

City of Yuma Parks and Recreation Division Presents:
2026 Dennis Donnelly 16" Memorial Tournament

We will utilize 2026 USA Softball Rules with the following local rules & modifications:

1. **Rosters:** Please submit a paper roster at the site of your first game prior to your first game. Roster forms are available on quickscores.com/yuma/downloads or can be picked up at the Pre-Tournament social on Thursday, May 21 at Burgers and Beer. You can also turn your roster in at the Home Run Hitting Contest on Friday, May 22, or before your first game on Saturday, May 23. Changes to your roster can be made up until the conclusion of all games Saturday Night.
 - a. **Head Coaches/Managers will be held responsible for seeing that the players they use conform to these rules.**
 - b. Players must have a valid photo ID with DOB
 - c. Players must be fourteen years of age or older.
 - d. Players may play for one team. Players may change rosters one time but may only appear for the team they switch to. A player shall not appear in any more than 4 total pool play games, and may not switch teams after the 4th pool game of the team they are switch to
2. **Lineups:** Lineups must be turned into scorekeeper at least **5 minutes prior to game time**. If No scorekeeper is available for that game, they must be turned into the umpire. Must include first and last name and utilize the lineup cards provided at the tournament. A team may utilize up to 16 players, with any 10 of the batters in the lineup playing defense. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. NO GRACE PERIOD.**
3. **Shorthanded rule:** Any time a team has **fewer than 9** players, the game shall be declared a forfeit. Teams may start or finish a game with 9 players without penalty **EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EJECTION** as noted below
 - a. A Team may start with as few as 9 players. If a 10th player arrives, that player shall be inserted into the 10th spot in lineup card or that player will be ineligible for the rest of the game and no player may play in the vacant spot. A team with 10 players that loses a player to illness or injury shall play with as few as 9 players, with no penalty. If a substitute arrives, that player must be inserted into the vacant spot, or shall be ineligible for the rest of the game, and no other players can enter the vacant spot.
 - b. If a team with 10 players and no available substitute loses a player to an ejection, an out will be recorded during each time at bat that the ejected player would have had.
4. **Ejections:** There is no automatic additional games missed due to an ejection; Based on severity of actions, ejected players are subject to further disciplinary action, including suspension from the tournament and future events at City of Yuma facilities. Violent actions and threats will not be tolerated, and law enforcement will be contacted in the event it occurs.
5. **Pitching:** Strike mat will be utilized. Batters will start with a **0-0 count**. Pitching delivery and rules can be found in section 6D of the USA Softball Rule book. In reference to pivot foot being in contact with rubber, this can be either foot.
6. **Courtesy Runner:** Teams may use 1 courtesy runner per inning for any non-pitcher. Courtesy Runner can be any player on the roster. Teams may use **one additional courtesy runner per inning for the pitcher** any time the pitcher is on base. Courtesy runners are officially in the game when reported to the umpire. Courtesy runners cannot be substituted for while on base as a courtesy runner.
7. **Home Runs:** No Limit on number of Home Runs. Hitter and any runners on base at time of Home Run do not have to run the bases. No appeals for runners missing a base and batter-runner and runner(s) may not be called out for any base running infraction on a HR
8. **Game Finish:** Saturday Games will be 60 minutes or 7 innings unless Tiebreaker or Run Ahead Rule applies. No New inning after 60 minutes, unless tied. Sunday Games will be 70 minutes or 7 innings, unless Tiebreaker or Run Ahead Rule Applies.

IF ANY TIME IS ON THE CLOCK AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN INNING, and the game is not otherwise expected to end (i.e. 7th inning, Run Rule) a new inning will be played in its entirety (unless run rule/walk-off tie breaker take effect)

TIES: Saturday: Extra Innings can take place as long as there remains time on the clock. If game is still tied in at the conclusion of the inning in which the clock ends, 1 more inning will be played in attempt to break tie (if it's the 5th, and time ends, we will play a 6th inning. If it's the 8th inning when time ends, we will finish the inning and if still tied, a 9th inning shall be played

Sundays: Games shall be played until tie is broken

NO AUTOMATIC RUNNERS ARE PLACED ON BASE FOR EXTRA INNINGS

9. CONDUCT

A. Only Head Coach will be allowed to approach an umpire with any questions or issues regarding the game during or after a play. Any player who approaches the umpire other than the head coach will be asked to go back to the dug out and get the coach. Failure to comply with the umpire's request may result in an ejection.

B. NO ALCOHOL of any kind may be consumed while participating in games. No Alcohol may be in the dugout, and players may not leave the playing area to drink and be allowed to re-enter the game. PLAYERS DRINKING OUTSIDE OF THE DUGOUT WHILE THEIR TEAM IS PLAYING ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM FURTHER PLAY IN THAT GAME. Field Supervisor shall notify Umpire that a player is disqualified from the game for drinking.

An alcohol permit is required to for drinking within City Parks, including Athletic Facilities. An alcohol permit is required, which covers team and its participants, and may be acquired during business hours (we are closed on Friday, May 22) at City Hall, Friday at Yuma Art Center, and Saturday Morning 730-930 am at the PAAC (Cash only on Saturday)

C. There will be a zero tolerance policy on fighting in all league games and city sponsored tournaments. Police will be called and participants fighting are subject to Charges filed and further suspensions from City of Yuma Softball, inclusive of future League and Tournaments Played

D. Music must not be disruptive from the dug outs. Field Supervisors and Umpires have discretion to ensure inappropriate music (either inappropriate content or loud volume) music is turned down or off.

E. No smoking is allowed within the PAAC. This includes dugouts, playing fields, restrooms, green spaces and common areas. Profanity or Alcohol will not be tolerated in or about the play area

F. Dogs are not allowed in Dug Outs.- ONLY SERVICE ANIMALS, WHICH MUST BE ON LEASH, ARE ALLOWED AT THE PLAYING FACILITIES

10. **Round Robin Tiebreakers:** In 2-way ties, winner of head-to-head meeting will receive higher playoff seed. If no head-to-head, record in common games, and then fewest runs allowed in common games, then fewest runs allowed overall will determine higher seed. If still tied, a coin flip will determine higher seed. In case of 3 or more, Record in common games, then fewest runs allowed in common games, then fewest runs allowed over will determine highest seed. If only 2 teams are tied in a tiebreaker with 3 or more teams after any step, the team losing out on the tiebreaker on the step would be behind the 2 tied teams, and tie breaker would continue with the remaining 2 steps

11. **INSURANCE** All players on teams participating in any City recreation program shall provide their own insurance, if they desire coverage. The City of Yuma does not provide coverage and is not liable for personal or property injury or accidents.

12. **FOUL BALLS/HOME RUNS** – Hitting Team is responsible for retrieving any foul balls or Home Runs and ensuring ball is returned to umpire