

WELCOME!

**SPRING 2021
PSA Softball
Coaches Meeting**



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Softball League Coordinators

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Would you Like to Volunteer?

Spring Softball Timeline

- ❖ Conflicts DUE TOMORROW 3/2 BY 5PM
- ❖ Schedules Will be Posted in DASH Wednesday 3/10
- ❖ Season begins Saturday, March 20th
- ❖ 10-game season
- ❖ Post-Season Tournament – start around week of May 31st
- ❖ Games can be played 7 days/week (including Fridays!)
- ❖ No games June 11-13 due to City Tournament (Triple Crown Sports Texas Championships)
- ❖ Last day fields are available is Sunday, June 27th
- ❖ Please check your DASH roster that players are PAID for the season and drop any players who are not planning to play
- ❖ Let us know TONIGHT if you need players and how many



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Playing Format By Age Level

<u>Grade</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Base Distance</u>	<u>Pitching Dist.</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Post Season Tourn.</u>	<u>All-Star Game (jersey incl.)</u>	<u>Awards</u>
5th/6th	Kid Pitch	60	40	12" softball	10	Yes	Yes	1st (League Champ) 1st-3rd (Tourn)
7th/8th	Kid Pitch	60	43	12" softball	10	Yes	Yes	1st (League Champ) 1st-3rd (Tourn)
9th-12th	Kid Pitch	60	43	12" softball	10	Yes	Yes	1st (League Champ) 1st-3rd (Tourn)



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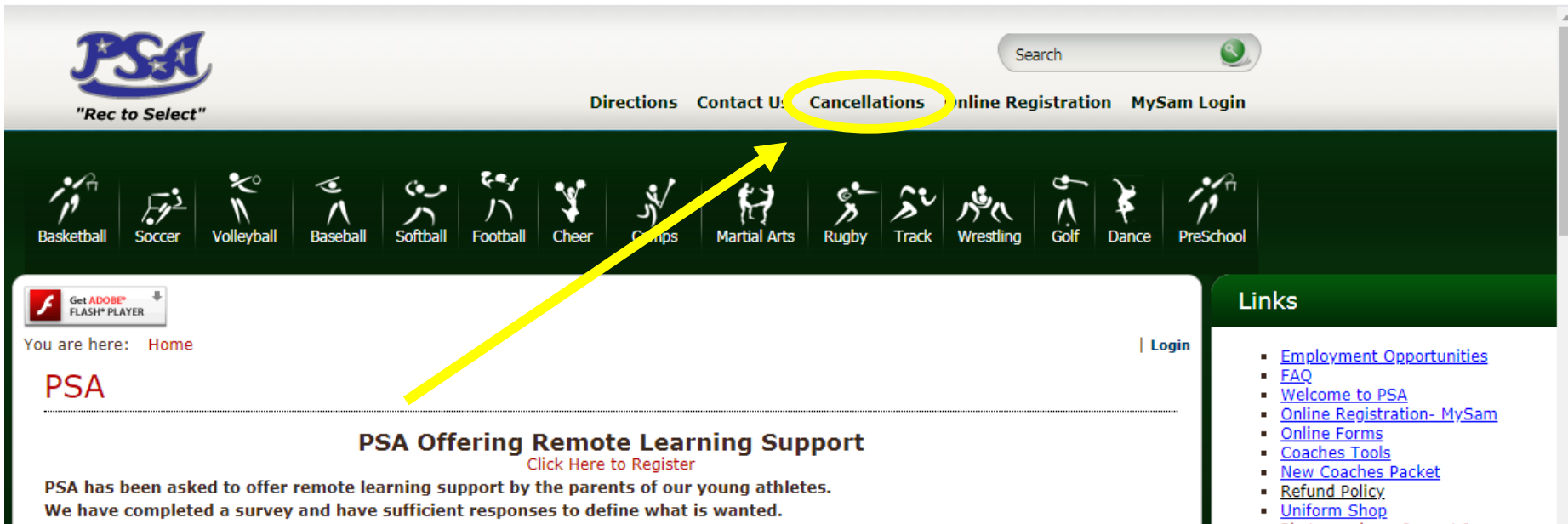
Field & Equipment Information

