

Denver Area Softball League Rules 2022

Same as USA Rules with the following exceptions and/or clarifications.

- 1) Definition of a “Paid” Player: Prior to taking the playing field, a player must have completed the DASL roster, paid the DASL player fees, present a valid photo ID (state issued ID or Passport) and complete any required waivers.
- 2) No persons under the age of 18 may be on the playing field or in the dugout area.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Game times are 55 minutes or 7 innings which ever expires first.
- 5) 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 batters 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 batters box with and either a called strike or foul ball), the 3rd called strike or foul ball will result in an out.
- 6) Run Rule – 20 after 3 innings; 15 after 4 innings; 10 after 5 innings.
- 7) If there is a play at first base, the runner **MUST HIT THE ORANGE BASE, or will be called out.**
- 8) All players must wear like-colored shirts with a clearly identifiable number on the back.
- 9) Each team may bat as many players as they want but must stay in order.
- 10) **Un-Sportsmanlike conduct WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**
 - a. Using foul language
 - b. Yelling at the umpire
 - c. Running into a player when you are clearly out, instead of sliding or getting out of the way of the play.
 - d. The only player that is allowed to speak to the umpire about a concern is the player representing your team at the home plate before the game. If your manager is your team representative, they need to be the one who is at home plate before the game.
 - e. Sliding with cleats up with the intention to hurt another player.

Penalties for Un-Sportsmanlike conduct are as follows:

- a. **First penalty** - Automatically called out and will be an out every time they come up in the lineup during that game.
- b. Ejected from all games that day.
- c. You will receive of warning in a letter form from the board within 3 days.
- d. **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.
- e. **Third penalty** - you will not be allowed to play in the rest of the season and will be put on the disqualified list with NAGAAA. (This will mean you will not be able to attend the World Series.)

f. Additional penalties are outlined in the DASL bylaws, Article 3 – Termination of Membership.

- 11) When a base runner is clearly going to be out at second base, they **MUST ATTEMPT to get out of the way of play or slide** (this mostly happens when a double play is being attempted). 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.
- 12) Courtesy Runner: USA will allow one courtesy runner per inning. This courtesy runner must be a player that is in the lineup for the current game.
- 13) Changing teams: Any paid player may change teams in the first two weeks of play. The cutoff for changing teams is by the end of play, the 2nd week of play. If you are changing teams, please notify both managers and the DASL Board to ensure that the change is recorded on the appropriate rosters.
- 14) 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.**
- 15) Open Division managers must submit ratings on players who are new to the league by June 15 of the current year. If you do not rate a player, they will not appear on an official NAGAAA Roster.
- 16) ANY Team caught with a NON-Paid player will **Automatically Forfeit** that game.
- 17) Players on a team's roster must be in the lineup for at least 4 regular season games in order to qualify to play in the DASL end of the year tournament.
- 18) Jewelry Rule: No watches, big earrings, nose, mouth/lip, or eyebrow rings.
- 19) Pick up players (exception to USA regular season rules).
 - a. 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.
 - b. If a team has players at the field, those players must play before the team can pick up other players.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Pick up players must be designated on the lineup card with a "P/U" following their name.
 - e. If a team is found in violation of this rule, they will automatically forfeit the game.
 - f. 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. Any team found in violation of this rule will forfeit that game.

- 20) 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.
- 21) 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.
- 22) International Tie-Breaker rule will be enforced in the event that the game is tied at the end of 55 minutes or 7 innings, whichever 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.
- 23) 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.
- 24) Any Player caught with an illegal bat will be called out and disqualified from that game.
- 25) An updated Illegal Bat list will be available at the fields each week.
- 26) Protest Procedures for DASL:
- a. 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.
 - b. The Umpire will then inform the other team that the game is "Under Protest" for said issue and document such on game scorecard.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
- 27) End of Season Tournament Play Rules:
- a. 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).
 - b. Regular tournament games:
 - 1. Home team is determined by a coin toss.
 - 2. Games are 55 minutes or 7 innings. Ties are handled with international tiebreaker rules.
 - 3. Games will be called on run lead, regular play run rule applies.
 - 4. All players must wear like-colored shirts with a clearly identifiable number on the back.
 - c. Championship Games:

1. Home team is from the winner's bracket.
2. Games will be 7 innings with no time limits. Ties will be played out until one team wins.
3. Game will be called on run lead. Same run rule applies as in regular season play.
4. All players must wear like-colored shirts with number on back.

28) No GLASS bottles are allowed at the fields.

29) Refund policy: Player refunds are subject to Board approval and must be submitted to the treasurer before the last regular season game.

MANAGERS: Please see attached form, it must be signed before your team can take the field on opening day.

DISCLAIMER: *The DASL Board reserves the right to alter these rules as needed due to the fluidity of state, county, federal rules as needed due to COVID 19. All game cancellations will be announced through DASL social media outlet of Facebook the day of.*

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Rules Declaration 2022

Team Name: _____

Manager's Name: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the 2022 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!