

# BADEN-FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED SLO-PITCH RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Illegal Equipment and Actions

- No smoking is allowed on the playing surface.
- No alcoholic beverages shall be brought into the dugout or onto the playing surface.
- If, in the opinion of the captains (executives), a player is intoxicated and therefore a safety hazard to him/herself or other players, the team shall request the coach to remove that player from the game. Coaches are expected to cooperate with the umpire in this situation. This is not an ejection and no further penalty shall be applied as long as he/she cooperated.
- No player may wear metal spikes or any unsafe type of shoe sole.
- Players are advised against wearing jewelry, however it will be left to the player's discretion.
- Bats **MUST** be rated no higher than 100MPH, and follow 2004 or newer SPN Standards. **Umpires may remove any bat from the game that they deem illegal/unsafe.**

## Batting and Base Running

- The length of the bases will be 65 feet, with a 50ft. pitching mound.
- A double Base must be used at first base. When the batter runs to first, he/she may overrun first base and safely return to the base provided he/she does not try to advance to second base. On the batter's first attempt at first base and play is made at first, he/she must use the orange portion of the double base. Once the batter has safely reached first base, he/she must now use the white portion. The defensive player always uses the white portion.
- No outfielder may make a force out at first base.
- A defensive player may not hinder or restrict a runner from progressing from base to base unless fielding a batted ball, holding the ball, or about to catch the ball.
- An offensive player may not do anything to confuse, distract or hinder a fielder making a play.
- A commitment line will be drawn in foul territory 15 feet from home plate and perpendicular to third base. Any runner who touches or crosses the commitment line must continue on to home plate. If he/she does not reach the safe line, he/she shall be called out when the ball is legally held by a defensive player in contact with home plate.
- **No tag is allowed after the runner crosses the commitment line.** The defensive player must have control of the ball and make contact with home plate.
- A runner attempting to reach home must do so by touching the ground on or beyond the safe line.
- The runner is out if he/she touches home plate **whether or not a play is being made.** A runner is not out if the plate is touched in an attempt to avoid a collision. It is the duty of the runner to avoid collision and may be called out if his/her presence at home plate interferes with the catcher's ability to make a play.
- Sliding is only allowed on second and third base.
- Any runner who leads off before the batter makes contact with the ball will be called out.
- Courtesy runners for injured players are allowed. Courtesy runners must be male for male, or female for male/female. Courtesy runners must start at the screen to the first base side behind home plate.
- **A defensive arc of 75 feet from home plate shall be used (Equal Play Line). When a female is at bat, no outfielder (including rover) is allowed in front of this line until the ball is hit. If this is violated, the offense has the option of taking the result of the play or an award of one base to the batter and all runners.**
- Bunting/half swing hits are illegal. The batter is out.
- Any caught foul tip is an out.
- **There is no 3<sup>rd</sup> strike foul rule in effect.**

- Batter is out if he/she hits an infield fly with less than two out and runners on first and second, or with bases loaded.
- **Home plate is live.**
- There must be a minimum of four females in the first 10 batters.
- If a male batter is walked without a strike (called or swinging) and the next batter is female, that female has the choice of batting or taking an automatic walk. If the female chooses to bat, the male only goes to first base.
- There is a "3-up" homerun rule where teams may not hit more than 3 homeruns ahead of the opposing team. For example, if team "A" has hit 3 homeruns and team "B" has not hit any, team "A" is not allowed to hit anymore homeruns. However, if team "B" hits 1 homerun, team "A" would then be allowed to hit a 4<sup>th</sup> homerun.
- A homerun hit after the maximum allowed will be classed a single with each runner advancing one base. (*Force play only*)

## Pitching

- A pitch must hit home plate, be fouled or swung at and missed to be a strike. Home plate is a 2ft by 3ft plate.
- A pitch must have a minimum 6ft loft or it is illegal. An illegal pitch will be called a ball.
- There aren't any maximum height restrictions for a pitch for males, however there is a 12ft maximum height pitch for females.
- The pitcher must wait until the batter is ready.

## Eligibility and Score Sheets

- A team must have at least 8 players present at game time, or that team will have to forfeit the game, except that a 15-minute period of grace may be given.
- The number of females on the defensive team must be at least four, when playing with ten players, and three when playing with nine players (*the 10<sup>th</sup> spot is an out*).
- All players must be on the game sheet and take a turn at bat.
- Any team that does not have the required number of females shall forfeit the game.
- If a player arrives after the start of the game, he/she may be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- If a player must be removed from the lineup after the game starts (eg. Injury or work commitment), his/her team will not be penalized when his/her turn at bat occurs, unless the team does not have the number of players required. (*Note: If a player must leave early, for anything other than injury, this must be stated at the beginning of the game or there will be an automatic out.*)
- There is a free substitution on the field.
- Each team shall keep score and check periodically to assure accuracy.
- If a team leads by 15 runs after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, the game is over. The home team will not bat in the bottom of the inning if the mercy rule holds.
- For the first 6 innings, there is a 7-run mercy. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning has no maximum.

## Length of Games

- Games shall be 7 innings, unless time limit is involved.
- Games have a one hour, twenty-minute (1:20) time limit. No inning may start after the time limit.
- All time limits are from the scheduled game starting time.
- **Ties shall be broken unless time limit is invoked. In the event that a game is tied after 7 innings, the extra inning will start with one out, and the last out from the previous inning goes to second base to create a run scoring opportunity.**

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



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**(EXCEPT bats that are listed on the  
ASA NON-APPROVED BAT LIST)**



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..... **ILLEGAL**

## USA Softball Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks

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Bass Quake 	Combat VIRSP3 Lady Virus 	Easton SCN1 
Easton SCN11BH 	Easton SCN1B 	Easton SCN2B 
Easton SCN3 	Easton SCN4B 	Easton SCN5 
Easton SCN5B 	Easton SCN6B 	Easton SCN7 
Easton SCN7B 	Easton SCN8 	Easton SCN8B 
Easton SCN9 	Easton SCX14 	Easton SCX14B 
Easton SCX2 Synergy 	Easton SCX22 Synergy 2 	Easton SCX24B 
Easton SCX3 	Louisville Slugger FP136 	Louisville Slugger FP1368 
Louisville Slugger FP1369 	Louisville Slugger FPC305 Catalyst (-8) 	Louisville Slugger SB304 
Louisville Slugger SB34 Genesis 	Louisville Slugger SB404 	Louisville Slugger SB73V TPS Voltage 
Miken MSF Freak 	Miken MSU Ultra 	Miken MSU2 Ultra II 
Miken MSUM Ultra Maxload 	Nokona Tomahawk 	Schutt Red/Silver Schutt Bat 
Worth EST9 	Worth QESTFP 	Worth SBWK(Wicked) 
Worth SBWKA 	Worth WWSC Wicked Comp. (SP Only) 	Worth WWSCA 

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Worth XEST9X 	Worth XGold 	Worth XPST4 
Worth XRed 	Worth XWICKX Wicked (SP Only) 	