

Intramural Co-ed Slo-Pitch Rules

- Games will be 5 innings long and innings will end with three outs.
- The first three innings will cap with 5 runs scored, however the last two innings are open and will not have a cap.
- No new inning will start after 45 minutes of gameplay is completed and the game will end once the inning that is in progress is completed.
- A team must be ready within 5 minutes of their scheduled start time or that team will forfeit the game. This will result in that team losing half of their bond money, and the other team receiving a 10-0 victory.
- A coin toss will determine who bats first, and if the team who bats in the bottom half of the inning is ahead, that inning will not be completed (teams can not run up the score to help their point differential for tie breakers in the last inning).
- If the score is even at the end of a regular season game, it will be recorded as a draw and no extra innings will be played.
- If an error is made while throwing to a base, base runners will be awarded 1 base (this can lead to a run being scored) o They are not allowed to take more than one base
- There is a mercy rule that is in effect when a team is up by 15 or more runs at any point in the game.

Fielding

- The fielding team consists of 10 defenders (5 outfield, 4 infield, 1 catcher).
- A minimum of 7 players is required to play (2 outfield, 4 infield, 1 catcher).
- A minimum of 3 girls must be on the field each inning at any position.
- To avoid a forfeit, 2 girls are required and that team will play with one less fielder on defense (a guy cannot replace a missing girl).
- At the start of every pitch, the infielders must be in line with the base path or deeper (no creeping in).

Pitching

- A batter will receive up to 5 pitches.
- Pitches must be underhand and thrown with arm.
- **Pitches must be thrown from the pitching mound.**
- After the fifth pitch (even if the batter makes contact and it goes foul) the batter is considered out.
- You can choose any player from your team (the hitting team) to pitch.
- The pitcher does not hit in the batting order, as someone else from the team will pitch.
- The first pitch that is ruled a fair ball is played.

Batting

- No more than 3 males may bat in a row in the batting order at any time. You are not required to have 3 males bat in a row.
- Teams may use uneven batting orders as they may have more males or females, however they must follow the restrictions above.

- All players must bat in order before any player repeats unless it violates one of the restrictions listed above.

Examples:

If a team has 3 females and 14 males, the females will bat more often to maintain the rule that only 3 males can bat in a row.

If a team has 6 females and 5 males, everyone must bat equally.

- Players must take a full swing (no bunting).
- To be considered a fair ball, the ball must travel past the pitcher.
- The ball must also be inside the first and third base lines.
- If the ball crosses the foul lines before passing the base (first or third) it is considered a foul ball, even if it initially lands fair.
- The infield fly rule is not in effect for fly balls that do not reach the outfield.
- If the pitcher is struck by the ball it is a strike.

Base Running

- No leading off or stealing is allowed.
- The player must remain on the base until contact has been made by the hitter or else that player will be out.
- You can run through first base, however you can be tagged out at second or third base.
- Sliding is prohibited (first a warning will be given to the team, then any subsequent slides will result in an out).
- If the batter flies out in the outfield, the runner has the option to tag up and advance or remain at their base.
- The ball must clear the bases to be considered in the outfield.
- In order to tag up, the player must return to the base they were on and stay there until the ball is in the glove of the fielder before trying to advance.
- A baserunner going from third to home must commit to going home when they pass the "commit line" (line halfway between 3rd base and home plate). If they try and return to 3rd base after crossing the commit line they will be called out.
- If the baserunner touches home plate they will be called out, (Run past the line in line with home plate to score the run).
- 3 courtesy runners are permitted per game.

Refereeing

- Games will be self officiated.
- Conflicts will be solved by the RIC whenever they are present.
- The RIC's ruling is final and may not be disputed.
- If the RIC is away from the game for any reason, disputed calls will be solved by a coin toss.

Playoffs

- Playoffs will use the same set of rules that were used in the regular season.
- Tie breakers for seeding purposes will be run differential, followed by runs scored.
- Playoff games will go into extra innings to determine who advances.