

# 2023 DENVER AREA SOFTBALL

## LEAGUE RULES

**ALL USA SOFTBALL RULES SHALL APPLY EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN**

### **PAID PLAYER REGISTRATION**

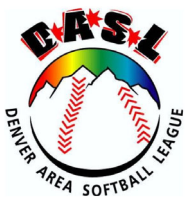
1. Prior to taking the playing field, a player must have completed the DASL Roster.
2. Have paid the DASL Player Fees for the division of play the player will be entering.
3. All players must register with a government ID/Passport or other proper form of Identification (must be a photo ID) before taking the field.
4. No persons under the age of 18 may be on the playing field or in the dugout area.
5. All non-paid players over the age of 18 must sign a Non-Paid Player Waiver Form to be on the playing field or in the dugout. All required waivers are to be completed prior to being on the playing field

### **TEAMS**

1. Each team may bat as many players as they want but must stay in order.
2. **CHANGING TEAMS:** Any paid player may change teams in the first two weeks of play. The cutoff for changing teams is by the 2nd week of play. It is the responsibility of the player wishing to change teams to please notify both managers in addition to the DASL Board to ensure that the change is recorded on the appropriate rosters.
3. **ADDITIONAL PLAYERS:** Each team may add players to their roster until the last game of week 6 of the regular season. Please Note: For any team planning on attending the World Series, players added after July 1 of the current year will not appear on an Official NAGAAA Roster and will not be able to participate in that year's Series.

### **PICKUP PLAYERS**

1. To avoid a forfeit any team may ask a paid player or players to play with their team. You must have six (6) players from your roster, and you may add up to three (3) paid players (from another team) to play for your team. Remember you may not add a tenth player.
2. If a team has players at the field, those players must play before the team can pick up other players.
3. If a player from your team shows up, they must enter the game in a timely manner (maximum of 5 minutes from entering park) and one of the pick-up players must leave the game.
4. Pick up players must be designated on the lineup card with a "P/U" where the player number is recorded.
5. If a team is found in violation of this rule, they will automatically forfeit the game.
6. Lower-Level teams may not pick up a player(s) from an Upper-Level team. Upper-Level teams may pick up players from the Upper-Level and Lower-Level from the Lower-Level. Any team found in violation of this rule will forfeit that game.



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### UNIFORMS

1. Each player must wear a “Team Jersey” which must be similar in color and style and must have a player/roster number as described by **USA Softball Rules**.
2. **Jewelry Rule:** Play at your own risk.

### EQUIPMENT

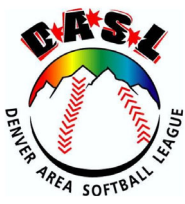
1. **Bats**
  - a. All bats cannot exceed 1.20 B.P.F. and must be USA Certified. All bats must be verified USA Certified by a Board member and bear a current year “DASL-Approved” sticker.
  - b. Any Player caught with an illegal bat will be called out and disqualified from that game. An updated Illegal Bat list will be available at the fields each week.
2. **Balls – All softballs will be supplied by the league.**
3. **Footwear – NO metal cleats or metal screw-in cleats are allowed.**

### FIELDS

1. Vanderbilt Park (Denver) & Ulysses Sports Complex (Golden)
  - a. **NO** parking is allowed on the grassy areas near the parking lots. Violators will be towed at their own expense.
  - b. Pet Policy – All pets must be always kept on leash regardless of how friendly your pet might be.
  - c. Alcohol Containers – Glass bottles will always be prohibited from the park. Canned beverages will be acceptable at the field.
  - d. There is no fee for admission to the park or parking fee for the field.

### NAGAAA RATINGS – OPEN DIVISION

1. Open Division managers must submit ratings on all players who are new to the league by **June 15** of the current year.
2. If you do not rate a player, they will not appear on an official NAGAAA Roster.
3. Once ratings have been entered into the NAGAAA Database, a copy of the team roster will be sent back to the manager for their own records. Open Division Team Managers will be required annually to attend the DASL Ratings Field Day.
4. Player ratings will be in accordance with the NAGAAA Current Ratings & Guidelines Questionnaire.

