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**2019 M/W SENIOR (62+) SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

*Home Run Limit – 1-up with no limit*

**TEAM**

**MANAGER**

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- This schedule represents your permit to play on the listed NCC softball fields on the dates and times specified. You must carry a copy to all games.
- You should be familiar with all USA Softball and NCC rules.
- Teams should arrive 20 minutes before game time. *If playing conditions are questionable players should call the Inclement Weather Message Line – (302) 395-5891 for instructions after 9:00 AM. Please do not call the Sports Office – staff have been instructed to refer all calls to the Weather Line.* A grace period of 15 minutes is allowed for most games (See NCC General Rules for additional information).
- Batting practice is prohibited in the batter's boxes before games. Please repair the batter's boxes before leaving the field.
- Line up cards must be submitted during ground rules.
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ON COUNTY PARKLAND!**
- Proper conduct is expected of all players (See misconduct penalties in NCC General Softball Rules). "Zero Tolerance Rule" against profanity must be strictly adhered to by all participants.
- Managers must confirm receipt of rescheduled games with the opposing team manager.
- **WARNING: permanent first bases and synthetic batters boxes are in use at select facilities.**
- **Use of metal shoe cleats is prohibited.**

### Reminders

1. ASA bat rule is in effect. All ASA approved bats may be used in this program. Players ages 75 and older (by December 31) may use any bat approved for Senior Softball. See the attached rule and the Sports and Athletics website for more information.
2. Regular season single/games = 7 innings; Regular season doubleheaders = 6 innings (if time permits managers also have the option to play 7 innings for one or both games if agreed upon during ground rules); Playoffs = 7 innings.
3. Up to 20 players are permitted on a roster.
4. A 1-1 starting count is optional in all games. Note: Managers are encouraged to utilize the 1-1 count when necessary to help complete an official game.
5. **"Run Ahead Rule"** will be in effect for all games: 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings. The home team must complete their turn at during the inning, unless they have reached the "Run Ahead" limit.
6. Players/Teams must bring their own drinks, ice and first aid supplies to all games.

### Rule Interpretations

*The following rule interpretations are included in order to clarify some common misinterpretations of our Senior League rules. Everyone is reminded that a full copy of the NCC General Softball Rules and Regulations is posted on the NCC Sports website: [nccdesports.com](http://nccdesports.com).*

1. Rules can be modified by agreement of both managers during ground rules but these modifications have no formal bearing on rules used for future games. When in doubt, the printed rules apply. **EXCEPTION: Rules designed to enhance player safety cannot be modified.**
3. Regarding "borrowing" players from other teams:
  - a. Teams may "borrow" players only if they have twelve (12) roster players or less at their game. A team that borrows players may not have more than thirteen (13)
  - b. "Borrowed" players may not be used in place of roster players who are present at the game. They may be used to fill in for missing roster players, to substitute for roster players who voluntarily leave the game, or to courtesy run for roster players that need a runner.
  - c. A team using "borrowed" players may not have more than eleven (11) players in the batting order.
4. Courtesy runners may only be used after a batter has completed his turn, reached base safely, and the ball is declared dead at the end of the play.

## Rule Change – Pitching Screens

From NCC General Softball Rules Senior League Addendum II.A.4.

### A. Defensive Requirements:

4. In order to provide some level of protection to the pitchers the use of a 4' x 7' protective screen in front of the pitcher is mandatory.
  - a. The pitching screen will be placed so that inside edge of the screen frame will be in contact with and overlap at least one-half of the front edge of the pitcher's plate and the screen is parallel to a line drawn between first and third bases.
  - b. The screen can be placed on either side of the pitcher's plate depending on whether the pitcher is right or left handed.
  - c. Pitchers are permitted to pitch up to **10** feet directly behind the official pitcher's plate. One foot must be on the ground within the 24" length of the pitcher's plate.
  - d. After releasing the pitch the pitcher must move to a position directly behind the screen until the after ball is hit. **The pitcher *may not* field a batted ball and cannot participate in the play until another defensive player has touched the batted ball.**
    1. Penalty: for the first and second violation of this rule the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or returning the runners to their original bases and awarding a ball on the batter and having him hit again.
    2. For the third violation of this rule in addition to the penalty listed above the pitcher is removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game (he may stay in the line-up play any other defensive position).



### **Player Participation Policy**

*The T/Th Senior Draft League was formed to offer any individual, aged 58 and older, the ability to participate in a structured, recreational softball league. This policy ensures that all participants are afforded an equal opportunity to participate in the program regardless of their individual skill level.*

1. All healthy and willing players who are present before the start of the game shall be listed on their team's line-up card in the batting order. Players are listed individually and are not to share batting order slots. Players that arrive after the start of the game are to be added to the line-up card at the end of the batting order.
2. All healthy and willing players who are present at the start of the game are expected to participate on defense for at least one-half of the game (3 innings for a 7 inning game; 4 innings for a 9 inning game). Players who arrive after the start of the game are expected to participate on defense for at least one-half of the defensive innings left in the game at the time of their arrival.
3. The "healthy and willing" status is determined by each individual player; however, players who exhibit signs of an obvious injury that affects their normal playing ability can be removed from the game at any time by the team manager after consultation with the League Coordinator.
4. This participation policy is not in effect during playoff games but it is expected that all healthy and willing players participate on offense and defense at some point during the game.

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04/17



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*All rain-outs will be rescheduled for the Monday following the scheduled play date. The regular season will not be extended past the last July play date.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>HOME TEAM</u>	<u>VISITING TEAM</u>
Wed 05/08/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	1,2 3,4	Dover Army Navy Duhadaway tool	DAS Hilyard's Business Solutions
Wed 05/15/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	5,6 7,8	Hilyard's Business Solutions DAS	Dover Army Navy Duhadaway tool
Wed 05/22/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	9,10 11,12	Hilyard's Business Solutions Dover Army Navy	DAS Duhadaway tool
Wed 05/29/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	13,14 15,16	Hilyard's Business Solutions DAS	Duhadaway tool Dover Army Navy
Wed 06/05/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	17,18 19,20	Duhadaway tool Dover Army Navy	DAS Hilyard's Business Solutions
Wed 06/12/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	21,22 23,24	Duhadaway tool DAS	Dover Army Navy Hilyard's Business Solutions
Wed 06/19/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	25,26 27,28	Dover Army Navy Duhadaway tool	DAS Hilyard's Business Solutions
Wed 06/26/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	29,30 31,32	Hilyard's Business Solutions DAS	Dover Army Navy Duhadaway tool

*July 1 - 5: 4<sup>th</sup> of July week - no games scheduled*

Wed 07/10/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	33,34 35,36	Hilyard's Business Solutions Dover Army Navy	DAS Duhadaway tool
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**2019 SENIOR (62+) SOFTBALL LEAGUES**  
*M/W League Playoffs: 4 teams - Double Elimination*

***The home team in higher seed in all games.***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>TEAM 1</u>	<u>TEAM 2</u>
Wed 07/17/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2	P1 P2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Wed 07/24/19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	PF #4 PF #2 PF #4	P3 P4 P5	Loser P1 Winner P1 Winner P3	Loser P2 Winner P2 Loser P4
Wed 07/31/19	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	PF #4 PF #4	P6 P7 "if"	Winner P4 Winner P4	Winner P5 Winner P5