- ❖ Hight Point Fields 7, 8, 9, 10 and possibly a few nights at Russell Creek
- ❖ Timers, rakes, flip score charts and portable pitching rubber will be at fields
- ❖ If weather is questionable, ALWAYS CHECK THE CANCELLATIONS TAB ON THE WEBSITE PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR YOUR PRACTICE OR GAME. If nothing is posted on the website, please go to the field for your scheduled game and the umpires will make the call AT THE FIELD if conditions worsen or do not seem safe
- ❖ Equipment pickup will take place THIS WEDNESDAY 3/3 from 5pm -7pm on the NE side of PSA1 (outside/hallway area). Balls, scorebooks, catcher's gear if needed (please email in advance and pay \$85 deposit)
- ❖ Please email kmachaj@psaplano.org to let me know you need catcher's gear. Then, call Customer Service at 972-208-5437 to pay the \$85 deposit and bring receipt on Wednesday. I will also have a computer at pickup and can take the payment on location



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Weather Cancellations



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PSA Offering Remote Learning Support
[Click Here to Register](#)

PSA has been asked to offer remote learning support by the parents of our young athletes. We have completed a survey and have sufficient responses to define what is wanted.

Links

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Softball Schedules

- ❖ PSA will attempt to keep schedules consistent (same day) by grade level, but conflicts may prevent this from happening
- ❖ Saturdays and Sundays will be priority days unless you list otherwise in your conflicts
- ❖ There will be 1-2 weeknight games played at start of season to try and get ahead of rainouts/reschedules
- ❖ Weeknight game times (including FRIDAYS!): 6:10pm & 7:50pm (80-minute games)
- ❖ Saturday game times: as early as 8am (most likely 9am)
- ❖ Sunday game times: start at 1pm (11am start if requested and both teams agree)
- ❖ There will be 20 minutes between games to allow more time for exit/enter



Reschedules/Forfeit Games

- ❖ PSA reserves fields one week in advance and umpires have been assigned for games about 2 weeks in advance.
- ❖ We ask you to please notify PSA if your team cannot play, even if it is the day of the game. No-shows are disrespectful to your opponents and the umpires, so we appreciate any notice you can give. No-shows will be considered a forfeit with a score of 7-0 for the team who showed to play
- ❖ If schedules need to be changed due to weather cancellations, there is no charge
- ❖ If a reschedule is necessary, there will be a \$25 fee to request a game reschedule which must be pre-paid before the game will get rescheduled



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PSA Outdoor Sports Safety Program

(click [HERE](#) for full document)

- ❖ Applies to all PSA Youth Outdoor Sports programs including Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Football, Cheerleading. Facilities include City of Plano Venues, City of Murphy Venues, and PSA McKinney.
- ❖ Requirements are listed for COVID-19 protocols related to PSA Outdoor programming when at any of the above locations. The requirements apply to Teams, Coaches, Parents, Players, Game Officials, Spectators, Administrators, Vendors, etc. related to PSA programming.
- ❖ Programming and Activities will be monitored. Non-compliance could result in a series of penalties and sanctions. Your cooperation is essential to promote safety to all participants involved with PSA programming. If anyone is uncomfortable or unable to comply with the Safety Protocol requirements, then you are requested to not attend the programs.



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PSA Outdoor Sports Safety Program REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ 1) Face Masks: Must be worn at all times by Teams, Coaches, parents, players, game officials, spectators, administrators, and other park attendees on paved surface areas of each sports complex including plazas, entryways, exits, restrooms and adjacent areas, concessions areas, walkways to and between fields, etc. Concrete areas include bleachers for spectators, scorekeeper tables, picnic tables, playgrounds, benches, and temporary seating such as chairs behind ball field backstops/fencing. Social Distancing is required as well, but not an acceptable substitute for the above listed areas.

Face Mask exceptions: By Team players, coaches, game officials while occupying field of play, team benches, dugouts during games or during warm-up activities prior to the game in designated warm-up areas. Face mask is not required when spectator or attendee has a medical condition or is less than 10 years of age.

