

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INTRAMURAL SPORTS TEAM PROGRAM



## SWTJC Intramural Softball

### RULES and ELIGABILITY

#### Team Captains

- Team captains are responsible for picking up their team's schedule and notifying their teammates on upcoming games.
- Team schedule will be available for viewing in the La Forge Hall Gymnasium Lobby.
- Team captains are responsible for informing their teammates of all Intramural Sports governing rules and policies.
- The team captain is responsible for their team and fans behavior before, during and after their game.
- Team captains are responsible for any equipment given to them, such as team jerseys and team balls. (Team captains, you will be charged for the missing items.)
- In the event of bad weather, which may make scheduled games questionable please call:
- Landra Fowler at (830)-591-7241 or Phillip Botello at (830)-591-7240

#### Eligibility

- All SWTJC/ Sul Ross Middle Rio Grande students, faculty and staff are eligible to play in the SWTJC Intramural Program.
- SWTJC students must enrolled in current semester (Example must be enrolled in the Spring 2018 to play spring 2018 sports)
- Faculty/staff with a Current Campus Recreation Membership are also eligible to play in SWTJC Intramural Sports.
- Alumni, Community Pass Members, and outside visitors are NOT eligible to participate.
- Teams may add players until the last game of the regular season.

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- Players must play in at least 1 game during the regular season to be eligible for the championship game.

## League Format

- League will consist of a **Double Elimination Tournament**. Games in the regular season canceled due to weather or college closing, will be rescheduled.
- Games will begin at 11:00am and end at 12:00 noon. If full team is not present by 11:10 am the team will forfeit the game, No exceptions!
- Seven innings or time limit game ends at 12 noon, no inning will start after 11:50 am.

## Players

- Teams will consist of 5 men and 5 women on the field. You may begin a game with as few as eight players. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> can't return until batting order is complete. The players will automatically be an out when batting. The original batting order may not be altered if a player leaves during the game. If injuries occur you may play with eight.
- All players must be taking at least 1 college credit at SWTJC.
- Each team must provide the Kinesiology Dept. with a team roster prior to their first game. Summit roster/ lineup to Coach Fowler or Coach Botello at first game along with ID's.
- No person may switch teams after they have turned in their roster.

## Equipment

- The Intramural Office will furnish game balls and bats. However, both teams may agree to use another ball/bat as long as it is regulation.
- All participants must wear the proper athletic attire to participate. This includes proper court/field shoes, shorts and shirts/jerseys.
- Teams may wear their own jerseys. All jerseys must be of the same color and have numbers.

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- Jersey will be provided for each team if necessary. T-shirt with sleeves can be worn underneath the Intramural Sports Jersey.

### The Game Rules

- Official rules of softball will be used. However, SWTJC will modify and implement those rules to fit our Intramural Program to provide a safe and fun game for all to enjoy.
- Players may steal only after the ball has crossed home plate. Leaving early or leading off is an automatic out.
- Bunting is not permitted and Pitcher must throw a good pitch with an arc
- Men will bat off handed. (Opposite dominant hand)
- Pitcher must throw a good pitch with an arc. A pitch without an arc will be called illegal.
- If a line drive is hit directly back to the pitcher it will be an automatic out.
- Games with a 10 or more run differential will be terminated after 4 complete innings or after 20 runs in any inning.
- 2 complete innings constitute a complete game... games called prior to 2 complete innings will be replayed and run rule over ride has priority.
- Abusive, derogatory, and demeaning comments and gestures will not be tolerated in SWTJC Intramural Sports.
- Team captain will be in charge of all team actions, discipline, protest and keeping equipment out of way. A protest must be lodged at the game verbally and then written protest must be submitted with 24 hours.
- **No metal cleats**
- Batting order delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game, unless a player is replaced by a substitute. The substitute may take the place of a removed player in the batting order once the game begins. The number of players in the field cannot exceed the number of players batting.

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- The batting team is responsible for retrieving the game ball if it goes out of play. Failure to do so will result in an out being called.

## **Sportsmanship**

- Participating in SWTJC Intramural Sports is NOT a right, it is a privilege. Therefore, the intramural sports program reserves the right to take away that privilege from any team or individual that does not abide by the governing rules and regulation, as well as does not exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play. Two warnings on the same player will result in disqualification from the game.
- Any player that is ejected for any reason must come in to speak to the Director of Intramural Sports before their next game. That player is not eligible to play until doing so. Minimum 1 game suspension