

SU DIVISION GENERAL RULES

General Rules

The official ball used for will be the 11” Hard Softball

Time Limit: Time 80 minutes or 6 full innings with DROP DEAD TIME LIMIT.

Base Running:

1. Bases: 60 Feet maximum.

2. For the first 2 innings there will be a 4 runs per inning per team maximum. Starting with the 3rd inning you will be able to increase your lead by 4 runs per inning (if you are already tied or ahead) or go up by 4 if you are trailing.

3. Stealing (one base) is allowed but not home.

4. Lead off permitted on release of pitchers hand.

Overthrows:

On a throw to any other base or position.

a. If on a throw to any other base an errant throw occurs all runners and batter/runner may advance one base past the base they are going to with liability of being put out.

b. The umpire will only award a base to the runners if the ball has been thrown out of play.

c. At the end of each play the umpire will return all runners to the base they are entitled to if they have not been put out.

Fielding:

1. 10 players may be allowed on defense in the field at any one time, four of which are outfielders.

Outfielders must position themselves at least 10 feet behind the baseline.

2. No Infield Fly Rule.

3. *Play stops when the ball hit to the outfield gets in the control of the pitcher INSIDE THE PITCHING CIRCLE.*

Batting:

- 1.** Everyone bats and free defensive substitutions.
- 2.** No dropped 3rd strike. Runners may not advance.
- 3.** Bunting is allowed.

Exception: No bunting off coach/pitch.

Pitching:

- 1.** Pitching distance: Player and Coach 30 feet.
- 2.** Players will pitch to opposing team. 2 inning limit for pitchers, plus 1 additional if the game goes more than 4 innings (One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning)
- 3.** No walks.
 - a.** A coach/pitcher will enter the circle when 4 balls have been called by the umpire. Coach must pitch “legal” pitches with at least one foot on the pitching rubber. (inherit the count.Example:4 balls, 1 strike – you get two)
 - b.** If the pitch is not put into play by the last pitch, the batter is out.
Exception: If the last pitch is a foul ball, pitching continues until the ball is hit and put in play or the batter is called out.
 - c.** Batter will NOT be awarded a base on a Hit by Pitch from the coach/pitcher, but will by a player/pitcher. The batter is automatically awarded first base and will not have the option to continue to hit.
- 4.** If a batted ball hits the coach/pitcher the ball is dead and the batter is out. At no time shall the coach/pitcher obstruct play.
- 5.** Player/Pitcher must have one foot in the circle at the time of Coach/pitcher is pitching.
- 6.** Coach/Pitcher must stay in the circle during play and **MAY NOT** provide Coaching assistance.