- ❖ 2) Social Distancing of 6 feet is required in all areas of the venues including grass and paved areas



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PSA Outdoor Sports Safety Program REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- ❖ 3) Penalties for failure to wear face masks as defined or practice social distancing are as follows:
 - a. Step one: Warning to the Team Coach
 - b. Step two: Second warning to the team coach and possible removal from the game in progress or the next game.
 - c. Step three: Suspension of the Team Coach
 - d. Step four: Suspension of the Team
- ❖ 4) Penalties for person not affiliated with the teams such as game officials, administrators, general park attendees as follows:
 - a. Step one: Warning
 - b. Step two: Issuance of criminal trespass warning
 - c. Step three: Criminal trespass / ejection from the park



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Prior to Practices or Games

- ❖ All Adults are to ensure the players and themselves are healthy by checking temperature before activities with others. Do not attend trainings or games if anyone is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
- ❖ Players or Adults should not attend trainings or games if they have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- ❖ Parents and Players should remain in their car until the field and sidelines of previous events have cleared.
- ❖ Parents should be at least 6 feet from other non-family spectators and should not approach non-family players. You can bring your own chair if you plan to sit outside and **MUST** position yourself 6 feet from others.
- ❖ Bring your own hand sanitizer to trainings and games and use when not on the field.
- ❖ Ensure the player has his/her own equipment (ball, water, bag, etc.) and is told not to share with others. Use of personal batting gloves is suggested



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During Games and Practices

- ❖ Number of coaches not to exceed four per team who are participating in the game.
- ❖ Coaches avoid clusters of players and should use a mask when speaking to the players.
- ❖ Water bottles should have players name on it. No Spitting.
- ❖ Game Officials should wear masks during pre-game and post-game. Distance themselves in pre-game meetings.
- ❖ Coaches consider disinfecting (Lysol or wipes) bats, balls, and equipment prior and after the game.
- ❖ Keep Player belongings separate.
- ❖ Notify your coach or manager immediately if the player becomes ill for any reason.
- ❖ **Do NOT engage in handshaking, hugs, high fives, during training or games.**
- ❖ When the game and practice is over everyone should leave the fields immediately so the next event can arrive at the field.
- ❖ Personal Umbrella or Canopy's may be used and 6' social distancing must be observed.



