

# 2023 Aurora Turners Softball League Rules

## 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 Tobacco on the playing field.

-NO PROFANITY PLEASE! Turners 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/similar color.

-Team rosters/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/waiver before they are allowed to play!!! Due to insurance reasons only players who have signed a waiver 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 One Nation 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 60 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 One Nation 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.

-Home Run Rule: One (1) player will be selected as the "HR" hitter. They can hit unlimited HRs and they do not count against the team total. The rest of the team will have a set total of HRs. Once they reach their total, any other HR will be an out. A/B - 3 team HRs, C - 2 team HRs, B - 1 team HRs

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

-Regular Season Awards: Equivalent to Team/Sponsor trophy and individual trophies for each division winner (\$100), Equivalent to Team/Sponsors trophy only for 2<sup>nd</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> (\$100), 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. The pitcher(s) will not count as courtesy runners.

-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.

-All Leagues must use a One Nation 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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