017 S.C.M.A.F. rulebook. (SCMAF Softball Rule Book available upon request). The calling of obstruction or interference is a judgment call by the umpire and is not protestable.

## BATTING ORDER & SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Players must bat in alternating order by sex, even if there are an odd number of players.
- B. All teams will use the free substitution rule (16 players-unlimited substitutions). A team must bat all rostered players present. When players are shuffled freely on defense, they remain in the original batting order.
- C. Any players arriving late will immediately be added to the end of the batting order.

## EQUIPMENT

There is a 2016 specific ASA illegal bat list included in your Manager's packet. These are only the illegal bats that have the ASA approved 2000 or 2004 stamp. For a complete list, please visit: [asasoftware.com/certifiedequipment](http://asasoftware.com/certifiedequipment).

- No designated senior bats will be permitted without prior approval from league administrators.
- The Recreation & Senior Services Department will furnish game balls. Bats, gloves, and other equipment are the responsibilities of each team.
- Only multipurpose shoes will be allowed; metal cleats may not be worn.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the PLAYER to use legal equipment, not the Umpire or League Coordinator to prove that you are using illegal equipment.

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- A. Any player using a bat that appears on the illegal bat list will be suspended for one game.
- B. The current game will be forfeited against the team using the illegal equipment.
- C. In the event that a bat (that does not appear on the bat list) is in question, either team may file a protest. Both managers will be informed of the protest, and the umpire will record and document the circumstances at the time of the protest. The protesting manager must file a written statement and a \$25 protest fee.
- D. If the protest is declined (the equipment is legal), the result of the game will stand.
- E. If the protest is upheld (illegal bat), a forfeit will be charged against the team using the illegal equipment and that team will be responsible for a \$32 forfeit fee prior to the next scheduled game.
- F. If the protest for using an illegal bat is against your team, your player will have 24 hours to obtain a manufacturer's specification sheet on the piece of equipment in question. Failure to produce such will result in an automatic forfeit.
- G. It is recommended that when a player purchases a bat for use in City leagues, that he/she obtain a manufacturer's specification sheet to prove that it meets the specifications for Newport Beach leagues.
- H. If you plan to purchase a softball bat, it is recommended that PRIOR TO PURCHASE you obtain a manufacturer's specification sheet on the equipment, and have City Staff review those specifications to make sure that the equipment conforms to City standards. City staff requires five (5) working days to evaluate any or all manufacturer's specifications to verify that the specifications are met.
- I. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that his/her equipment conforms to the standards of league play as legal equipment. This burden, whether real or implied, is not the responsibility of the league coordinator, his/her staff, an umpire, or designated representative of the City of Newport Beach.



## SPECIAL RULES: BONITA CREEK & ARROYO FIELDS

- A. **BONITA FIELD #1:** Any fly ball that touches any part of a tree in fair ground shall be ruled a home run. Any ball that goes over the berm and on to the down slope shall be ruled a home run.
  - i. A ball that bounces off of a tree trunk and remains in the field of play is live and in play.
  - ii. A ball that bounces off of a tree trunk and lands on the down slope of the berm is deemed a home run.
  - iii. A ball that does not reach the down slope is in play.
  - iv. A ball that hits the batting cage shall be ruled a home run.
  - v. \*Please note that whether a ball touches the trees or reaches the down slope of the berm is a judgment call and cannot be appealed.
- B. **BONITA FIELD #2:** Any ball that goes over the berm to the right of the center field light tower is a home run. Any fair ball that enters the parking lot down the left field line is a home run. When a batted ball enters the area where the soccer goals are stored, a ground rule double shall be called. Any fair ball that rolls onto or beyond the concrete curbing in either fair or foul territory is a ground rule double.
  - i. If the soccer field is fenced off, any ball hit over the fence is a home run and any ball that bounces over or through the fence is a ground rule double.
- C. **ARROYO PARK:** Foul territory is defined as the area from the foul line to the fence, both left and right field foul line. Out of play is the hillside in left field beyond the fence line. Any ball hit on the ground beyond the sidewalk in right and center field is considered a ground rule double; any ball hit in the air into this same territory will be considered a home run. Teams have the responsibility to move any soccer goals away from the field of play.