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DASH Account Information

□ www.psaplano.org

□ DASH Login link

▣ New Customer Registration

■ Adult Information

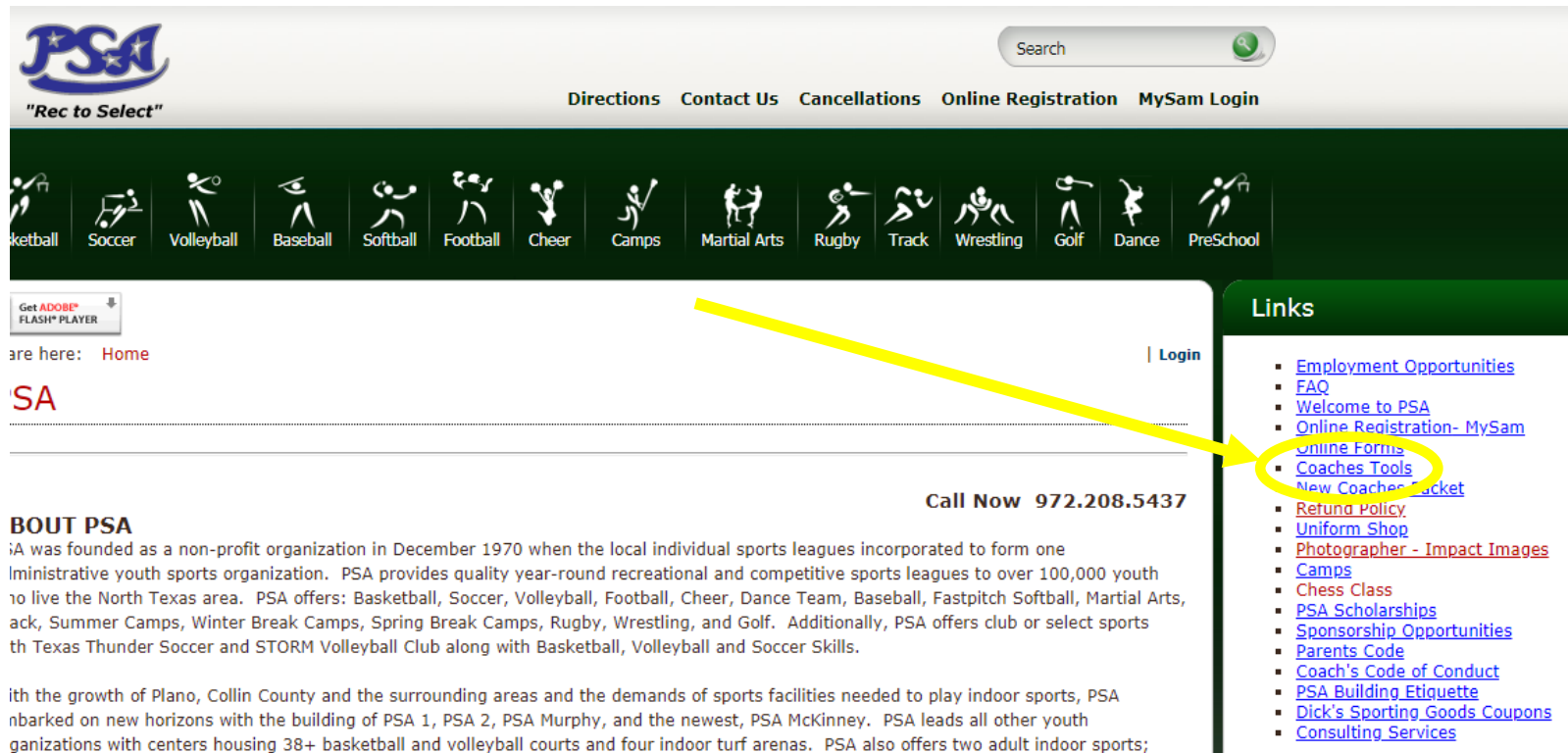
■ Children

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Coaches Tools – www.psaplano.org

Conflicts, Game Scores, Umpire Evals



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ABOUT PSA
PSA was founded as a non-profit organization in December 1970 when the local individual sports leagues incorporated to form one administrative youth sports organization. PSA provides quality year-round recreational and competitive sports leagues to over 100,000 youth to live the North Texas area. PSA offers: Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Cheer, Dance Team, Baseball, Fastpitch Softball, Martial Arts, Track, Summer Camps, Winter Break Camps, Spring Break Camps, Rugby, Wrestling, and Golf. Additionally, PSA offers club or select sports throughout Texas Thunder Soccer and STORM Volleyball Club along with Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer Skills.

With the growth of Plano, Collin County and the surrounding areas and the demands of sports facilities needed to play indoor sports, PSA embarked on new horizons with the building of PSA 1, PSA 2, PSA Murphy, and the newest, PSA McKinney. PSA leads all other youth organizations with centers housing 38+ basketball and volleyball courts and four indoor turf arenas. PSA also offers two adult indoor sports;

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Coaches Tools – www.psaplano.org Conflicts, Game Scores, Umpire Evals



OFFERING QUALITY YOUTH SPORTS SINCE 1970

Enter Game Scores

Officials Evaluation

Practice Requests (Basketball Only)

Conflicts and

To submit a review of the game officials please follow the steps below. Only Seasons where you are manager / coach and games that have been played are available to select.

Officials Evaluation

Step 1 - Select the Season, League and Team

Select the appropriate season and League from the drop down list to begin.

Season:

<< Select a Season >>

League:

Team:

Step 2 - Select the Game

Select the game from the list below.



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Umpire Evaluations

- ❖ Please evaluate umpires via the Coaches Tools
- ❖ We can only improve our umpire training if we receive feedback from the coaches!

Please tell us about your experience.

Game Date: 06/25/15 7:45:00 PM
Between: Eagles - Harrod - MU - Murphy Magic-Conner (*)

Please evaluate the game officials.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Game Control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge of Rules	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of Signals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall Performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional Comments

Coaching Badges

- ❖ **New Coaches** – Please complete our on-line coaches application. When you have been approved, you will receive an email with instructions on what to do next
- ❖ **Lost Badge but still valid** – please send an email to info@psaplano.org and let them know if you would like your badge mailed to you or if they can print it and you will schedule a time to pick it up.
- ❖ **Expired Badge** – Please complete a new coaches application. When you have been approved, you will receive an email with instructions on what to do next



Coaching Badge Schedule

All sessions take place from 4pm-7pm

- ❖ March 2 PSA1
 - ❖ March 4 PSA McKinney
 - ❖ March 9 PSA1
 - ❖ March 16 PSA1
 - ❖ March 18 PSA Murphy
 - ❖ March 30 PSA1
- ❖ Coaches sign up through Sign up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BA9AF28A0F94-coach>



