

# PUEBLO WEST SOFTBALL LEAGUE – FALL 2019

1. Games are scheduled for 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m. Teams have a 5 minute window in the 6:00 game before a forfeit will be called. If you are the team that uses that window you will be the visiting team. Teams must start games on time. No new inning will begin after 55 minutes. **WE WILL BE USING USSSA RULES**.
2. A completed team roster on the official USSSA form, must be turned in to the scorekeeper prior to the first regular season game. **THE ROSTER MUST BE COMPLETED PROPERLY**. The league scorekeeper shall be responsible for the legal line-up, calling errors to the attention of the plate umpire. Once this is caught, the player will be out and will need to fill the paper work out properly before continuing to play. **NO NICKNAMES** will be used unless signed that way on the roster. New players must fill out roster completely prior to playing. Signatures must appear on rosters with the players' name. A players' name may appear on only one team's roster. Ineligible players, whenever discovered, will cause forfeit of games played.
3. **MINIMUM AGE IS 17**. If your name appears on the roster there must be a signature by it before you can play. If a player is underage and umpire or opposing team questions it, at that time that player must show proof of age. If they cannot it will become a forfeit. If that player is challenged during the game and is under age the game is also a forfeit.
4. **LINE-UPS MUST BE TURNED IN 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME**. 15 minutes prior to game the scorekeeper will announce first call, 10 minutes prior to game it will be announced as second call, and 5 minutes before game will be last call. If you do not have it in after being asked three times it will cause a forfeit.
5. **Whoever comes up for the coin toss will be considered the manager, at that time this person assumes the responsibility for the actions of their team.**
6. If a player decides to change teams they may do so. When changing teams you may not play with the new team until the following week.
7. A minimum legal lineup consists of 9 team members. \*Co-ed league the legal minimum lineup consists of 9 team members with 5 females on field at all times. **REMEMBER:** when the 10<sup>th</sup> player comes up in the batting order it is an out.
8. Co-ed batting order line-up will follow USSSA rules. **WE WILL BE FOLLOWING USSSA RULES WHERE WE WILL BE PLAYING 5 men and 5 women ON FIELD AT ALL TIMES**. Batting line-up will alternate man/woman/man/woman etc. **Players may play anywhere in the field.**
9. In Co-ed for the walk rule we will be going by the USSSA rule book.
10. **CO-ED LEAGUE WILL BE SWITCHING BALLS – MEN WILL HIT 12" & WOMEN HIT THE 11"**
11. **HOME RUN RULE** -- Each team is allowed 5 home runs a game. A home run is considered any ball that is hit over the fence. After a teams 5<sup>th</sup> home run any one after that will be an out (there will be no advancement of runners).
12. Run Rule is: A 55 minute time limit is 20 runs after 3, 15 runs after 4, 10 runs after 5 innings. This is league play not tournament.
13. **NO MATCHING SHIRTS REQUIRED**
14. **NO RADIOS will be allowed in the dugouts, in the vicinity of the dugout, or on the field.**

15. **The lightning detector will be set on 3-8 miles. If the detector goes off you will be asked to clear the field immediately. Officials will wait 30 minutes after the last seen lightning strike before resuming game. If we feel it is not safe to get back on the field the game will be rescheduled. It is an official game after 4 ½ innings if home team ahead.**
16. **Keep the profanity to a minimum. THERE WILL BE NO "F" WORD TOLERATED AT ALL. ANYONE USING THE "F" WORD WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME!!! NO EXCEPTIONS. **If you are ejected during the game - you will sit out your next scheduled game for the night you are playing (example – if you have a double header that night and you are thrown out the first game you will sit the second game. If you are thrown out your second game of the double header, you will sit out your next scheduled game for that night). If you are thrown out of a game and continue to bad mouth the official or league representative you will be suspended for additional games. Multiple ejections that take place from a team can result in team forfeiture.****
17. **PLAYERS ARE ONLY PEOPLE ALLOWED IN DUGOUT AND ON THE FIELD or it will result in forfeit of game.**
18. **No metal cleats allowed in the league –this includes no football cleats with metal on them.**
19. **USSSA Rule 4, Section 9 sub-sections A-G addresses circumstances in which an umpire can declare a forfeit. The one that we will enforce is:  
If a team uses tactics noticeably designed to delay or hasten the playing of the game (teams running bases backwards, not playing defense intentionally, going station to station, etc.) game will be a forfeit.**
20. **Only the captain or manager may lodge a protest to the home plate umpire. Only rule interpretations may be protested. A protest must be made to the umpire at the time the incident occurs, umpire is to inform the scorekeeper to note same in scorebook. A protest is to be filed on the proper form prior to the end of that nights games. A \$25.00 protest fee is required prior to any official hearing. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is lost, the fee shall be turned over to your softball association.**
21. **All protests shall be ruled upon by a Board of Umpires. The decision of the board shall be in writing and specific rule cited.**
22. **All forms furnished by the league shall be used as intended and filled out completely and legibly.**
23. **The team captains and/or coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players. A player who directs abusive, profane or obscene language toward another player, an umpire, scorekeeper or league official, may be removed from the game and ball field area. Repeated incidents by the same player may result in suspension from league play. Pushing or striking an umpire or league official before, during or after a game shall carry a minimum of one-year suspension from Pueblo West Softball Association play.**
24. **Teams displaying unsportsmanlike conduct may be placed on probation. There will be NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONSUMED DURING YOUR GAME BY ANY PLAYER ON YOUR ROSTER. Result-game will be forfeited. If further incidents occur the team will be suspended from further league play forfeiting all remaining league fees and must petition the Pueblo West Softball Association Board for reinstatement to the league for the following season. All decisions concerning suspensions will be determined by the Pueblo West Softball Association Board and are final.**

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Steve Garcia 547-1213  
Carol Cosby 547-7400 (Parks liaison)

Team Name	
Manager Name	
Manager Address	
Manager Phone	
Manager Phone	
Manager Email	

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the UNITED STATES SPECIALTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION athletics/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume all full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. If however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES SPECIALTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION, their officers, officials, agents, and / or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees") WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE

I HAVE READ THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT

PLAYER NAME	BIRTHDATE	SIGNATURE	PHONE #	DATE

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT- I, the manager of the above team, do hereby state that all of the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge and that all of the players signed the above in their own handwriting. I further agree that each player is eligible to compete with my team in the USSSA program in accordance with the USSSA rules governing that sport.

IMPORTANT- Each player must have in their possession acceptable photo ID at all times in case of player protest

MANAGERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

USSSA DIRECTORS APPROVAL- The above team is registered with the USSSA and has qualified to participate in this event

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
USSSA STATE SPORTS DIRECTOR

