

LORI PIESTEWA

GAMES

ASA RULES

SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

ASA REQUIRED RULES TO BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES WHILE PLAYING IN PIESTEWA SOFTBALL GAMES EVENT

ASA BALLS ONLY ALLOWED - ALL BALLS MUST HAVE AN ASA STAMP VISABLE AT ALL TIMES IN ASA DIVISION

ALL BATS MUST DISPLAY A VISABLE ASA STAMP - (ONLY ASA BATS ALLOWED & MAT ONLY STRIKEZONE ENFORCED)

THE DIRECTOR IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN MAKE THE FINAL DECISION IF A BAT IS CONSIDERED LEGAL OR ILLEGAL - ANY VISABLE MODIFICATION OR ALTERATION TO THE BAT WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL

IF ANY PLAYER IS CAUGHT USING AN ILLEGAL BAT THAT WAS DEEMED ILLEGAL BY THE DIRECTOR PREVIOUSLY WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION FROM THE GAME AND EVERY TIME THAT BATTER COMES UP TO BAT WILL BE CONSIDERED AN OUT EVERY TIME

IF THE SAME BAT OR ANY ADDITIONAL ILLEGAL BATS ARE USED AGAIN BY THE SAME TEAM WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC GAME FORFEITURE FOR THEIR TEAM OR REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT ENTIRELY.

ONLY FOR ASA PITCHERS - WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO WEAR A HELMETS OR BODY GEAR

PITCHING :

The pitcher cannot use a windmill windup. Once the pitcher's arm passes his hip, he must deliver the ball to the plate. Additionally, the pitch must travel on an arc with a maximum height of 6 to 12 feet and must hit the mat to be considered a strike. All pitches must be delivered at a "moderate" speed, according to the umpire's judgment.

- A. The pitcher shall take a position with both feet firmly on the ground and with one or both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate.
- B. (Men's, Women's and Coed) The pitcher may take a position from the front edge of the pitcher's plate to 6 feet behind the pitcher's plate within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate with both feet firmly on the ground.
- C. The pitcher must come to a full and complete stop with the ball in front of the body. The front of the body must face the batter. This position must be maintained at least one second before starting the delivery.
- D. The pitcher shall not be considered in the pitching position unless the catcher is in position to receive the pitch
- E. The pitcher shall not simulate a legal pitch while not in contact with the pitcher's plate. Effect: 1 The ball is dead. 2 Illegal pitch, ball on the batter 3 A warning is issued, and a repeat action would result in the pitcher ruled illegal and removed from the pitching position

No pitch shall be declared:

- A. When the pitcher pitches during the suspension of play.
- B. When a runner is called out for leaving a base before the pitched ball is batted, touches the ground, or reaches home plate.
- C. When a pitch is delivered before a runner has retouched their base after being legitimately off that base.
- D. When the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the delivery or during the back swing.
- E. When a player, manager or coach calls time, employs any other word or phrase, or commits any act while the ball is live for the obvious purpose of trying to make the pitcher commit an illegal pitch. A warning shall be issued to the offending team, and a repeat of this type act by any member of the team warned shall result in the

PITCHERS PIVOT FOOT :

Foot must remain in contact with rubber until ball is released

FOUL BALL :

A foul ball is always considered a strike under ASA slow pitch rules. A player with two strikes who hits a foul ball strikes out.

FOUL TIP BATTERS BOX :

A batted ball that goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's hand(s) or glove/mitt and is legally caught by the catcher the batter will be called out at any height as long as the ball does not hit the ground.

The batter is allowed to remain in the batters box during a popup fly ball and will NOT be considered as obstructing or interfering of the play. BUT IF the batter leaves the batter box they MUST continue to run in forward progress to 1st base, if the Umpire determines the runner purposely obstructed or interfered with any defensive player making a routine play, the batter will be called automatically out.

BATTERS BOX :

One foot must remain in the batters box at all times. If the back foot steps in front the plate or any foot steps on the plate while making contact that batter will be considered an automatic out.