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## Softball League Rules

### SYNTHETIC TURF RULES

To protect the field surface and maximize the lifespan of synthetic turf fields, the City of Newport Beach asks that every team official, coach, player, spectator, and parent be aware of the following rules & regulations for use of the synthetic turf field. Coaches are responsible for the conduct and behavior of players and spectators on the field.

- A.** Only water is permitted. No flavored drinks are allowed (soda, juice, Gatorade, etc). Glass and other breakable containers are prohibited.
- B.** No food allowed on synthetic turf surface. All food including gum, sunflower seeds, nuts and chewing tobacco is prohibited.
- C.** Athletic footwear must consist of molded rubber cleats (less than 2 inches), turf shoes or running shoes. Metal cleats/spikes and high heeled shoes are also prohibited. Athletic footwear should be clean and free of mud.
- D.** No dogs or pets are allowed on the synthetic turf surface.
- E.** Suntan lotions, oils or creams of any kind that may stain the turf are prohibited. Sunblock should be applied before entering the synthetic turf area.
- F.** You are responsible to leave the field cleaner than you found it and ready for the next user. Following games, please inspect anything left by your players or spectators such as trash, athletic tape, or equipment.
- G.** Marking or taping on the synthetic turf surface is prohibited.
- H.** Sharp or blunt equipment is prohibited including chairs, benches, flags, shade structures, tents, stakes, and umbrellas. No temporary or permanent equipment shall be staked down onto the synthetic surface.
- I.** Large objects, including goals that need to be moved across the field should be carried or have turf wheels. Dragging heavy items or equipment across the field may cause significant damage.
- J.** Vehicles of any kind including bicycles, scooters and skateboards are not permitted. RC cars, planes or other toys that use fuel are also prohibited.

### PROTESTS

- A.** All protests must be filed verbally with the umpire and opposing team manager prior to the next pitch. No protest will be accepted beyond this point.
- B.** Protests will not be received or considered if based solely on a decision involving the judgment and interpretation of the umpire.

- C.** All protests must be submitted, in writing, to the Recreation & Senior Services Department by 5:00pm the next working day. A protest-filing fee of \$25 must accompany all protests. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the City will retain the protest fee. For additional information on protests, refer to the most current SCMAF Rule Book.
- D.** Eligibility protests must be made during the game prior to the last out.  
A \$25 fee must be submitted by 5:00pm the next working day. If challenged, players must produce adequate identification. A total of three (3) players may be challenged. If players are legal, the City will retain the \$25 protest fee. If identification cannot be produced for each player challenged, he or she must produce an I.D. before the next scheduled game, or the previous game will be declared a forfeit.
- E.** Protests, which could have little or no effect on subsequent play or the final result of the game, will not be considered.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS & PLAYOFFS

If 2 teams tie with the same won-loss record in the standings, the tie will be broken by the team with the best head to head record (games between tied teams). In a 2-way tie, if the two teams split the head-to-head games, the team's positions in the standings will be determined by run differential. 3-way ties or 4-way ties will be determined by head-to-head records, then run differential in games involving the tied teams if the head to head records are tied.

League champions will be determined by playoffs. For any size division, the top four teams in the standings will advance to a one night playoff format. First place will play fourth place at 7:40pm; second place will play at 7:40. Winners from both games will advance to play the championship game at 8:50pm. Playoff structure may be subject to change at the league administrator's discretion.

Playoff lineups are subject to audit by league administration and umpires. Any players not on the official roster will not be allowed to play in playoffs. No roster adds or changes are allowed after the seventh (7th) league game played unless all team managers in the league give approval. Each player is responsible for making sure that he or she is on the final roster.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If a gym/site is not available due to the next season beginning or a scheduled renovation, the league director may award championship to the first place team.

### AWARDS

League winning teams will be awarded up to 12 additional individual awards. Individual awards are rotated each season and included embroidered or silk-screened T-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, mugs, bags, etc.