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PSA Softball Practice Reservations

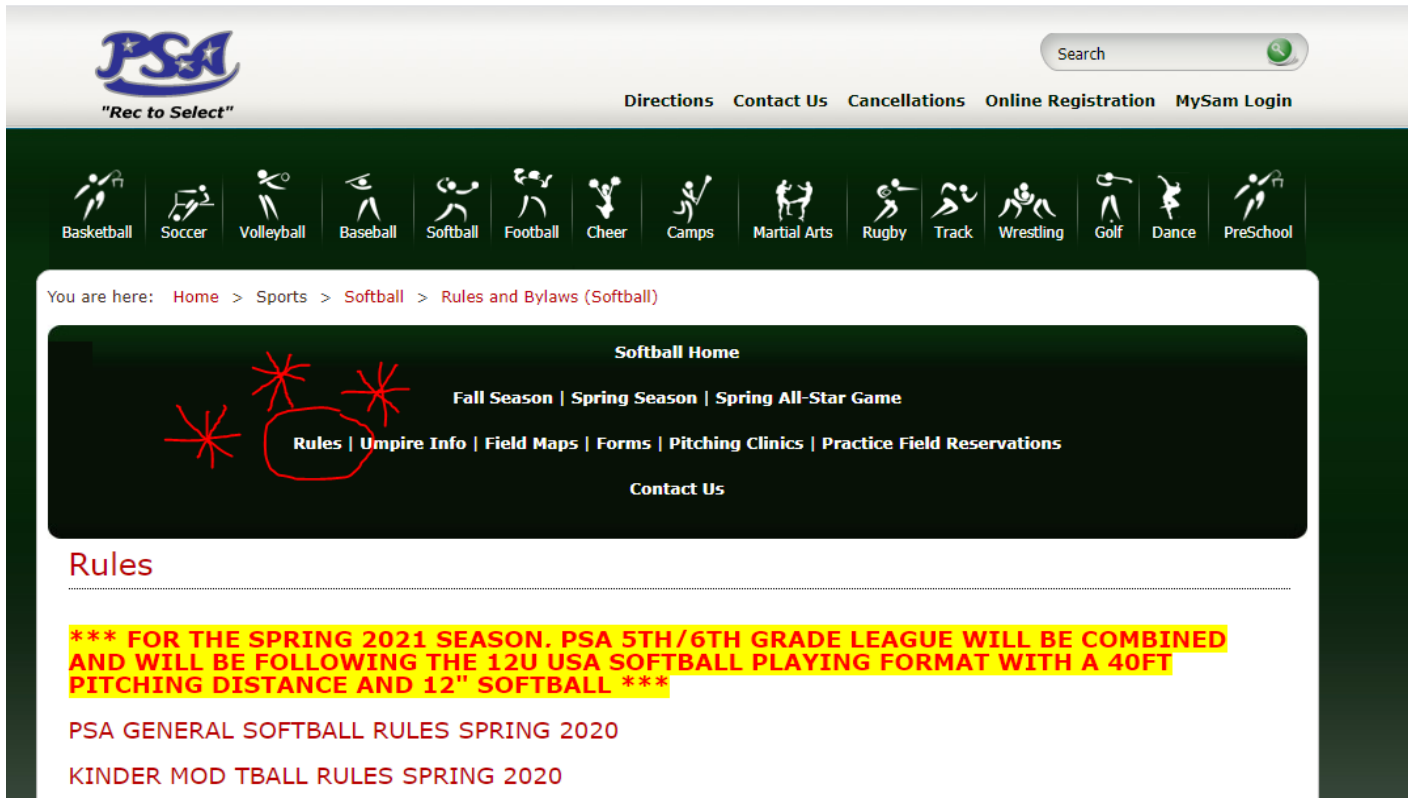
- ❖ Fields are available to rent through the City of Plano Parks & Recreation Department (\$15 per 90 minutes)
- ❖ **Wednesday night:** All open fields are made available for their online reservation program for the public to reserve on Wednesday evening
- ❖ Click [HERE](#) to go to the Athletic Field Operations Page for information on how to create an account and reserve fields.
- ❖ For athletic field reservation inquiries, please send an email to fieldreservations@plano.gov or call 972-941-5413. Staff is available to assist with reservations between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday through Friday. Plano residents are eligible for one practice during each Monday through Sunday reservation period.



