

# 2021 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUND-UP

## TOURNAMENT RULES

**ALL USA SOFTBALL RULES SHALL APPLY EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN**

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

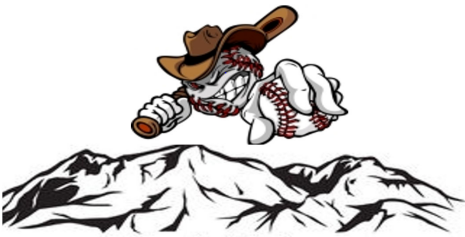
1. All players must register with a government ID/Passport or other proper form of Identification (**must be a photo ID**) before taking the field.
2. Players **MUST** register before tournament play begins for their respective division. Once tournament play begins, there will be no additional registrations unless approved by the Tournament Director (or proxy) as a hardship.
3. All players must be **18 years** of age.

### **TEAMS**

1. Rosters are limited to 20 players.
2. Teams must have a **minimum of 9 players** to start and finish a game.
3. Teams may add a 10<sup>th</sup> player at any time (11<sup>th</sup> **ONLY** before the start of the game). If a team starts with 10 or 11 players and one player cannot continue, a substitute must enter or an out will be recorded for that player during his/her scheduled plate appearance(s).
4. All games will be played with a **maximum of 12 players**, consisting of 10 players on the field and 2 extra hitters (EH).
5. If a player is ejected, the team must provide a substitute and if no substitute is available the game will be declared a forfeit.
6. Each team will provide the umpire the official team lineup card before the game begins. The lineup cards will be provided by the tournament and extra copies will be made available at the Tournament Desk.

### **UNIFORMS**

1. Each player must wear a "Team Jersey" which must be similar in color and style and must have a player/roster number as described by **USA Softball Rules**.
2. No bandanas, non-uniform decorations or tied clothing is allowed on a player's neck, head or body.
3. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the umpire (game by game) or Tournament Director (Tournament wide. Example of exception would be weather conditions).
4. No jewelry can be worn during play. Non-removable jewelry must be covered by tape or bandage. (**Examples of jewelry include neck chains, watches, fit-bits, bracelets, or earrings that extend below the earlobe**).



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### EQUIPMENT

#### 1. Bats

- a. Only **USA Softball** approved bats will be allowed for use.
- b. Umpires will be using the current **USA Softball** non-approved bat list for bat review prior to each team's first game.
- c. Any illegal bat or suspected altered bat discovered will be **removed** from play and returned at the end of the tournament. The umpire will report and give the bat to the Tournament Director/Assistant Tournament Director for holding until the team has completed tournament play. The Tournament Director will notify the UIC of the infraction.
- d. If the same team is found to be using another illegal bat in subsequent games, the Tournament Director has the discretion to remove the team from play.
- e. The results of any play occurring while an illegal bat is used will follow **USA Softball Rules**.

#### 2. Balls – All softballs will be supplied by the tournament.

#### 3. Footwear – NO metal cleats or metal screw-in cleats are allowed.

#### 4. Bases – If there are 2 (two) bags at first base the USA Softball double bag rule is in effect.

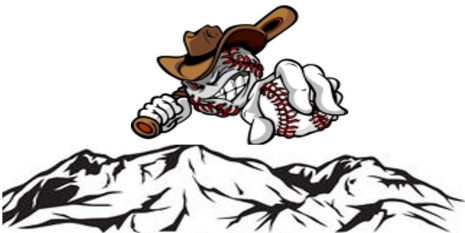
### FIELDS

#### 1. Ulysses Sports Complex (Golden)

- a. **NO** parking is allowed on the grassy areas near the parking lots. Violators will be towed at their own expense by Golden Parks & Recreation.
- b. Pet Policy – All pets must be always kept on leash regardless of how friendly your pet might be.
- c. Alcohol Containers – Glass bottles will always be prohibited from the park. Canned beverages will be acceptable at the field.
- d. There is no fee for admission to the park or parking fee for the field.
- e. **NO** overnight camping or use of RVs is allowed at the park.

