

UC Riverside Juegos de Aztlan

Slowpitch Softball Rules

1. PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. 10 players shall constitute a team. A game can start with a minimum of eight players.
- B. Five men and five women (you may start with 4 men and 4 women)
- C. Batting order must alternate male/female or female/male.
- D. Cannot use more men than women at any time.
- E. There is free substitution. However, a player must play a complete inning before he can be substituted for. He cannot just bat and not play the field, or vice – versa.
- F. Outfielders must start play behind the restraining line when a female is at bat. They may not cross the line until the batter makes contact with the ball. Penalty: the batter is awarded first base. The rover is not considered an outfielder.

2. PITCHING REGULATIONS

- A. The pitch must have an arc of one foot over the batter's head. A violation of the above rule constitutes an illegal pitch and will be declared as such. The ball is dead, and the pitch is declared a ball. However, if the batter swings, the illegal pitch is nullified.
- B. If a male is pitched 4 straight balls (no strikes), the female who follows him has the option of batting or taking first base (runners on base then advance one base).
- C. If the ball lands in front of the plate, it is a dead ball, and no plays can be made.
- D. There is no strike zone in terms of zone between the knees and shoulders. A strike is a ball pitched within a legal arc, which lands either on home plate, or on the mat behind home plate, regardless of where it passes the batter's body.

3. BATTING

- A. The batter starts his/her at – bat with one strike and one ball.
- B. No bunting.
- C. No chopping the ball (umpire's discretion).
- D. Each player should become a batter in the order in which his/her name appears on the score sheet.
- E. After the second strike, the batter is allowed to hit one foul without penalty. If the batter hits a second foul ball, he/she is called out.

4. BASERUNNING

- A. Stealing is not allowed. No leading off until the pitcher releases the ball. It is a force play back to the bag. If the runner leaves early, no pitches declared, and is an out.
- B. A runner must slide or avoid the throw and the baseman when coming into a base.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. All games are 1 hour and 10 minutes in length or 7 innings whichever comes first.
- B. The game shall be called if there is a 15 run gap after three innings. The game shall be called at the bottom of the inning.