



2024 DISNEYLAND RESORT MEN'S SUMMER SOFTBALL

RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE

To offer a wholesome, competitive program that is primarily concerned with safety, fair play, sportsmanship, and recognizes the various skill levels of the participants. All teams will comply with the rules and regulations of Major League Softball and the Disneyland® Resort Sports Leagues.

I. LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

- A. Only Cast Members / Employees of The Walt Disney Company (Disneyland Resort, Walt Disney Studios, Walt Disney Imagineering, etc.), **Disneyland Resort Operating Participants (Green Disney ID's), and Disneyland Resort active Contractors (Green Disney ID's) will be eligible to participate.**
- B. Since no additions may be made to the Official Roster after 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, July 17th, 2024, only those employees hired no later than **July 17 or the date of their first game (whichever occurs first)** and are working an average of sixteen (16) hours per week during July and August 2024 are eligible. Seasonal Cast Members who end or minimize their work schedule after July may continue to participate through the end of the season as long as they worked the required average during July and August 2024 as set forth above. Any player in violation of this rule can subject their team to forfeiture of any and/or all games. Further, a player who does not meet the sixteen (16)-hour requirement for two (2) weeks or more during the season will be declared ineligible to participate in the Playoffs. As with all rules, it is the responsibility of the Captain to monitor this.
- C. If a person is suspended from work and the suspension carries through his or her game night, the person will not be eligible to participate in that game. *This includes Investigatory Suspension.* That person will not be allowed to play until the conclusion of any Investigation.
- D. If a person is released for any reason and no longer under the employ of Disneyland Resort, it's related or affiliated companies, the person will be dropped from the roster and will not be permitted to participate in the league from that point forward. Their eligibility ends at the conclusion of their last scheduled shift.



- E. If a person voluntarily terminates, their eligibility ends at the conclusion of their last scheduled shift.
- F. Persons on vacation will be permitted to participate.
- G. Persons on a leave of absence (medical or other), participating in the Transitional Duty (Limited Work) Program or who are in any other way working with physical restrictions, persons who currently have an "inactive" status, and persons who did not report for a shift for ANY REASON (including, but not limited to, "sick," "transportation," or "personal") on the day of a game will not be eligible to participate. Any player that misses a scheduled shift to play softball will be subject to disciplinary action from their scheduler/manager.
- H. Only those employees whose names appear on the "Active Players List" with the Disneyland® Resort Wellness Team will be considered eligible for this league. The opposing team captain must challenge the eligibility of any suspected illegal player prior to that player beginning their second at bat.
- I. Non-playing coaches/managers must also meet all eligibility requirements.
- J. No team created logo may include Disney characters and **ALL logos must be approved by the Softball Commissioner.**

NOTE: ALL TEAM CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ELIGIBILITY OF THEIR PLAYERS. FAILURE TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF GAMES AND THE DROPPING OF THE INELIGIBLE PLAYER FROM THE TEAM ROSTER.

ALL LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO **Tim Sullivan** of the Disneyland Resort Wellness Team (Esteban.Tim.Sullivan@disney.com).

II. ROSTERS & WAIVERS

- A. All roster information is to be given to the Wellness Team which will keep record of all Official Rosters.
- B. Players added to the Official Roster after the start of a season must sign the digital Disneyland Resort's "Waiver Form for Sports / Physical Fitness



Activities” to Tim Sullivan by 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the new player's first game. Waivers received after this deadline will not activate players for games for that upcoming Monday. **Additions may NEVER be made at the playing field, even if a scorekeeper or umpire says it is ok. Violations of this may result in game forfeiture and/or dropping of the ineligible player from the league.**

- C. **No additions may be made to the Official Roster after 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, July 17th, 2024.**
- D. After this deadline, if players are on the roster but have not signed the required waiver, they will be removed from the roster for the rest of the season and may not participate. Participants may not switch teams once they have played with one team during the first week of play. After the first played game, that player may not play on a different team, even if they leave their original team. No player may play on more than one Men's team during a season, regardless of level of play.

III. LEAGUE RULES

- A. All rules are according to **S.C.M.A.F. Softball rules** with the following exceptions for clarification on S.C.M.A.F. rules, please contact Major League Softball @ (714) 289-1983, Ext. 2 (For all Los Angeles and Orange County Programs)
 - 1. **Hitting** – Each batter will start with the count of one (1) ball and one (1) strike. A batter shall be called out after two (2) additional (non-foul) strikes (total of three). A batter shall be called out after two (2) foul balls after the second strike (total of four).
 - 2. **Substitution**
 - a. A team may list up to **twenty (20) players** on its batting order and may play any ten (10) on defense, but may have as many on the roster as you like.
 - b. There will be free substitution for any starter listed on the batting order.
 - c. All batting order substitutions must be reported to the scorekeeper before the substitution is made.
 - 3. **“Mercy” Rule** – If, after five (5) innings, either team has a 15-run lead, the game shall be called.