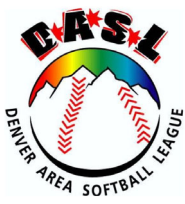


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### DASL SEASON GAME RULES

1. DASL is honoring the USA rule on starting pitch count. All batters will start with 1 (one) ball and 1 (one) strike upon entering the batter's box. There will be NO COURTESY FOUL on the 3rd strike. To clarify, if you have 2 strikes on you (1 that you enter the batter's box with and either a called strike or foul ball), the 3rd called strike or foul ball will result in an out.
2. Game times are 55 minutes or 7 innings which ever expires first.
3. If there is a play at first base, the runner **MUST HIT THE ORANGE BASE**, or will be called out.
4. **Non-Paid Player:** ANY Team caught with a NON-Paid player will Automatically Forfeit that game. A forfeit can also be counted for up until the line-up card has been processed by the league for accuracy of paid players. All score cards will be cured by 5:00 pm the Monday following games.
5. Any team playing with pick-up players from another team are automatically visitors. If both teams are playing with pick-up players, then a coin toss will determine home and visitors.
6. The Home team is the official book. It is up to each team to check with the umpire after every inning to ensure each team has the same score.
7. International Tie-Breaker rule will be enforced if the game is tied at the end of 55 minutes or 7 innings, which ever happens first. At the start of the 1st extra inning, the last out of the last inning will start on 2nd base and each batter will get 1 (one) pitch only. If it is called a ball the batter takes a walk. If the pitch is called a strike or is fouled off that batter is out. If the game is still tied after that inning, the last out from the inning starts on 3rd base. Batters still get only 1 (one) pitch and if called a ball, take a walk; called a strike or foul off, it is an out. Play continues like this until a team wins.
8. **Over The Fence Homerun Rule**
  - a. Each team may only hit a maximum of 1 out of the park homerun per game. Runners on base will advance.
  - b. Any batter from either team that hits an out of the park homerun for a team that has already hit an out of the park homerun per game will immediately be declared out. Runners on base will not advance.
9. **OFFICIAL SCORE:** The designated home team will keep the official scorebook and will communicate runs scored each half inning to the umpire. At the conclusion of the game managers from each team must sign the OFFICIAL SCORE CARD. If there are any questions during the game about scoring, batting order, etc., they need to be resolved prior to the next at bat.



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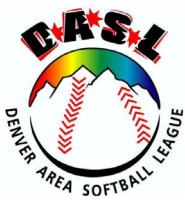
10. **WEATHER DELAYS:** The DASL Board may activate the rain plan at any time during the season, should games be delayed by rain and/or dangerous weather. All weather updates relating to cancellations or delays will be communicated by the board through the DASL Facebook Page.

### **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The following player conduct **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED:**
  - a. Using foul language and or yelling at the DASL Board Member and Umpire on and/or off the field within the DASL Permit Holding Area.
  - b. Running into a player when you are clearly out, instead of sliding or getting out of the way of the play. Players must avoid the “collision” at all times. If you do not attempt to get out of the way of play or slide YOU WILL BE CALLED OUT and the runner going to first will be called out also.
  - c. The only player(s) that are allowed to speak to the umpire about a concern is the player representing your team at the home plate during the pre-game coin toss. If your manager/coach are your team representatives, they will need to be the one who is at home plate before the game.
  - d. Sliding with cleats up with the intention to hurt another player.
2. Penalties for Un-Sportsmanlike conduct is as follows:
  - a. **FIRST PENALTY:** Automatically called out and will be an out every time they come up in the lineup during that game.
    - i. Ejected from all games that day.
    - ii. You will receive a warning in a letter form from the board within 3 days. A copy of the warning letter will be kept by the DASL Secretary and Commissioner as well as copy placed in the team folder.
  - b. **SECOND PENALTY:** Automatically suspended until you appear in front of the board to state your case, the board will consider your statements and decide any penalties or further action.
  - c. **THIRD PENALTY:** You will not be allowed to play in the rest of the season and will be placed on the disqualified from DASL and placed on the list with NAGAAA for Open Division players. (This will mean you will not be able to attend the World Series.)
  - d. Additional penalties are outline in the *DASL Bylaws, Article 3 – “Termination of Membership”*.

