

### Three-Pitch Special Rules & Regulations:

1. Minimum age is 16 as of July 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.
2. No metal or steel cleats. Soccer shoes with the long plastic covered metal cleats are not permitted. No illegal equipment will be permitted.
3. Teams will be required to field a minimum of nine (9) players – four (4) of each gender is required. A shortage of one gender player will constitute an automatic out. All players are required to bat in the batting order. Players can be substituted in and out of the field throughout the game. Line-up will be as follows: two (2) men, one (1) woman, two men (2), etc. Three (3) men will not bat in a row. Maximum twelve (12) players. Each player must have at least one (1) at bat in either of the first two (2) games to be eligible to play in the final.
4. A player passing the committal line 20 feet from home plate is obliged to continue to go home.
5. The base runner must cross the home plate baseline; stepping on home plate, the base runner is out.
6. Offensive team can only have a maximum of five (5) runs per inning. Losing team can score more than five (5) runs per inning until they are one (1) run ahead.
7. Unlimited runs can only be scored in the last inning.
8. Leaving a base before the ball is hit results in the base runner being called out (**no warnings will be given**).
9. Offensive team provides own pitcher; pitcher may pitch from anywhere inside the circle. This does not mean 5', 3', or 1' on either side.
10. If a hit ball hits the pitcher, the ball is declared dead, and the pitch is a re-pitch
11. The pitcher must attempt to get out of the path of a hit ball. If the pitcher interferes or fails to get out of the way of a player trying to field the ball, then the umpire can award "outs" as warranted.
12. The catcher will not tag the base runner, they just have to catch the ball and touch home plate.
13. Any foul tip caught by the catcher is an out.
14. Three (3) courtesy runners may be used during a game if a base/runner/batter is injured. The substitute base runner must be the previous out of the same gender as the runner/batter. The batter **MUST** run to first base.
15. Outfielders cannot come into the infield until the ball is hit; same as for the infielder to the outfield. Infielders must stay behind the baselines until the ball is hit.
16. Once the ball is hit to the outfield and is returned to an infielder, and when the play is assumed complete, "time" is automatically enforced and all base runners must return to their last legally touched base. Umpires are encouraged to call "time" in these situations.
17. First home run per inning counts, all other are "fly outs" (excludes inside the park home runs).
18. Infield fly rule applies. Batter is automatically out on an infield fly ball. **MUST** be called by the umpire. When called, the play is dead.

19. The batter must not step on or over home plate while trying to hit a pitched ball. The batter will be called out if he/she hits an illegal hit and touches or crosses over the plate. There are no outer boundaries for the batter's box.
20. NO kids, alcohol, or pets allowed in the dugout.
21. All other softball rules apply.
22. If the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings (complete), the last out of the previous inning starts on second base.
23. The batter will be called out if they bunt or do not take a full swing.
24. The tournament committee will have the final say on any rule discrepancy.