ABSOLUTELY NO BUNTING OR CHOPPING ALLOWED - MUST BE ONE CONTINUOUS MOTION OR BATTER WILL BE CALLED OUT AUTOMATICALLY - (UMPIRES DISCRETION)

ILLEGALLY BATTED BALL :

Occurs when the batter hits the ball fair or foul and :

- A. At the time the bat makes contact with the ball, the entire foot is completely outside the lines of the batter's box and on the ground.
- B. At the time the bat makes contact with the ball, any part of the foot is touching home plate.
- C. An illegal, altered or non-approved bat is used.
- D. At the time the bat makes contact with the ball, the batter's entire foot has contacted the ground out of the batter's box and returned to hit the ball while inside the box

INTERFERENCE :

The act of an offensive player or team member, umpire or spectator that impedes, hinders, or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play. Contact is not necessary.

NON-APPROVED ASA BATS :

A bat that does not meet USA Softball specifications or is on the current USA Softball non-approved bat list with USA Softball Certification Marks.

AWARDED BASES OR AUTOMATIC OUTS (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE) :

If the batting (offensive) team has a live ball hit an illegal bat (outside gate), player (outside gate) or goes into the dugout (open gate) the (offensive) lead runner or batter will be considered an out.

If the fielding (defensive) team has a live ball hit an illegal bat (outside gate), player (outside gate) or goes into the dugout (open gate) the (offensive) runners are awarded an advanced extra base to all base runners

OBSTRUCTION :

The act of a defensive team member:

- A. Who hinders or impedes a batter from striking at or hitting a pitched ball.
- B. Who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases unless the fielder is:
 - 1 in possession of the ball.
 - 2 in the act of fielding a batted ball.

Note: Contact is not necessary to impede the progress of the batter-runner or a runner.

PROTEST:

A formal request to review the decision of an umpire's rule interpretation. (The Director will make the final decision to either overturn or enforce the original call by the Umpire) **Any verbal misconduct by coach or player of the final ruling will be ejected**

TAGGED PLAYERS :

Legal tag is the act of a defensive player:

- A. Touching a base with any part of the body while holding the ball securely and firmly in the hand or glove or:
- B. Touching the runner or batter-runner with the ball while securely held in the hand or glove.

PLAYER RE-ENTRY :

- A. Any player may be substituted for or replaced and re-entered once, provided the players occupy their same batting position in the batting order.
- B. The starting player and their substitute may not be in the line-up at the same time.
- C. If a player re-enters the game a second time or a player re-enters the game in a position in the batting order other than their original starting or substitute position, this is considered an illegal re-entry and that will be considered an out.

BASE RUNNERS : (any player can receive a runner at any time even after a pitch as been delivered)

Last out or last across the plate - 1 Runner per gender per inning - ***PITCHERS WILL BE ALLOWED A RUNNER ANYTIME***

If an injury occurs and the Umpire/Director feels a runner is needed, it will be allowed and won't count against the team

BASE RUNNER SAFETY ALLOWED MUST VERBALIZE TO UMPIRE AND MUST TAG UP WHEN BALL IS PUT IN PLAY

BASE RUNNERS - ARE ONLY ALLOWED 3 FEET WITHIN BASELINE TERRITORY - UMPIRES DISCRETION

1ST BASE SAFETY BAG :

All players MUST utilize the orange (safety bag) when there's an active play at first - failure by the runner touching the white bag will result in automatic out being called - if the 1st baseman utilizes the orange bag while making a play the runner will automatically be awarded the bag as safe ***THE ONLY TIME ITS REVERSED FOR RUNNER OR DEFENSIVE PLAYER TO USE EITHER BAG IS TO AVOID A COLLISION***
Umpires Discretion

PLAYERS OUTSIDE DUGOUT WHEN BATTING :

ONLY 2 on deck batters and one 3rd base coach and one 1st base coach ALLOWED outside the dugout - if the umpire has to warn the coach more than twice the Umpire has the authority to call an out for the batting team.

