

Rules: Unified Softball Competition

ASA Softball Rules Apply to all Games and Equipment

Playing Skill Levels:

Level-1: T-Ball Low level ability, ALL players must hit from a softball Tee

Level-2: Modified Intermediate playing ability, basic understanding of the game

Level-3: Advanced All ASA rules apply, understands game and concepts

Game times and Ties for all levels of play:

All games will be 50-min time limit, game ends at the sound of the horn. The winner will be determined by the score at the BOTTOM of the last completed inning.

Ties will be broken by coin flip or other method such as rock-paper-scissors.

Safety Bases:

Runners must run to the orange safety bag at first base

Home plate safety plate and commitment line.

A commitment line will be drawn at 20 feet down a line between 3rd base and the safety home plate. Any runner passing the commitment line may NOT return to 3rd base. They must continue to home safety base. All outs at home are force outs. The catcher or other defensive player only needs to touch the actual home plate prior to the runner touching the safety home plate for the runner to be out. If the defensive player tags the runner, the runner is safe, if the runner runs to the actual home plate the runner is out.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: ALL LEVELS OF PLAY

- 1: Matching T-shirts or uniform shirts with visible numbers on the back
- 2: Softball helmets (MUST be worn when batting or running bases)
- 3: Softball bats only-MUST have "OFFICIAL SOFTBALL" on the bat
- 4: Athletic shoes or **NON-METAL** cleats
- 5: No more than 14 players on a roster
- 6: **Catchers must wear a helmet with face protector and chest protector required**

Players and Substitutes

Coaches may bat the entire roster (14 players) if desired or make substitutions as per ASA guidelines.

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Rules for playing level-1

Field of play:

1: will consist of 2 athletes and 2 partners in the outfield, 2 athletes and 2-partners in the infield. Pitcher will be an athlete and catcher will be a partner.

2: Flags will be placed at 200' arch in the outfield (Field of play is 200')

2a: The defensive player MUST make an attempt on the hit ball no matter how slight that attempt might be. If attempt is made batter is OUT, ball is dead, and runners may not advance.

2b: If NO attempt is made by the defensive player to make a play on the ball the batter is awarded a SECOND base. Runners on base will advance accordingly.

1: The coach will provide a line-up to the umpire and opposing coach alternating athletes and partners. The card will display A-athlete, P-partner and the player's number

2: The batter is permitted 4 attempts to hit the ball past the marked 35" neutral zone, which is a marked arch 35' in front of home base and runs from 1st and 3rd baselines. Any interference by the defense in the neutral zone is a dead ball and batter gets additional swing.

3: One (1) coach is allowed on the field to VERBALLY assist, Physical assistance is prohibited, and runner will be called out.

4: Thrown bats are prohibited, 1st offense batter and coach are warned, any subsequent thrown bats will result in batter being called out.

5: Maximum of **6 runs** per inning or 3 outs whichever comes first

6: Official 12" softballs will be supplied by SOOK

Rules for Playing Level-2

Field of Play:

Pitcher & Catcher (1-must be an athlete and 1-must be a partner), infield will consist of 2 athletes and 2 Partners, the outfield will consist of 2-athletes and 2-partners.

1: The coach will provide a line-up to the umpire and opposing coach alternating athletes and partners. The card will display A-athlete, P-partner and the player's number

2: Level-2 will be a pitched ball; Junior level will be from 40' and Senior/Master level will be from 46'.

3: The field will be a regulation softball field (300')

4: Any balls hit over fences in field of play will be counted as an out

5: Official 12" softballs will be provided by SOOK

6: Maximum of **6 runs** per inning or 3 outs whichever comes first

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Rules for playing Level-3

Field of Play:

Pitcher & Catcher (1-must be an athlete and 1-must be a partner), infield will consist of 2 athletes and 2 Partners, the outfield will consist of 2-athletes and 2-partners.

- 1: The coach will provide a line-up to the umpire and opposing coach alternating athletes and partners. The card will display A-athlete, P-partner and the players number
- 2: Level-3 will be a pitched ball from 46'.
- 3: The field will be a regulation softball field (300')
- 4: Unlimited Homeruns
- 5: Official 12" softballs will be supplied by SOOK
- 6: Maximum of **6 runs** per inning or 3 outs whichever comes first