### NAGAAA RATINGS/TEAM ELIGIBILITY/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Team Ratings will be calculated based on adding the rating of the top 10 rated players.
2. The **Current NAGAAA Ratings & Guidelines** will be in effect for the tournament (ratings questionnaire can be found on the Rocky Mountain Round-Up website under the "Rules" section).
3. **All Players must be rated in the NAGAAA Database to be eligible to play.**



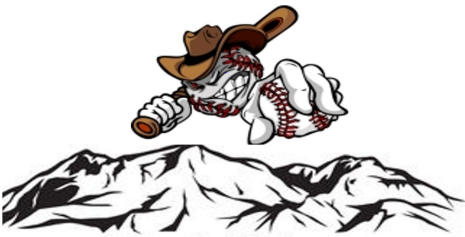
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4. Players that have no current rating found in the NAGAAA Database, must provide from their NAGAA Member City League Commissioner / NAGAAA Representative a letter certifying the rating of the player to the Tournament Director.
5. Player Ratings must be provided with the Team Roster **NO** later than the Roster Freeze/ Submission Date and are subject to validation by the Rocky Mountain Round-Up Ratings Chairman & Tournament Director prior to taking the field.
6. Team Breakdown & Player Maximum Ratings are as follows:
  - a. **C Division**
    - i. Player Cap – 15 points
    - ii. Team Cap – 140 points
  - b. **D Division**
    - i. Player Cap – 12 points
    - ii. Team Cap – 110 points
  - c. **E Division**
    - i. Player Cap – 8 points
    - ii. Team Cap – 75 points

### GAME RULES

1. **GAME TIME**: Game time is forfeit time for the teams that are not at the designated field at their scheduled game time. However, a team changing fields for consecutively scheduled games, that team will have up to 10 minutes to get to their respective field and prepare for the next game (lineups, bathroom breaks, etc.). At the discretion of the Field Director/Tournament Director, if the games are running ahead of schedule the start time may be moved up at the request of both managers.
2. **HOME TEAM**: The home team for pool play will be decided by a coin flip. For tournament play the home team will be the higher seeded team. For championship games the undefeated team will be the Home Team. For “IF” Games the home team is determined by a coin flip.
3. **OFFICIAL SCORE**: The designated home team will keep the official scorebook and will communicate runs scored each half inning to the umpire. At the conclusion of the game managers from each team **must** sign the OFFICIAL SCORE CARD. If there are any questions during the game about scoring, batting order, etc., they need to be resolved prior to the next at bat.
4. **SAFETY**: In the best interest of tournament participants there will be no smoking or alcoholic drinks on the field of play. Artificial noise makers that produce loud noises (air horns, bullhorns, etc.) will not be allowed. The Field Director/Tournament Director will enforce any penalty based on his/her discretion. Additionally, the Rocky Mountain



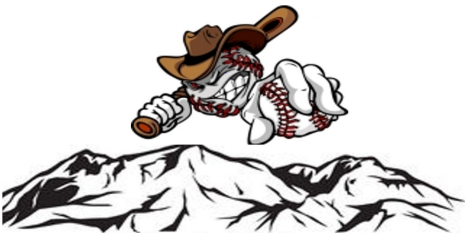
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Round-Up will not tolerate any player/spectator under the influence of alcohol or illegal substance.

### GAME TIME RULES

1. **POOL PLAY:** There will be a **50-minute** drop dead time limit or 7 innings whichever comes first. The time limit will start when the home team takes the field and throws their first warm-up pitch. Each batter will start with a 1-1 count with no courtesy foul. **Tie games** will stand in pool play.
2. **TOURNAMENT PLAY:** There will be a **55-minute** time limit (finish the inning) or 7 innings (whichever comes first) for all tournament games excluding championship and "IF" games. The time limit will start when the home team takes the field and throws their first warm-up pitch. No inning will start after time has elapsed. Once an inning has started, the inning will be completed unless a winning team is determined in the inning. Each batter will start with a 1-1 count with no courtesy foul. **Tie games** will be played out.
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP/"IF" GAMES:** There is no time limit for championship/"IF" games and all will be concluded after 7 innings (6 ½ if home team leads after the visiting bats in the top of the 6<sup>th</sup>). If after 7 innings the game is tied it will be completed under tie game rules. Each batter will start with a 1-1 count with no courtesy foul. Tie games will be played out.
4. **WEATHER DELAYS:** The Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Tournament Committee, Field Directors and UIC, as well as the City of Golden, CO, may activate the rain plan at any time during the tournament, should the tournament be delayed by rain and/or dangerous weather. Games will be 30-minute time limit and no new inning will start after time has expired. Once an inning has started, the inning will be completed unless a winning team is determined during the inning. There is no courtesy foul under the rain plan. Each batter will start with a 3-2 count with one pitch. The following outcome rules will be in place:
  - a. **Foul Ball, Caught or Dropped = OUT**
  - b. **Strike, Swinging or Called = OUT**
  - c. **Ball = WALK**
  - d. **Batted in Play Ball = OUTCOME OF THE PLAY**



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#### TIE GAME RULES

1. For innings played under the tie breaker rule, the last completed batter from the previous inning will be placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> base for each team's half inning.
2. Regular innings will be played until a winner is determined.
3. Each batter will start with a 1-1 count with no courtesy foul.
4. The only exception to this rule is if the tournament is playing under the rain plan.