### **COURTESY RUNNERS**

1. Courtesy runners will be allowed in all divisions.
2. One (1) courtesy runner will be allowed per team per inning.
3. The courtesy runner can be anyone on the lineup and does not have to be the last out.
4. If a courtesy runner is on base at the time that player is scheduled to bat, the original



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batter/runner will retake the base.

### DASL PROTEST PROCEDURES

1. A Team Manager/Rep may verbally protest an issue with the Umpire, prior to signing the game scorecard, by verbally stating the issue of protest and handing the Umpire the fifty-dollar (\$50) protest fee in cash. The protest fee must be the exact amount, in cash.
2. The Umpire will then inform the other team that the game is “Under Protest” for said issue and document such on game scorecard.
3. The protesting Team Manager must file a written protest with the Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of that game. Failure to file the written protest within the 24- hour time limit will result in an automatic denial of protest and forfeiture of the \$50 protest fee. The written protest may be done via e-mail but must meet the 24-hour deadline.
4. A ruling will be issued by 5:00pm on the following Thursday and given to both team managers. If the protest is upheld, deemed correct, the \$50 protest fee will be refunded to the protesting team. If the protest is denied, deemed incorrect, the \$50 protest fee will be deposited to the League general fund.

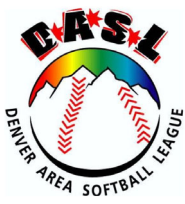
### RUN RULES: USA SOFTBALL RUN RULES WILL BE APPLIED AND APPLY TO ALL GAMES.

1. **20 runs** ahead after 3 innings.
2. **15 runs** ahead after 4 innings.
3. **10 runs** ahead after 5 innings.

**SEEDING** – Seeding for the EOY Tournament will be determined during Week 11 of the DASL Season.

### EOY TOURNAMENT RULES

1. No team may pick up players. Teams must have 8 players to play, and every vacancy up to 10 players in the lineup will then follow the USA shorthanded rule (each vacancy in the lineup (up to 10 players) will be an out).
2. Players on a team’s roster must be in the lineup for at least 4 regular season games to qualify to play in the DASL End of Year Tournament.
3. Players that have been identified as only Partial Qualifying Season Players will not be allowed to participate in the DASL EOY Tournament.
4. **NO GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS.**
5. **Regular Tournament Game Rules**
  - a. Home team is determined by a coin toss.
  - b. Games are 55 minutes or 7 innings. Ties are handled with international tiebreaker rules.
  - c. Games will be called on run lead, regular play run rule applies.



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d. Over The Fence Homerun Rule will apply for all tournament games.

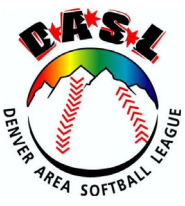
### 6. Championship Tournament Game Rules

- a. Home team is from the winner's bracket.
- b. Games will be 7 innings with no time limits. Ties will be played out until one team wins.
- c. Game will be called on run lead. Same run rule applies as in regular season play.
- d. All players must wear like-colored shirts with number on back.
- e. Over The Fence Homerun Rule will apply for all tournament games.

**DASL REFUND POLICY** – Player refunds are subject to the DASL Board Approval and must be submitted to the Treasurer before the last regular season game.

### **DASL DISCLAIMER**

*The DASL Board reserves the right to alter these rules as needed due to the fluidity of state, county, and federal rules as needed due to CDC Guidelines. All game cancellations will be announced through DASL social media outlet of Facebook the day of.*



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### Denver Area Softball League Rules Declaration 2023

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the 2023 DASL rules and understand that I am fully responsible to inform my teammates of said rules.

**Manager's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE NOTE

This form must be signed no later than the first week of play. Any teams failing to submit this form will not be allowed to take the field!