

# **USD INTRAMURAL SPORTS SOFTBALL RULES - COREC MODIFICATIONS**

The following set of coed softball rule modifications have been adapted from the Official USD Men's Slow Pitch Intramural Softball Rules. These modifications have been established to equalize competition for both male and female participants. All rules not mentioned within this modification shall be explicitly covered in the Official USD Men's Slow Pitch Intramural Softball Rules,(or the Official Slow-pitch Softball Rules) that are available in the IM Office.

## **Sec-1 ELIGIBILITY**

1. An individual may only play on ONE CoRec team.

## **Sec-2 TEAM SIZE**

1. A team shall consist of 8 players, of which 4 players must be women.
  - a. The roster shall have no more than 16 players
2. A team may play with 7 players, but never may have more than four players of either gender in the field.

## **Sec-3 EQUIPMENT**

1. A game ball will be provided by the Recreation Department.
  - a. Teams must provide their own balls for warm-ups.
2. **The bats provided by the Recreation Department are the only bats that may be used.**

## **Sec-4 PITCHING/BATTING REGULATIONS**

1. Each team will furnish its own pitcher.
2. The "pitching area" will be a designated spot approximately ten feet in front of the midpoint between first and third base.
  - a. Pitchers must start with at least one foot in contact with the pitching area.
  - b. One foot must remain in contact with the area until the ball is released.
3. Each batter is allowed two pitches to put the ball in play.
  - a. If the batter does not put the ball in play with either of the two pitches, the batter is out.
  - b. A foul ball hit on the second pitch will automatically retire the batter.
4. When a batted ball hits the pitcher it will be declared no pitch.
  - a. If the pitcher intentionally interferes with the ball, the batter will be called out.

## **Sec-7 BATTING ORDER**

1. The batting order must still alternate by gender.
  - a. In the event a team is playing with one woman or man short, his or her unfilled spot in the batting order will automatically be considered an out.
2. All team members present must bat even though only eight players may take the field on defense.
  - a. Players who show up late may be added to the bottom of the order.
3. On the score sheet, please create a batting order by separate gender groups (i.e., all four women listed, followed by all four men) and then alternate back and forth between groups on the score sheet.

## **Sec-8 SUBSTITUTIONS**

1. There will be unlimited/free substitution at all times for the defense.
  - a. However, there may never be more than 4 male or 4 female players on the field at any one time.

## **Sec-15 BASE RUNNING**

1. The pinch runner will be the last player of the same gender to make an out.

## **Sec-17 DEFENSIVE POSITIONING**

2. The outfield must contain at least three players at all times.
3. During any at bat, all outfielders must be at least 15 yards behind the infield (and/or approximately 185 feet from home plate) until the ball is contacted.
  - a. If an outfielder moves in too close prior to the pitch, the umpire should warn him/her to move back.
  - b. Repeated violations can result in a disqualification of player or team.
4. Infielders must also play at normal infield position.
  - a. Infielders may not play more than 5 feet in front of base line.
5. Teams must use a catcher if they have eight players present and ready to play.