

## **SOFTBALL RULES**

### **GENERAL RULES/INFORMATION**

1. Players may play for only one team in each division.
2. Teams are responsible for providing their own scorekeeper. Scores must be verified by the opposing team at the top and bottom of each inning or the score stands as is.
3. The Center for Healthy Living will provide game balls, a few bats and bases.
4. The Center for Healthy Living will close at 9:00 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please consider this when making plans for changing clothes.
5. Postponements of games will not be made until 3:30 the day the game is to be played. In case of rain or other natural or nuclear disaster do not call the IM Office until after 3:30pm.
6. The current standings will be posted every Thursday on the Center for Healthy Living website. If your standings are not correct it is the responsibility of the team captain to notify the Center for Healthy Living (X98422) as soon as possible.
7. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products on the field or in the dugout at any time. Teams violating this rule will be given one warning. 2nd offense will result in player being ejected. 3rd offense will result in forfeit of the game.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

1. Teams will consist of 10 players. Teams may start and finish the game with nine players, but you must have at least four of each sex on the field at all times. You must take an automatic out for the missing player.
2. Team members may be either students, staff, faculty, volunteers, retirees and/or their spouses or their parents or children over the age of 15 of UNMC or The Nebraska Medical Center. Other participants may be added to teams with the following conditions. Softball must have less than 50% of other participants.
3. Men and women must bat in alternate order. **EXCEPTION:** if playing with 6 males and 4 females or 6 females and 4 males, you may bat for example - MFMMFMMFMF, FFMFFMFMFM or MMFMFMFMFM. But, 3 players of the same sex may not be listed together on the official batting order in the score book.

4. Men and women are not designated to any particular position on the field, but no more than 6 players may be in the infield. Once a player has taken a position on the field, he/she can not be moved until after the ball has been hit.
5. Games will be 7 innings or 60 minutes. Any ties will be played off if time allows. If not, win will be awarded to both teams. The umpire will announce the possibility of last inning after approximately 50 minutes.
6. **FORFEIT TIME - 10 MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED START OF THE FIRST GAME ONLY. AFTER THAT, FORFEIT TIME IS GAME TIME.**
7. If followed by a female batter, walk to a male batter will result in a two base award the female batter will bat. Exception: if there are two outs the female has the option of batting or taking the walk.
8. Out of bounds will be the fence line extended.
9. No re-entry of players except in case of emergency or injury.
10. The infield fly rule will apply.
11. No bunting, stealing, leading off or windmill pitching.
12. Female pinch runners will be allowed in case of injured players.
13. Any player that flagrantly takes out another player will be ejected from the game. This will be a judgement call by the umpire.
14. All protest must be lodged at the time of the incident ONLY, by the team captain ONLY, and to the umpire ONLY. The captain must call time out to protest a call.
15. The game will be called if a team is leading by 10 runs after 5 innings or 15 runs after 3 innings.
16. All other ASA rules will apply.
17. **If your team must forfeit a game, please call the IM Office or the Center for Healthy Living. If your team is planning to forfeit and fails to call the Center for Healthy Living within a reasonable time before the scheduled game time more than once, your team will be ejected from the league and will be ineligible to play in the tournament.** The first offense will result in a warning.
18. Good behavior is not only expected, it is demanded of all players in this league. Any players who cannot control themselves or their actions will be warned once. The 2nd offense will result in the players ejection from the game. If a 3rd offense occurs by the team/player, the team will forfeit the game. We expect captains to

have control over all their players. If a call needs to be explained, the captain may ask for a time out. Any player ejected from two games will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season or the tournament. Any team with two forfeits due to sportsmanship will not be allowed to finish the season or play in the tournament.

19. Any disputed rules not resolved by the Center for Healthy Living staff will be resolved by a three member AD HOC Committee to be appointed by the Intramural coordinator. The committee, as appointed, will not include members from either team involved in the dispute.

20. IM Coordinator may amend the rules.

**NOTE: THERE ARE NO RESTROOMS OR PHONES AT LEAVENWORTH PARK!!**