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PSA Softball Rules

- ❖ PSA General Rules and Grade-Specific rules are found on the softball website under RULES
- ❖ PSA coaches and teams are to have the expectation that these PSA-specific rules will be followed and executed by the umpires during PSA league play



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PSA Softball Rule UPDATES for Spring 2021

- ❖ Coaches, parents, and players are to have the expectation that PSA-specific rules will be followed and executed by the umpires during PSA league play
- ❖ On-deck batters – do not let players go up to bat until current play is completed (can cause confusion if play being made at the plate)
- ❖ All Kid Pitch leagues will now have a 5 hit batter rule
- ❖ 5th/6th leagues will be playing 12U game format with a 40ft pitching distance and 12” softball
- ❖ Base obstruction – If a defensive player is standing on a base and this effects the base runner’s ability to reach the base, this will be considered “obstruction”. If any player puts another player’s safety at risk, the player will be called out and ejected from the game
- ❖ Off the Ball Base Obstruction – If the catcher, 1st, 2nd or 3rd base player does NOT have the ball, she cannot “camp” on the base



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PSA Softball Rule UPDATES for Spring 2021

Borrowing of Players to Avoid a Forfeit

- ❖ We will keep the current borrowing of players rule as is for K-8 which is:

Players may be borrowed from another team within the same league to avoid a forfeit. Borrowed players must be declared at the pre-game plate meeting with the umpire and are not allowed to play infield or pitch. Borrowed players must also bat at the bottom of the batting order. A team may only borrow enough players to reach a total of 9 players for the game. Teams may not borrow players in the post-season. Borrowing of players is applicable for all age groups/leagues. Games cannot be protested for any reason relating to the borrowing of players.

- ❖ *** NEW *** High School League

Players may be borrowed from another team within the same league to avoid a forfeit. Borrowed players must be declared at the pre-game plate meeting with the umpire and are allowed to play any position on the field, including the pitcher or catcher. If the borrowed player is for the pitching position, they cannot pitch in the first or second inning. Borrowed players must bat at the bottom of the batting order. A team may only borrow enough players to reach a total of 9 players for the game. Teams may not borrow players in the post-season. Borrowing of players is applicable for all age groups/leagues. Games cannot be protested for any reason relating to the borrowing of players.



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Game Day Reminders

- ❖ Fair Play Rules (50% play)
- ❖ No live batting practice
- ❖ No using infield playing surface – can use outfield area inside fence if first game of the day, all other games outside of the fence
- ❖ No batting sticks, no batboys/batgirls
- ❖ Whiffle balls or restricted flight only balls (safety issue)
- ❖ Designated warm-up areas
- ❖ Pinch-runners allowed for injury & catchers (after 2nd out has been made)
- ❖ Home Team Responsibilities
 - ❖ 3rd Base Dugout
 - ❖ Game Ball
 - ❖ Back-up Ball (does not have to be new, just game ball quality)
 - ❖ Official Book/Scorekeeper
- ❖ Time between innings – 3 pitch max or one minute
- ❖ Defensive conference – 3 per game (1 minute)
- ❖ Offensive conference – 1 per inning – any time a coach leaves the box to talk to the batter



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All-Star Game

- ❖ Takes place after playoffs
- ❖ For all the details, go to Website page or click [HERE](#)

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PSA Uniform Shop

(not included in registration fee)



CONTACT INFORMATION:
Phone: 972-208-3860
Email: ttownsend@psaplano.org



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Sportsmanship

Click [HERE](#) for Coaches Code of Conduct

- ❖ Know the PSA rules
- ❖ As the coach, YOU set the tone for the parents and the players
- ❖ Remind parents they are role models for their children
- ❖ Treat players and coaches with the same respect you would want for your own child and yourself
- ❖ Never yell at or touch an umpire before, during, or after a game
- ❖ Please use the evaluation tool in Coaches Tool for umpires



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for coaching and playing with PSA!
Please remember the Umpires are HUMAN and
that NO college Scholarships will be handed out
at the end of your game



GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS THIS SEASON!



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