

CNY Family Sports Centre – Softball Rules Winter 2011-12
All rules follow the General ASA Rulebook

I. Number of players and league description:

- a. Each team will consist of 7 players on the field at one time.
- b. All teams will start with 7 players, teams may play with 5 in the event of injury or ejection.
- c. The field of play and bench areas are restricted to players listed on the roster.

II. Equipment Rules:

- a. All games will be played with an EASTON SoftStitch Incrediball, provided by CNYFSC.
- b. **NO CLEATS**. Any other cross training shoes or indoor turf shoes are acceptable.
- c. Each field player must have a glove to play, hitters are not required to wear helmets.

III. Player Eligibility:

- a. All players that play must be listed on the team's roster. Also, players who have paid the \$10 nightly fee are only eligible to play. Roster changes can be made up to the third game.
- b. Players are NOT permitted to play on multiple teams.
- c. Teams may not pick up players from other teams to play for them if they are short players, this will be considered a forfeit

IV. Innings, Length of game:

- a. Games will last 9 innings, or 1 hour, whichever comes first. No new innings will begin after the 50 minute mark.

V. Softball Field of Play:

- a. The Strike zone extends from the player's front foot to the back shoulder, and will be marked on the field.
- b. Any pitch that does not go over the pitcher's head is an illegal pitch, and will be ruled a ball, and must be called by the umpire as a ball.
- c. Bunting is allowed.
- d. Any hit batter will be given 1st base, if the umpire feels it was an intentional hit, the pitcher will be ejected, and the team will continue the game with only 6 players.
- e. The on deck batter must be designated in the area where the white dot is in the corner of the field.
- f. There is no stealing.
- g. Sliding is permitted, but not encouraged.
- h. If there is a wild pitch or passed ball, base runners are allowed to move up a base.
- i. When a line drive or fly is caught directly off the net, it is an out.
- j. When a line drive or fly hits netting AND sideboards, or just sideboards, and is caught, it is not an out, it is a live ball, play on, and no out is recorded.
- k. A line drive hit over the 8 foot wall is a home run.
- l. The pitcher will be 47 feet from home plate, and the bases will be 60 feet apart.

VI. Extra Innings:

- a. During the regular season, there will be no extra inning games; games will end in a tie.

VII. Playoffs:

- a. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the season.
- b. Teams will be seeded based on overall record.
 - i. Ties will be broken as follows: head to head, runs allowed, runs scored, coin flip

VIII. Sportsmanship & General rules for the facility:

- a. Please respect other teams and patrons.
- b. Players may be ejected from games if their conduct is deemed inappropriate by umpires, or CNYFSC administration. In the event of an ejection, you must leave the field of play, and may be asked to leave the building.
- c. There will be no arguing over balls and strikes, or any other umpire's call.
- d. Please respect all players, umpires and fans.
- e. No dip or seeds will be permitted on the field