#### BASE STEALING RULES/SLIDING RULES

1. Base Stealing and Lead Taking are not allowed in the tournament.
2. Players MUST avoid the collision or yield to play. (Please be safe – no “bulldozing” over players).  
**\*PLAYER WILL BE SUBJECT TO EJECTION if the player does not attempt to avoid the collision\***

#### COURTESY RUNNERS

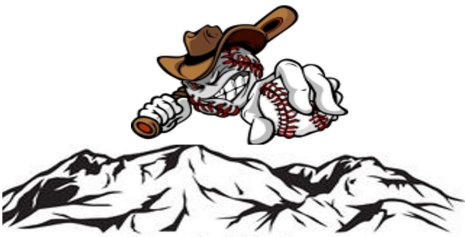
1. Courtesy runners will be allowed in all divisions.
2. One (1) courtesy runner will be allowed per team per inning.
3. The courtesy runner can be anyone on the roster and does not have to be the last out.
4. If a courtesy runner is on base at the time that player is scheduled to bat, the original batter/runner will retake the base.
5. If an incorrect runner touches a base and it is properly appealed (prior to the next pitch) that runner will be ruled out.

#### RUN RULES: USA SOFTBALL RUN RULES WILL BE APPLIED AND APPLY TO ALL GAMES.

1. **20 runs** ahead after 3 innings or 2/12 if the home team is ahead.
2. **15 runs** ahead after 4 innings or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead.
3. **10 runs** ahead after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead.

#### HOME RUN RULES

1. **All Divisions** – Any home run above the limit will result in an out and any base runners on base will return to the base occupied at the time of the at bat.
2. **C Division** – One (1) over the fence home runs per game, per team.
3. **D Division** – Zero (0) over the fence home runs allowed. Any HR over the fence is inning ending out.
4. **E Division** – Zero (0) over the fence home runs allowed. Any HR over the fence is an inning ending out.



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***\*NOTE\* - When a ball is hit over the fence the batter and all base runners may go directly to the dugout. Appeals for runners missing a base are not allowed.***

**SEEDING** – Seeding for tournament play will be determined according to the individual pool standings. Ties within a pool will be broken by a random draw.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Good sportsmanship is expected of all players, coaches and fans at all times. Any ejection of a player, coach, manager, or fan will result in a one (1) game suspension of that person in addition to the game the player was ejected. Tournament officials reserve the right to suspend and or disqualify any ejected player, team, for future games of the tournament if the ejection is deemed to be morally offensive or threatening in nature to another player, umpire, spectator, tournament staff member or park patron.

### **PROTESTS**

1. **USA Softball/RMRU Rules:** A team may protest the interpretation of a written USA Softball Rule or RMRU Rule during the Round Robin or Tournament Play. Such protest must be made at the conclusion of the action involving the interpretation of the rule(s) and prior to the resumption of the game. Once notified, the umpire will immediately notify the Protest Chairman of the protest. The UIC Coordinator and Protest Chairman will review and rule on the protest. Once a ruling is determined, game play will resume.
2. **Player Rating Protests:** All players and teams will be subject to the player ratings system as outlined by the NAGAAA Governing Manual, with division designations outlined by the Rocky Mountain Round-Up. Teams that may be violating the player rating system by playing below their overall rating or competitive ability may be protested to the Home Plate umpire (who will then notify the Tournament Protest Chair) by an opposing team manager/coach. ***Reference 2021 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUND-UP PROTEST RULES.***

### **TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY**

The competitive integrity of all play in the 2021 Rocky Mountain Round-Up is paramount. All participants must adhere to the spirit and letter of the rules. The RMRU reserves the right to remove participants for any action deemed objectionable, including, but not limited to, illegal acts, harassment, threats, unethical behavior, and/or conduct that is detrimental to the success of the RMRU or which constitutes cheating, all at the discretion of the RMRU Tournament Officials. The RMRU Tournament Director will have final say on all eligibility issues. Any person that is protested and the protest is upheld, the protest will be reported to the current NAGAAA Ethics Chair.