



APU Softball Rules and Policies

1. Eligible players

- Only CURRENT APU student, faculty or staff are eligible for intramural athletics.
- Current collegiate varsity players are eligible, but no team may have more than 3.
- Each roster may carry 18 players but must have no less than 10 players.
- If a team does not have at least seven (7) players at a scheduled game time, then they will have to forfeit.

2. Umpires and Ejections

- All games are subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts.
- Umpires have full authority on the field before, during, and after a match.
- Only team captains can question a call made by the Umpire 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 Umpire. Be Respectful!
- Players may be ejected by the Umpire 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.

3. Rules of the Game

- Ten (10) players will play at a time with four outfielders allowed on defense. Rovers are optional.
- Games will be played to seven (7) innings with 3 outs per inning.
- Teams will have one of their own players pitch to them. Each batter will receive only two pitches. If no pitches are hit in fair territory then the batter is out.
- The ball must be pitched with a minimum arc of at least 6 feet from the ground and must not reach a height of more than 12 feet at its highest point from the ground.
**Penalty: Illegal pitch. First illegal pitch results in a warning. After that illegal pitches count as strikes.
- Chopping and bunting are not allowed
- When the ball is thrown over the fence or into the dugout, all runners will be awarded two bases and the award will be governed by the positions of the runners when the ball left the fielder's hand.
- A mercy rule will occur when a team is up 10 runs after the 5th inning.
- Tag ups are allowed.
- NO leadoffs. NO designated hitters. NO stealing. NO pinch runners (unless the runner is physically unable to continue). Sliding is allowed.
- Teams must play with at least four (4) women on the field at all times. Batting must be alternating between girls and guys.
- 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.

Infield fly rule: If runners are on 1st and 2nd (or bases loaded) infield fly rule is in effect.

**Official rules of softball will be in affect and at the discretion of both the Assistant Director for Campus Recreation, Intramural Staff and the umpires of the game being played.