



SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES  
JUNE 13-15, 2025

**FIELD NAME**

GRUNDAHL PARK

**EQUIPMENT**

• **SOFTBALLS**

- WORTH HOT DOT 52/300 (WILL BE PROVIDED)

• **BATS**

- ONLY ASA/USA CERTIFIED BATS WILL BE ALLOWED

• **SPIKES**

- STEEL SPIKES NOT ALLOWED

**NO WARMING UP ON THE FIELDS EXCEPT FOR FIRST GAMES. THIS IS TO KEEP THE GAMES ON TIME.**

**REGULATION GAME**

• **LENGTH OF GAME**

- GAMES WILL BE 55 MIN OR 7 INNINGS
- NO NEW INNING WILL START AFTER 50 MIN MARK UNLESS GAME IS TIED AFTER THE INNING IS COMPLETED

• **RUN RULE**

- 15 AFTER 5 & 10 AFTER 6
- NO RUN RULE FOR MONEY GAMES

• **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME(S)**

- WILL BE 7 INNINGS (UNLESS EXTRA INNINGS ARE NEEDED) WITH NO TIME

LIMIT.

• **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- GAMES SHORTENED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER WILL BECOME OFFICIAL ONLY IF THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AFTER 4 1/2 INNINGS OR AWAY TEAM IS LEADING AFTER 5 FULL INNINGS. IN THE EVENT OF SIGNIFICANT WEATHER DELAY, THE TOURNAMENT BRACKET MAY BE RESTRUCTURED TO FIT GAMES IN OR MAY BE CANCELLED AND PAYOUT BE DECIDED BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

- **FORFEITURE**

**TEAMS MUST BE READY TO PLAY WITH LINEUPS TURNED IN TO SCORERS**

**TABLE 30 MIN BEFORE SCHEDULED GAMETIME** (EXCEPT FIRST GAME OF THE DAY AND TEAMS' FIRST GAME OF TOURNAMENT). TEAMS THAT ARE NOT READY TO PLAY WILL FORFEIT THE GAME (MUST HAVE 8 PLAYERS TO START). SOME TEAMS TRAVELING WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THIS RULE FOR THEIR FIRST GAME AT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION.

**PITCHING**

- A LEGAL PITCHED BALL MUST REACH A HEIGHT OF 6 FEET BUT OTHERWISE, ARC IS UNLIMITED. THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE MAY CALL "ILLEGAL" PITCH DURING PITCH OR AFTER THE PITCH LANDS. IF THE BATTER DOES NOT SWING AT THE ILLEGAL PITCH, IT WILL BE CALLED A BALL. IF THE BATTER SWINGS AT AN ILLEGAL PITCH, THE BALL IS IN PLAY.

**STRIKES**

- A STRIKE IS A LEGAL PITCH OF AT LEAST 6 FEET THAT EITHER HITS HOME PLATE OR THE PITCHING MAT.

**PITCHER WARM-UP**

- PITCHERS GET 5 WARM-UP PITCHES TO START THE GAME (IF POSITION PLAYERS THROW A PITCH, IT COUNTS TOWARDS THE PITCHERS WARMUPS)
- PITCHERS AFTER THE 1ST INNING WILL BE ALLOWED 2 WARM-UP PITCHES. (IF A POSITION PLAYER THROWS A PITCH, IT COUNTS TOWARDS THE PITCHER'S WARM-UPS)
- IF A TEAM CHANGES PITCHERS MID GAME, THEY GET 5 WARM-UP PITCHES

**BATTING**

- **1 SWINGING STRIKE IS AN OUT**

- COUNT

- 3 BALLS IS A WALK

2 LOOKING STRIKES IS AN OUT

- BUNTING

- NO BUNTING (FULL SWING MUST BE MADE)

- **BATTING ORDER**

- MANAGERS MUST TURN IN A BATTING ORDER TO SCORERS TABLE AT LEAST 30 MIN BEFORE GAME START
- A BATTER WILL BE CALLED OUT IF THEY DO NOT BAT IN CORRECT ORDER
- ONLY ONE BATTER ALLOWED ON DECK. ALL OTHER PLAYERS MUST REMAIN IN DUGOUT BESIDES BASE COACH

### **INJURIES**

- A PLAYER LEAVING THE GAME FOR AN INJURY MAY BE SCRATCHED FROM THE BATTING ORDER WITHOUT PENALTY TO THE TEAM IF THEY ARE BATTING MORE THAN 9 OR IF THEY HAVE SOMEONE TO SUB IN.
- 1 RE-ENTRY PER GAME

