INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE GAME

1) A regulation game will last seven innings or 75min, whichever comes first. A game must end on a complete inning.
2) A max of five, over the fence home runs is allowed per game per team. After five they will turn into foul balls.
3) No more than 5 runs may be scored per inning, except in the last inning.
4) The last inning will be called by the umpire approximately 20 min. prior to the end of the game.
5) In the last inning, if the home team is more than 10 runs behind, and time is limited, the game will be ended if time is an issue.
6) The pitcher must stand within a step of the pitching line. (SAFETY)
7) Automatic one base, on an out-of-bounds overthrow. An over throw is when the ball hits the fence to the right of first base or the concrete on the left of third base.
8) Sliding is not allowed.
9) A base runner's foot may only leave the base when the ball is contacted. Each team may receive one warning per game. A second offense results in an automatic out.
10) Games must be started no more than 10 min. after scheduled start time
11) Fielders must make every attempt to stay off the baseline, and not interfere with the baserunners.
12) Any player not in the possession of the ball or in the act of fielding a batted ball who intentionally obstructs the baserunner may be ejected from the game.
13) Out of bounds is an extension of the backstop
14) The runner may be called out or safe if this is not complied too by both players. Runner may touch the white base at first if rounding to second.

PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

15) A team may field no more than 10 players.
16) No more than two may be within 15 m from home plate and no more than six may be within 34 m of home plate before a pitched ball has been hit by the batter.
17) The batting order must proceed as follows: MMFMMFMMF or MFMFMFMFMF or some form of that where there is at least one female per every 3 batters.
18) Players arriving late must be added to the bottom of the list.
19) Male players will bat in this order regardless of whether they are fielding or substituting.
20) Substitutes may not sit out more than two consecutive innings.
21) At least three members of either gender must be present on the field at any one time.
22) If 10 players are fielded, then there must be at least four of either gender.
23) A default may be called if a team has fewer than 7 people.
24) Rosters max out at 18 players.
**PITCHING REGULATIONS**

25) Pitcher must be a member of the batting team

26) The pitch shall be released at a moderate speed from below the hip. The pitch must have an arch, which is equal to or greater than the batter's standing height. The legal speed and arc will be determined by the umpire. A pitch that is too fast or has an inappropriate arc will be called a "no pitch". A warning will be given for continual infractions of these rules. Further infractions will result in removal from the pitching position.

27) Anyone who makes no attempt to control his or her swing on a no-pitch ball will be called out.

28) A pitcher may be relieved at any time.

29) Three pitches per batter

30) Pitcher may not interfere with play after the pitch; the ball must travel past the pitching line

31) On third pitch, if ball is fouled, one more pitch only

32) Ball hits pitcher, dead ball

33) Foul tip Above batter’s height, batter is out.

**BATTING REGULATIONS**

34) 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.

35) Any fair ball that rolls into the sideline out-of-bounds before the cone will be ruled a foul ball.

36) Balls rolling into sideline out-of-bounds after the cones will be played as fair balls.

37) A ball hitting an out-of-bounds structure and landing back on the field of play will be ruled a foul ball.

38) Balls which are hit in the air into sideline out-of-bounds will be considered dead and unplayable.

39) The batter must remain in the batter’s box at all times.

40) No bunting is allowed.

41) A batting order must be provided at the beginning of the game where no more than 3 players of the same gender shall bat consecutively. A separate female and male batting order may only be used if the team does not have enough of one gender to complete the lineup normally.

42) A dead ball will be called if the ball does not make it past the pitcher’s mound. Past the pitching mound is determined by the umpire.

**PLAYS AT HOME**

43) Back-catchers must be involved in plays at home unless the umpire deems that coverage was unavoidable. At home plate the runner does not need to be tagged. All the catcher needs is a foot on the plate. 10' rule.