A. **B – Leagues Divisions Only**

1. 7-Run Rule per team each inning, however, last inning is “open” inning (or until once mercy status is reached)
4. Forfeits – Forfeit time is ten (10) minutes after scheduled start time of game or ten (10) minutes after end time of previous game, whichever is latest. The game shall be forfeited if:
 - a. A team cannot field a minimum of eight (8) players.
 - b. At any time during the game, a team (because of injury, etc.) is unable to field at least eight (8) players.
 - c. In the opinion of the umpire, a manager or team captain does not have complete control of his team and/or fans and spectators.
 - d. There is continued delay of the game after the umpire has called, “Play ball.”
 - e. A team uses a player that is either not on the team roster or does not meet eligibility requirements. Will result in forfeit even if discovered/confirmed later in the season.
 - f. There is continued harassment of an umpire or scorekeeper.
 - g. A team and/or spectator violate Summer Softball rules and regulations.
 - h. An ejected player fails to leave the park after he/she has been specifically requested by an official to do so.

NOTE: A team that forfeits two (2) games during the season will become ineligible to participate in Playoffs. **After the third forfeit, the team will be considered for removal from the league without refund.** As a courtesy to your opponents, please communicate all anticipated forfeits to Tim Sullivan of the Wellness Team as **early** as possible (email at Esteban.Tim.Sullivan@disney.com or text/call (714) 448-3373).

IV. ADDITIONAL RULES

A. DISNEY I.D. CHECKS

1. **All players must bring their valid Disney ID to every game.** During regular pre-game I.D. checks, Disney ID photo must match the player’s face, and I.D. name must appear on the “Active Players List” that each scorekeeper will have.
2. The “Active Players List” will include only the names of players who have been activated from having turned in the required Disney waiver before the deadline (12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to their first game).



3. A captain may call for an ID check for any member of the opposing team up until the batting lineup begins their second round of at-bats. If a player enters the game late, an ID check may be called for that player until they step into the batter's box for their second at-bat. It shall be the responsibility of the scorekeeper or umpire to check identifications during these requests and verify suspected illegal players from the roster. ID cards may not be checked after this time unless a late arriving player is added to the lineup.
 4. If a player forgets their Disney I.D., if the opposing captain approves it, that player may instead present their personal driver's license at that game only. The name on the license must still appear on the Active Players List. If a driver's license is used, it will be the responsibility of the opposing team's captain to report the name of the player in question to Cast Activities for an eligibility check. If the player is found to have been ineligible, that evening's game will be marked as a forfeit against the ineligible player's team.
 5. Any unjustified abuse of this rule by team captains may result in game forfeiture.
- B. A team shall consist of at least ten (10) on a roster. A game may be played without forfeit with eight (8) rostered players.
- C. Once the game starts, additional players beyond the eight (8) – may be added at the bottom of the lineup.
- D. The official game time will be kept by the scorekeeper and is automatically verified by the scorekeeper's computer. Game time is started at the release of the first pitch but may be started earlier if delays are caused by players.
- E. Lineup cards from each team must be submitted to the official scorekeeper **ten (10) minutes prior** to their scheduled game start time.
- F. A complete game will consist of sixty **(60) minutes** or seven (7) innings, whichever comes first, such that no new inning will begin after 55 minutes. If the score is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be considered complete and will be declared a tie. If the game is tied after seven (7) innings, extra innings will only be played if five (5) or more minutes remain on the official clock. If fewer than five (5) minutes remain, the game will end and be declared a tie. Games halted due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., sprinklers, soccer players



who will not vacate the premises) will be considered complete if the event occurs after the game has completed four (4) innings. If four (4) innings have not been completed, the Wellness Team and Major League Softball will determine whether the game shall end in a tie or if it will be rescheduled for a later date (if possible).

- G. Playoffs – In the post season all game will follow the above stated time limit rule with the exception of the final championship match in which there will be a full 7 innings played.
- H. Only players, coaches, and managers will be allowed in the dugout.
- I. Shoes must be worn at all times. Metal cleats are not allowed.
- J. If a team begins a game fielding nine (9) or ten (10) players and one player must leave the game due to injury, etc. (and cannot be replaced), his/her spot in the batting order shall be an automatic out the first time around. The position is then eliminated from that point on.
- K. An offensive player/runner must slide at all times when appropriate. Intentionally running or sliding into a defensive player will result in an automatic out and possible ejection from the game.
- L. All batting order substitutions must be reported to the scorekeeper before the substitution is made.
- M. There will be no intentional walks.
- N. BAT USAGE
 1. Several models of bats may not be used during the Disneyland® Resort Summer Softball League. The captain of each team is responsible for reviewing the most current “ASA Non-Approved Bat List” at the following web site: www.asasoftball.com (“Certified Equipment” menu > “Bats”). Captains must also forward this list to each of their players and ensure that no one on the team is using any bat(s) on the list.
 2. All bats must comply with the S.C.M.A.F. rule book, Rule 1, Sec. 27.
 3. Again, for the safety of all involved, please take the time to ensure that your team is aware of these regulations and that illegal bats are not used.



