**Intramural Softball Rules and Regulations**

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<th>Objective</th>
<th>Softball is played between two teams on a diamond, with 9 players from one team on the playing surface at a time. The object of the game is to score more runs (points) than the other team by batting (hitting) a ball into play and running around the bases, touching each one in succession.</th>
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| Game Length     | Games are 7 innings in length or 60 minutes (whatever comes first)  
|                 | Games must end on a complete inning  
| Equipment       | Teams are responsible for bringing their own gloves and appropriate footwear  
|                 | There are a few bats at the field  
|                 | Balls are supplied  
| Roster and Eligibility | Teams are comprised of no more than 9 players on the field  
|                 | Rosters max out at 15  
|                 | CoRec : Teams must have at least 3 players of either gender on the field at once  
| Game Rules      | A game lasts for 7 innings and is split into two sections; the top and bottom of the innings.  
|                 | Each team bats once in each innings before the sides switch.  
|                 | The fielding team has a pitcher, catcher, a player on first base, second base, third base, three deep fielders and short stop.  
|                 | The pitcher must pitch to their own team and stand within a step of the pitching line  
|                 | A max of 5, over the fence home runs are allowed per team. After 5 they turn into foul balls  
|                 | No more than 5 runs can be scored in an inning  
|                 | Fielders must make an attempt to stay off the baseline and not interrupt baserunners  
|                 | Down the first and third base line is a foul area. Once the ball crosses this line before it bounces the ball is deemed 'dead' and play restarts with a new pitch  
|                 | No more than 2 players can be within 15m from the home plate  
|                 | Batting order must proceed in a form where at least one batter of the opposite gender hits per every 3 of the same sex  
|                 | A default may be called if a team has few than 7 people  
|                 | The pitch must be released at moderate speed from below the hip - must have arch equal or greater than the batters standing height  
|                 | A pitch that is too fast or inappropriate arc will be called a “no pitch” and a warning is given  
|                 | A pitcher may be relieved at any time |
- Three pitches per batter
- On the third pitch, if ball is fouled, one more pitch only
- Ball hits pitcher, dead ball
- Pitcher may not interfere with play after the pitch; the ball must travel past the pitching line
- No bunting is allowed
- Any fair hit ball that rolls into out-of-bounds territory gives the batter an automatic double and the base runners advance two bases. If a ball is allowed to roll out-of-bounds or is playable by the fielder, the base runners will be given an extra base.
- Any fair ball that rolls into the sideline out-of-bounds before the cone will be ruled a foul ball.
- Balls rolling into sideline out-of-bounds after the cones will be played as fair balls.
- A ball hitting an out-of-bounds structure and landing back on the field of play will be ruled a foul ball.
- Balls which are hit in the air into sideline out-of-bounds will be considered dead and unplayable.
- The batter must remain in the batter's box at all times.
- A dead ball will be called if the ball does not make it past the pitcher's mound in a timely fashion
- At home plate the runner does not need to be tagged. All the catcher needs is a foot on the plate

| Violations                    | - Sliding is not allowed |