

# 2020 Aurora Turners Softball League Rules

## Aurora Turners Softball Covid Guidelines

- Maintain Social Distancing, 6 feet apart. Please do not move picnic tables around.
- NO Spitting (spit, seeds, chew)
- NO STANDING behind the backstop fence.
- Catcher will stand opposite the Umpire. Umpire will be up by the batter, catcher will be back by the backstop fence and will let the ball come back to them. Catcher grabs the ball out of the bucket if needed.
- Dugouts will be extended to give teams more room to spread out. ONLY players are allowed in the dugout. Please clean up after yourself.
- Teams/fans coming for the next games will wait down the first and third base lines (behind 1st/3rd base). Teams/fans looking to stay and watch after will also have to move down the first/third baseline (behind 1st/3rd base) once their game is completed.
- No handshake line after game.
- Teams are encouraged to wipe down their equipment after use.
- Guidelines can be added/changed accordingly throughout the season.

## League Rules

- No outside alcohol or beverages are allowed on Club property. -Glasses and/or glass bottles from the club are not allowed outside.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the playing field or in Dugouts. No Sunflower seeds or Chewing Tabaco on the playing field.
- NO PROFANITY PLEASE! Turner's is a family club. No slamming or throwing bats. If these rules aren't followed it may lead to ejection at the umpire's discretion.
- Each team should have numbered shirts of the same color.
- Team roster sheets and waivers must be turned in during the first game of the season. Changes and additions may be made at the concession stand. Rosters have no limits but players must be signed in on the roster sheet & waiver before they are allowed to play!!! Due to insurance reasons only players who have signed a wavier are allowed to play. Knowingly fielding an illegal player/team will result in immediate forfeit and the Team Manager will be suspended.
- Teams are allowed 5 substitutes that are rostered in another division. Players can only play on one other team besides their rostered team. Players may only move one division down or one division up. Example: C rostered player can either substitute for a B division team or a D division team (one or another not both). A player must appear in a minimum of (1) regular season game to be eligible for playoffs.

**-Pitching Rules:** Refer to USSSA Rule Book

-Designated Hitter(s): Teams can have a batting line-up of up to 12 players. Of the 12 players any 10 may play the field.

-Posted game times are forfeit times. **Games will not be able to start a new inning after 55 minutes.** A team can bat with 8 players, but must have 9 to take the field or when the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the order is "up to bat". A team may add the 10<sup>th</sup> player at any time during the game. A team may add an 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> player only up to the leadoff batters 2<sup>nd</sup> at bat. If a team starts with 11 or 12 players and due to injury cannot field an 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> player, and has no available rostered players on their bench, the team will be charged with an out, when this spot in the line-up is reached. If a team starts with 10 players and cannot field a 10<sup>th</sup> player they can drop to 9, but that spot in the line-up is an automatic out. If team starts with only 9 players (**10<sup>th</sup> spot isn't an out**) they must finish with 9 or forfeit at that point. A team that forfeits the first game of a same-teams, double-header will have ½ hour to field a team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. **Any ejected player must be replaced** in the line-up (immediately) with an available substitute. If a substitute is **not available** for an ejected player, the game will **continue** as long as the team still has 9 players eligible.

-Each batter starts with a one ball one strike count, no courtesy fouls, a foul ball after two strikes is considered an out, and is counted as a strike out for stat purposes. Base runners may not advance on a Foul Out-Strike Out.

-Run Rule: **20 after 3, 15 after 4, and 10 after 5.** If the Home team is run ruled, the U.S.S.S.A Flip Flop rule will go into affect. The Home team, which is losing, will remain at bat and become the Visiting team. If the team (new Visiting team) does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the Run Rule the game is over. If they reduce the run difference to below the Run Rule limit, then the new Home team will bat and the game will continue under that format. If the situation reverses, the teams would flip/flop again.

-Any suspended or rained out games will be made up at a later date. The team manager is responsible for informing his team of when they are expected to play. Games will be picked up from where they were suspended. Any game suspended after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is winning) is considered a complete game.

-All Leagues have a Homerun Limit plus the "1-up Rule." This rule allows any team that has reached its homerun limit to hit another homerun as long as they are not more than one homerun ahead of the opposing team. For example, If team "A" has hit their 3 homeruns and team "B" has not hit their 3 homeruns, team "A" is not allowed to hit anymore homeruns; but if team "B" has hit their 3 homeruns, team "A" would be allowed to hit a 4th homerun (and if they do so, team "B" would be allowed to hit their 4th and 5th homerun- then "A" would be able to hit their 5th and 6th, etc...) **NOTE:** The home team in their last at-bat (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> inning to cause a "Run Rule" game, or the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, or any following extra inning) **may go "1-up" in homeruns** over the visiting team. This means that the **either team can "1-up" at anytime**, even to end the game. In all instances any additional home runs after reaching the maximum allowed at that time in the game, results in an "Out" for that batter.

**2020 Homerun Limits ; A League : 3, B League : 2, C League : 1 D League : 1**

-There is a \$100.00 protest fee, payable immediately to the Official at time of protest. Protests will be decided by the League Director.

-The U.S.S.S.A. sanctions this league and the league follows the rules and regulations of this governing body. This includes the USSSA rule for substitutions. The HOUSE RULES, mentioned above, supersede any U.S.S.S.A. rules.

-Regular Season Awards: Equivalent to Team/Sponsor trophy and individual trophies for each division winner (\$130), Equivalent to Team/Sponsors trophy only for 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$35) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25) place finishers. Ties in the standings will be determined by: 1<sup>st</sup>/Head-to-head record amongst the tied teams, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Run differential in the games between the tied teams, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Coin flip. Equivalent to Team/sponsor trophy awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> (\$35), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$25) place in the season-end tournaments.

-The courtesy runner rule can be used; any player on the roster may be used. The player you chose to run for can change from inning to inning, however only one player can be run for each inning. If courtesy runner is used and the player who is now running is at bat in the batting order, the at bat will count as an out.

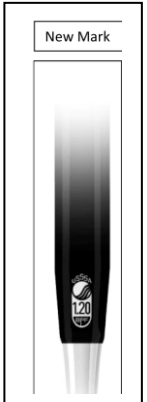
-All warm-ups taken by pitchers are to be underhand; any warm-up deemed by the umpire as intended for another purpose other than warming up, could result in the pitcher being ejected.

-Leagues A, B, C, & D all must use a USSSA Stamped Bat. Bats will be tested at random throughout the year. If bat is found to be illegal that bat may not be used for the remainder of the season. A player using a bat that has been tested and determined illegal will be suspended for the season.

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