

## Slow-Pitch Softball Rules

- Follow NSA softball rules with the following exceptions and/or specifications listed below
- The roster is comprised of a maximum of 16 players
  - o Roster must be submitted prior to the first game of the season. Changes can be made up to the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> game, at that point the roster is locked for the remainder of the season.
- Field 9 players defensively
- Teams may begin the game with a minimum of 8 players. An out must be taken in the batting lineup in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot. If there are less than 8 players present the team will be given a 15 minute grace period.
  - o Players may be added to the batting lineup at any point during the game up to the 12 batter maximum.
- If any players leave the game and the spot in the batting spot is vacated the team must then take an out in that spot.
- Batters will begin with a 1 & 1 count, with no foul ball to waste
- One courtesy runner is allowed per inning. Any player on the roster can be used as the runner, but if the runner is on base when his/her spot to bat comes up they will be out.
- Bat up to 12 players. Any of the 12 may play defensively at any time
  - o For co-ed no more than 2 males may bat in a row. Therefore if more than 9 players are in the batting lineup, the 10<sup>th</sup> player must be a female.
- Live ball/dead ball territory.
  - o All batted ball are live and can be caught off the ceiling, walls or other obstacles on the field for an out.
  - o Balls that get lodged in the net or curtain and do not come down will be a ground rule double
  - o The only dead ball territory is the 2 bench areas on overthrows. Runners will be awarded 2 bases from the point they were at the time the throw was released. Please keep all equipment in the bench area
    - Bench area on the side near the glass is inside the soccer net
    - Bench area on the wall side in the area between the two beams where the bench is located
  - o Batted balls that hit off the side netting and come back into fair territory prior to passing 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base are a fair ball.
  - o - on batted balls anything hit off netting on the roof or sides is live. If it hits off netting in foul territory, and comes back into fair territory prior to 1st or 3rd base it is a fair ball. If it hits off netting in foul territory beyond the bases it is played like a regular ball outdoors.
    - on batted balls anything that hits off the glass or lower plywood walls prior to 1st or 3rd base is a foul ball
    - a batted ball that is hit into one of the curtains is live and can be caught. If a fair batted ball gets lodged in the curtain and does not come down it is a ground rule double.
    - on thrown balls all balls are live except the two bench areas. Bench areas are defined as:
      - Closest to glass: inside the soccer net
      - Near the plywood wall: between the two poles where the benches are placed.
    - Any softball bats can be used
- Mercy rule: 15 after 4 innings, 12 after 5 innings. Home team always has a chance to bat if they are losing.

### Dimensions:

#### **Field 1:**

Pitcher's Mound – 46'

LF – 200' CF – 265' RF – 175'

Bases – 65'

#### **Field 4**

LF – 175' CF- 250' RF- 175'