### **BASE RUNNING**

- **COURTESY STEPS**

- NO COURTESY STEP IS ALLOWED

- **BASE COACHES**

- 1 BASE COACH IS ALLOWED AT 1ST AND 3RD

- **INFIELD FLY RULE**

- INFIELD FLY WILL BE IN EFFECT. AN INFIELD FLY IS ANY FAIR FLY BALL (NOT A LINE DRIVE) THAT CAN BE CAUGHT BY AN INFIELDER WITH ORDINARY EFFORT WHEN 1ST AND 2ND BASE OR IF 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, AND 3<sup>rd</sup> BASES ARE OCCUPIED BY A BASE RUNNER. WHEN IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT THE BATTED BALL WILL BE AN INFIELD FLY AND CAN BE CAUGHT, THE UMPIRE WILL CALL "INFIELD FLY, BATTER IS OUT." THE INFIELDEERS MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO CATCH THE BALL AND RUNNERS CAN ADVANCE AT THEIR OWN RISK ONCE CAUGHT. IF A LINE DRIVE IS HIT TO AN INFIELDER AND THE UMPIRE DEEMS THE BALL INTENTIONALLY DROPPED, IT WILL BECOME A DEAD BALL. THE BATTER WILL BE OUT AND ALL RUNNERS WILL REMAIN ON THE BASE THAT THEY WERE AT TO BEGIN THE AT-BAT.

- **SLIDING**

- SLIDING IS PERMITTED FOR ALL BASES. ATTEMPTING TO "PLOW" OR "TAKE OUT" ANY DEFENSIVE PLAYER COVERING A BASE IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL CAUSE BOTH THE BASERUNNER AND BATTER TO BE OUT. THIS IS AT THE UMPIRE'S DISCRETION.

- **HOME PLATE**

- RUNNER CAN TOUCH WHITE OR BLACK, FIELDER GETS HOME PLATE

ON FORCE AT HOME

- **HOME RUNS**

- UNLIMITED HOME RUNS
- HIT AND SIT

- **INTERFERENCE**

- A DEFENSIVE PLAYER WHO IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL, IN THE ACT OF FIELDING A BATTED BALL, OR ABOUT TO RECEIVE A THROWN BALL, WHICH IMPEDES THE PROGRESS OF A BASE RUNNER WILL BE AWARDED THE BASE THEY WERE RUNNING TO.

- **RUNNING OUT OF THE BASELINE**

- A BASE RUNNER WILL BE CALLED OUT FOR “RUNNING OUT OF THE BASELINE” IF THE UMPIRE JUDGES THAT THEY RAN INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF 3 FEET FROM THE ORIGINAL BASE LINE TO AVOID A TAG.

- **COURTESY RUNNERS**

- ONE COURTESY RUNNER AN INNING

- **EXTRA INNINGS**

- THE 8TH INNING WILL BE PLAYED THE SAME AS REGULATION. AFTER THE 8TH INNING, THE BATTING TEAM WILL START WITH A PLAYER AT 2ND BASE. THAT RUNNER WILL BE THE LAST BATTER OF THE PREVIOUS INNING.

**DOUBLE BASE AT FIRST**

- **FAIR/FOUL BALLS**

- A BATTED BALL HITTING THE WHITE PORTION IS DECLARED FAIR AND A BATTED BALL HITTING THE ORANGE PORTION IS DECLARED FOUL

- **ORANGE/WHITE PORTION OF BASE**

- WHENEVER A PLAY IS BEING MADE ON THE BASE RUNNER, THE RUNNER USES ORANGE PORTION AND DEFENSE USES THE WHITE PORTION. ON EXTRA BASE HITS OR BALLS HIT TO THE OUTFIELD WHEN THERE IS NO PLAY AT THE DOUBLE BASE, THE RUNNER MUST TOUCH THE WHITE PORTION.

- WHEN TAGGING UP ON A FLY BALL, THE WHITE PORTION MUST BE USED.

**UMPIRES/SCORERS**

- FOR FRIDAY/SATURDAY GAMES, UMPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FIRST GAME, THEN WINNING TEAM MUST PROVIDE A HOME PLATE AND FIELD UMP.
- FOR SUNDAY GAMES, UMPS PROVIDED ALL DAY

### **PROTESTS**

- PROTESTS MUST BE ON RULES INTERPRETATION, PROTESTS ON FORCE OUTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
- IN CASE OF DISPUTE OVER AN UMPIRE'S DECISION, THE TWO TEAM CAPTAINS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ASK THE UMPIRE TO EXPLAIN THEIR CALL.
- APPEALS MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH OR BEFORE THE DEFENSIVE TEAM LEAVES THE FIELD.

### **TIEBREAKERS**

1. HEAD TO HEAD
2. RUNS SCORED
3. RUNS AGAINST
4. COIN FLIP

ALL SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES WILL FOLLOW THE 2022 EDITION OF THE ASA OFFICIAL RULES. THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS HAVE FINAL RULING.

### **\$150 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM. WINNINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

1st: \$750

2nd: \$400

3rd: \$250

4th: \$150

THE FIRST FOUR TEAMS ELIMINATED WILL RECEIVE A CASE OF BEER. (LOSER OF GAMES 9, 10, 11, and 12)

### **NO CARRY-INS ALLOWED; CONCESSIONS WITH BEER SALES AVAILABLE**