



Softball Rules and Policies

****Official rules of softball will be in affect and at the discretion of both the Director of Intramurals and the ref of the game being played.**

- Each roster may carry 18 players but must have no less then 10 players.
- If a team does not have at least seven (7) players at a scheduled game time, then they will have to forfeit.
- All games are subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts.
- Refs have full authority on the field before, during, and after a match.
- Only team captains can question a call made by the ref and only in a reasonable and appropriate fashion.
- Excessive arguing and complaining will result in first a verbal warning, then loss of an out, then forfeit of the game. These types of calls are at the discretion of the ref. Be Respectful!
- Players may be ejected by the ref due to improper behavior.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting may be cause for a player to be completely suspended from the intramural season along with other possible punishments.
- Yelling is not permitted.

Eligible players

- Any student, faculty, board member, or staff of the university are eligible for intramural athletics.
- Current collegiate varsity players are eligible, but no team may have more than 3.
- All players must sign a sportsmanship agreement form given to each team captain at the captains meeting and must be signed and turned in By All Players Before Their First Game. Players that due not have the sportsmanship agreement form turned in will not be allowed to play until they turn their form in. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Rules of the Game

- Ten (10) players will play at a time with four outfielders allowed on defense.
- Games will be played to six (6) innings with 3 outs per inning.
- Games will be stopped on a mercy rule if a team is winning by 16 runs in the first three innings or by 8 runs anytime after the third inning
- Teams will have one of their own players pitch to them. Each batter will receive only three pitches. If none of the three pitches are hit in fair territory then the batter is out.
- Tag ups are allowed.
- NO leadoffs. NO sliding. NO designated hitters. NO stealing. NO pinch runners (unless the runner is physically unable to continue).
- Teams must play with at least four (4) women on the field at all times. Batting must be alternating between girls and guys with no more then two guys hitting in a row.
- Batting orders must be set before the game and CANNOT be switched. Teams must bat through their entire team roster (not just the players on the field) before resetting the order.

- Substitutions can be made before the start of an inning but not in the middle of an inning.
- If a hit ball hits a base runner, then the base runner is out. If a thrown ball hits a base runner, play continues and the base runner is not out.

More than 3 forfeits by your team will result in a forfeit of the **season.