- O. ****PICK UP PLAYER RULE**** This rule is to minimize / prevent on-field forfeited games. **THIS RULE IS ACCEPTABLE ONLY WITH OPPOSING MANAGER CONSENT**
1. A team may utilize up to **four (4)** "Pickup Players" in a game to bring the total number of players to eight (8). The minimum needed to play is eight (8).
 2. A "Pickup Player" must be a Disney Cast Member/Employee and must have a signed digital 2024 Summer Softball liability waiver signed and filed with the Disney League Commissioner (Tim Sullivan).
 3. If a rostered team member(s) arrives late, the corresponding number of "Pickup Players" **must leave the game.**
 4. "Pickup Players" may **ONLY** play the following defensive positions: **CATCHER OR RIGHT FIELD** (RIGHT-CENTER AND LEFT-CENTER FIELD allowed if more than 2 "Pickup Players" are used).
 5. "Pickup Players" may **ONLY** bat at the **BOTTOM** of a lineup.
 6. "Pickup Players" may **NEVER** be used during Playoff and/or Championship games.
 7. A team may use the "Pickup Player Rule" as many times as needed during the season, however your team becomes ineligible for playoffs if the rule is used more than **2 times during the season.**
 8. If the "Pickup Player Rule" is used, the player must be a Disney Cast Member/employee with a signed digital 2024 Summer Softball liability waiver.

V. PROTESTS

- A. For any dispute to be considered, an official protest must be recorded with the scorekeeper prior to the pitch following the incident in question. In addition, a formal protest must be submitted in writing to the Wellness Team, no later than 5:00 p.m. the Monday after the protested game.
- B. No protests will be accepted on the basis of the official's qualifications or judgements (i.e., "safe" or "out," "fair" or "foul," "strike" or "ball," etc.). Only protests that follow the correct procedures will be accepted for consideration.
- C. Protest Committee shall consist of:



- DLR Wellness Team Representative
- Major League Softball Representative

All decisions by Protest Committee on any protest regarding illegal equipment, illegal players, softball rule interpretation, or other issue are final. No appeals will be allowed.

VI. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. All grievances shall be communicated by the team manager or captain only!
- B. Any unusual tactics, profanity or derogatory remarks by any player, manager or spectator will not be tolerated. Such actions will result in eviction from the game and the park. Ejected players must leave the park immediately or his or her team automatically forfeits the game.
- C. A player who is evicted from a game for other than physical contact shall serve an automatic one-game suspension. If the same player is removed twice, he/she may be suspended from the league, without refund, for the remainder of the season. If in the opinion of Major League Softball and Disneyland Resort Cast Activities, stronger action is warranted, such action shall be taken.
- D. In the event that a player is ejected any time after the conclusion of a game, he/she will be automatically suspended for the next two (2) games, including playoff games (if applicable).
- E. Any player who physically contacts any other player, a spectator, scorekeeper, or an official shall be suspended from further league participation from that point forward.
- F. Consuming alcohol on the playing field, facility, or parking lot is grounds for suspension from the game. Teams or individuals that violate this rule before, during, or after a game will forfeit the game and be suspended from the league without refund on the second offense. If a player appears on the field and in the judgement of the umpire is intoxicated, he/she will be ejected from the game and may be suspended from the league. Fans are the responsibility of the team captain, and the above information applies to spectators as well as team players. Smoking is not permitted on the playing field. In addition, Orange City Ordinance prohibits alcoholic beverages at City parks. Law enforcement officers can be called to enforce this and all park regulations.



- G. The Major League Softball representative and a Disneyland Resort Wellness Team representative will make decisions on all suspensions.

NOTE: ALL TEAM CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND ENFORCING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, LEAGUE RULES, AND CONDUCT OF THEIR PLAYERS AND FANS.

VII. POSTPONED GAMES

- A. The schedule will **only** be revised by Major League Softball.
- B. Postponed games due to uncontrollable causes will be replayed at the discretion of the league director as they have a bearing on league standings.
- C. If you have any questions as to the field conditions because it has rained or there is a possibility of rain, please **call (714) 289-1983**, after 2:00 p.m. If ever in doubt, appear at the game site as scheduled.

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