

## 2026 Summer Captains Meeting Agenda

- 2026 staff: Seth Neal – Recreation Specialist Colin Siegel – Assistant Recreation Specialist, and will be at the fields most nights. Nightly support staff for Colin: Sport supervisors Roxie, Grant, Mike, Mason, Nicole, and Marc.
- Reminder: The Captain’s responsibility to make sure their full roster is aware of all the rules and anything else we go over during the meeting.
- **Rosters will lock after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of play for the summer season-** Rosters will now be entered in by team managers within Team Sideline. Captains will be entered by Colin and sent a request to accept the invitation. Captains will then enter each player's information, which will send a request to join their team.
- Bats: Softball bats are allowed in our league as long as they have an ASA/USA stamp. The non-approved bat list can be found on TeamSideline. Wood bats will be allowed with the stamp.
- Game time is 55 minutes. The first game has a 10-minute grace period (clock will start at game time), all remaining games have a 5-minute grace period. Game time starts at the end of the captain's meeting; games will not start early.
- **Home Runs:**
  - **DRU: 2 HR + 1 up. After each team hits 2 HR, they may each hit one additional HR. (Total of 3).**
  - **DRL: 1 HR + 1 up. After each team hits 1 HR, they may each hit one additional HR. (Total of 2).**
  - **Mixed Divisions: Divisions that are mixed will have a home run rule that coincides with the level of play by the majority of teams.**
  - **Any over-the-fence home run that is hit after the max allowed for the division will be counted as a single out. We will no longer implement the inning-ending home run rule. **SHAG YOUR BALLS.****
- Balls: teams used to all start with one new and one old...the breakdown is still: DRU start with 2 new/2 old, and DRL will start with 1 new/1 old. To do this, we need all players and fans to understand that the cost of softballs has increased tremendously, and why we mark every softball with COW. This helps us to notify everyone that they are City property and we need them back. Umpires will not be able to just “get more” if teams are not helping out by shagging balls.
- Player safety: No standing outside of the dugout other than base coaches, batter, & on deck batter. Team will receive one warning; after that, the batter will be called out.
  - Intentionally hitting up the middle is highly discouraged. Players may be subject to ejection for multiple offenses that staff feels are intentional.
  - Baserunners must attempt to avoid contact with fielders attempting to make a play to avoid collisions. (See USA Softball rulebook for official rule)
- The clock will not be stopped for a player ejection or roster protest.

- Music is allowed at fields at a reasonable level. If it gets to the point where it's affecting players' ability to hear or if it's offensive (to anyone at the complex), player will be asked to turn it off.
- Beer available for purchase from Benders. Please drink responsibly, and remember **no alcohol in the dugout, no alcohol on the field (the dugout is part of the field)**. Last call will be 9:15 pm, only 2 drinks per transaction, no special deals for free beer, and no drinks will go out the window past 9:30 pm.
  - If outside alcohol is found in the dugout or the complex, you will be given 2 options: chug it or dump it. Failure to comply may cause your team to forfeit.
- Run Rules:
  - 10 Run rule applies after 5 complete innings
  - 15 Run rule applies after 4 complete innings **OR** 40 minutes played
- Line-up cards need to be turned in to scorekeeper 15 min before the game with legal names and not nicknames.
- The Sport Specialist reserves the right to reclassify any team to try to promote a well-balanced league
- Games will be delayed and fields cleared if lightning is present within an **8-mile** radius of the facility per alignment with NCAA rules (**signaled by an airhorn**). Play will resume as soon as lightning moves out of that range, not after a specified time.
- Cancellations or delays will be posted only on Team Sideline, and captains will be sent an email/text as soon as possible.
  - **All** players are encouraged to sign up for text communications via Team Sideline.
- Weather-related cancellations will be made up in the following 2 weeks after league OR specified weekend rain dates if needed:
  - Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>