TIME OF PLAY RULES :

50 MINUTES or 7 INNINGS - whichever comes first

IF END OF REGULATION TIE GAME - INTERNATIONAL RULES APPLY WITH ONE OUT & "LAST" AT BAT ON 2ND BASE

THE RUNNER ON 2ND CANNOT GET A RUNNER UNTIL THEY HAVE ADVANCED TO 3RD BASE YES EVEN PITCHERS

POOL GAMES CAN END IN TIE BALL GAMES

COED DEFENSIVE PLAY :

Teams must have 5 female and 5 men on defense on the field - MUST have 2 guys and 2 girls in the outfield

** ONLY EXCEPTION - Allowed 6 female & 4 male ONLY**

Pitcher and Catcher must be male and female

NO COED LINE WILL BE VISABLE OR USED AS A RULE

COED - WHEN WALKING PLAYERS :

If a male batter is walked automatically gets 2nd base - Players are NOT required to touch 1st base when walking

If there is 2 outs the male batter is awarded 2nd base and the next girl up has the option to walk or hit but the male batter still takes 2nd base regardless of outcome ***MUST BE 2 OUTS FOR A FEMALE TO WALK WHEN MALE BATTER GETS WALKED***

RUN RULE AS FOLLOWED (once home team has batted):

20 runs after 3 innings

15 runs after 4 innings

10 runs after 5 innings

FLIP-FLOP RULE :

If the home team is behind 10, 15 or 20 runs or more after the 3rd, 4th or 5th inning (as shown in the run rule above) the opposing team will be considered home team

INFIELD FLY RULE :

Umpires discretion can call infield fly ball if less than 2 outs - ball must be catchable with little to minimum effort by the defensive player

INTENTIONALLY DROPPED BALL :

If an Umpire determines that a player has purposely dropped a ball to force a double play the batter will be called for an out and the Umpire can call dead ball and allow the base runner to return back to their original base.

OFFICIAL SCORE - HOME TEAM & UMPIRE :

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH TEAMS TRACK THEIR TEAMS SCORES

(Umpire will have the final decision if there's ANY discrepancies)

4 BASE ERROR :

If an Umpire rules a 4 Base Error - the batter is NOT required to run all bases out and homerun will NOT be counted against their homerun totals

HOMERUNS :

If an Umpire calls a batted ball a homerun - batter is not required to run all 4 bases and can hit and sit as well as any base runners on base

OVERTHROWN BALL OUT OF PLAY :

Any outfielder who throws a ball into the infield and is thrown out of the field of play the base runners will be awarded 2 bases

Any infielder who throws a ball out of the field of play the base runners are awarded 1 base

FAKE TAG OR FAKE BALL PLAY :

If a defensive player fakes a tag or fakes a ball in play while runner is actively running the Umpire may call dead ball and award that runner a 2nd bag and the player (and COACH) will be warned. If the player continues the illegal act of a fake tag or play the Umpire will remove the player from their position and the team will be awarded a 2nd bag. If a 3rd offense by the same team for any player will result in a forfeited game.

ZERO TOLLERANCE RULE :

All Coaches and Players will be automatically ejected for any verbal, physical contact or any acts of potential violence towards any Umpire, Player or Spectator at the tournament and will also have a 2-year suspension.

ADDITIONAL RULES LISTED BELOW :

- MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 PLAYERS TO START A GAME - COED MUST HAVE HALF OR MORE FEMALE IN STARTING LINEUP
- YOU CAN BAT AS MANY PLAYERS ON YOUR ROSTER AND CARD TURNED IN
- NO ELECTRONICS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AT ANY TIME - YOU WILL BE REMOVED
- ALL TEAMS REQUIRED TO BE READY TO PLAY 15 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME
- COIN FLIP IN POOL PLAY AND LOSER BRACKET
- NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED

THIS IS A MODIFIED ASA RULES EVENT AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME DEEMED NECESSARY BY EITHER THE DIRECTOR, ASEC DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES OR THE MEMBERS OF THE PIESTEWA GAMES ORGANIZATION

Tournament-Specific Rules

Home Runs

- Each team is allowed 3 home runs per game.

Strike Zone

- The official strike zone is the mat and home plate.
- Any legal pitch that lands on the mat or home plate will be called a strike, as determined by the umpire.

These tournament-specific rules are in addition to the standard ASA rules.