

OC/LB Surf and Sun Softball League Rules of Play

The following list of rules are frequently addressed questions. For questions on rules not listed here, please refer to the Surf and Sun Codes/Bylaws as well as the ASA rulebook. If you have further questions, please contact Sue Bolander the UIC and/or any Board member.

Bats

Only ASA certified softball bats are allowed. The ASA maintains a listing of banned bats on their website. To review the list, browse to: http://www.softball.org/about/certified_equipment.asp and click on “bats” and “go.”

Age Limit

All players must be 18 years of age.

Number of Starting Players

A team may play defense with no less than 8 players. If they have less than 8 at the start of the game, they may opt to bat first.

Line-up cards / Uniforms

Line Up Sheet Procedures

1. List each player's First and Last names, and jersey number in the order in which they will bat.
2. List each player's First and Last names, and jersey number of all substitute players who are eligible.
3. Original white copy should be turned into the umpire when the umpire calls for them during the pregame meeting. Another copy will go to the opposing coach/manager.

All players must wear a jersey with a unique number at least 6" in height on the back.

No metal cleats allowed

Ejected Players

Ejected players have 2 minutes to leave the athletic facility. If there is no sub for the ejected player, the game will be ruled a forfeit.

Run Rule

The game will be called if one team is ahead by 12 runs after 5 innings; 15 runs after 4 innings; or 20 runs after 3 innings.

Tie Games

If the game is tied after 7 innings and there is time remaining in the game, the international tie breaker will be used for one inning.

Courtesy Runner

Each team is allowed one courtesy runner per inning, unless both managers agree on more prior to the game. Courtesy runner must be the last recorded out. If no outs have been recorded, then the courtesy runner shall be the last player in the batting order.

Home Run Rule

Open Division B teams allowed 3; C teams allowed 1; and D teams allowed 0. This is per team, per game. Any balls hit over the fence beyond this limit would be an automatic out. When a team plays another team from a different division, then the Homerun rule for the division of the lower team will be in effect. For example, when a B team plays a C team, they are allowed one homerun. When a C team plays a D team, they are allowed 0 homeruns.

There is no limitations for the Women's Division.

Forfeits / Game Time / Time Limit

Scheduled game time is forfeit time. Any team who forfeits a game will be fined the amount of the umpire fee for each offense. The forfeit fee is due before the start of that team's next scheduled game and may be given to any Board member. After three forfeits, the team must meet with the Board and may be in jeopardy of being dropped by the league. No new inning can begin after 65 minutes of play.

Stealing

Stealing is not allowed.