



## 2024 United COED “Spring/Summer” Softball

### Umpire Rules

***EACH PLAYER MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO COMPETE IN THE LEAGUE***

1. A team shall consist of 10 players on the field made up of 6 males and 4 females. There can never be more than 6 males on the field, but there can be more than 5 females. **All players must have signed the Waiver Form before they can play...**

**a. Roster Lineup with 4 females:**

1. Female
2. Male
3. Female
4. Male
5. Female
6. Male
7. Female
8. Male
9. Male
10. Male

2. There must be 9 players to start a game (3 must be female with the out at the top of the lineup). If this is not accomplished, it will be declared a forfeit., **3 must be female. Leadoff (Female) will take auto-out. Please review the example lineup below:**

**a. Roster Lineup with 3 females:**

<b>1. Female (OUT) - Not Available</b>
2. Male
3. Female
4. Male
5. Female
6. Male
7. Female
8. Male
9. Male
10. Male

3. (SUB RULE) **Only if a team is short players...** A team can only sub a player on another roster to be eligible to play.
- a. If a team is short via **9 players**, they can sub one **FEMALE** from another roster to make **10**.
  - b. If a team is short via **8 players (must have at least 3 females currently on the roster)**, they can sub one **MALE** from another roster to make **9... CANNOT pickup 2 males from another roster to make 10**.
  - c. No team can pick up **2 players** from another roster to make **10**.
  - d. **Cannot pick up a player from another team if your team's roster already has 10 rostered players on your own roster.**
4. Batting order will alternate male-female or female-male. Exceptions will be when playing with more women or less than 10 players. Two females can bat back-to-back, but the males cannot. The top 8 batters in the Line-Up must be "alternated" ... **a female must lead off.**
5. If a man pitches a woman must catch and vice versa. **Must always have at least a female and male player in the Outfield. (Even if a team only has 9 players and 3 are females).**

**6. Players must play at least 6 regular season games on their rostered team to be playoff eligible.**

- a. Lineup cards must be given to the Umps before the start of the game.
- b. **Only players who played in the Game should be listed on the Lineup card.**
  - i. Lineup cards must be accurate, ONLY list the First or Initial and Last name of the player who played in that current game... Legible handwriting is required... **No "NICKNAMES"!!!**
  - ii. **If a player is a "sub" or "fill-in", please put an asterisk by their name on the lineup card (\*)**
  - iii. Examples:
    - Joe Smith
    - J. Smith
    - Joe S.

Mandatory Information needed on the Lineup card, or it will not be accepted by the umpires **(View image below highlighted in Yellow):**

- Date
- Team Name
- Opponent Team Name
- Players in Lineup

The image shows a Rawlings LINE-UP card. At the top, it has the Rawlings logo and the title 'LINE-UP'. Below this, there are fields for 'DATE', 'HOME TEAM', 'VISITOR TEAM', and 'UMPIRE'. The main body of the card is divided into two columns: 'STARTING' and 'SUBSTITUTES'. Each column has a list of positions from 1 to 10. The 'STARTING' column also includes a 'POS.' (position) column. At the bottom right, there is a large box labeled 'REMARKS'.

7. Run Rule is 20 runs up after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings. The home team shall bat.

8. No stealing bases, No Leading off the base, the player cannot leave the base until the batter contacts the ball.

9. Courtesy runners are allowed. They shall be declared before the game begins unless an injury occurs during the game. **The last batter out shall be declared the courtesy runner. Only 2 runners are allowed per game. Only a Male can run for a male & a Female for a female.**

10. A team can bat a maximum of 12, only if 5/6 females are in the lineup

\* Lineup options with 12 batters (5 female)

<b>6 Females in the Lineup</b>	<b>5 Females in the Lineup</b>
<b>1. Female</b>	<b>1. Female</b>
2. Male	2. Male
<b>3. Female</b>	<b>3. Female</b>
4. Male	4. Male
<b>5. Female</b>	<b>5. Female</b>
6. Male	6. Male
<b>7. Female</b>	<b>7. Female</b>
8. Male	8. Male
<b>9. Female</b>	<b>9. Female</b>
10. Male	10. Male
<b>11. Female</b>	11. Male
12. Male	12. Male

11. NO METAL CLEATS... Only Plastic or molded.

12. The league will supply each team will be supplied with a core.40 Softball, restricted flight ball. **Baden USSSA Classic M Slow pitch 12" Softball**



13. ALL PITCH COUNTS START AT 1 AND 1. Courtesy fouls are NOT allowed.

14. Extend Home plate rule will be in effect:

**A. Strike Zone: The strike zone is defined by an extended home plate whose width is the normal plate width and whose depth extends approximately 2.5 feet behind the front of the plate. Any pitch landing partially or wholly in this area is a strike...**

**B. Arch dimensions:10 feet High/6 feet Low... If the ball hits any part on Home Plate, it's a STRIKE!!!!**

- Runner must tag the home plate to score, cannot tag the mat.

15. All bats (wood) will be provided by the team. 100% Wood Bats ONLY, no composite bats! A bat list will be provided to Team Captains, also available on league website.

16. Addition of the **Demarini Corndog(s) and DeMartini Steel(s) single wall softball bats are for Female use only: assorted Grip and League stickers, will be provided by the league.**



17. Umpire Fee \$70.00 per game = \$35 per team, 2 Umpires per game.

18. Only the Team Captain can question an Umpire's call on the field.

19. If a player is thrown out of the Game, 1<sup>st</sup> offense is a 1 game suspension, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense e, the player will be removed from the LEAGUE.

20. If a male is walked with **2 outs**, the male gets 2 bases, *only if a female is next to bat in the lineup*. The female who is next up at bat has the **option to Walk or Hit**. On a walk to a male batter, 2 outs (intentional or not) the male batter will advance to second base, all base runners will advance to the next base forced to, on a walk to a male batter.

21. The Runner must tag the outside base (1<sup>st</sup>), which will be Orange. Runner/Batter can tag either bag on a hit to the Outfield.

22. Both teams must confirm the game score with Umps between innings.

23. **When a female batter is at bat, the Outfielders must remain 40ft from the Infield. Lines will be marked on the field/addition of cones.**

24. **No cursing/confrontation with the umpire or the opposing team. Fighting or Abusive Conduct will result in immediate ejection from the tournament. Ejected players must leave the field ASAP!**

25. **FORFEITS:**

- a. A If a team forfeits after the deadline, they (Forfeit Team) must pay for both teams' umps fees. (\$70)
- b. A forfeit only becomes official if the games that week are played as scheduled.
- c. Teams have until 3pm Wednesday to declare a forfeit without \$70 penalty.

26. **Final score must be texted or emailed to League for confirmation.**

27. **14 game season**, the player must play in at least **6 games** to be playoff eligible.

28. Duration of Games will be 1 hr. and 15 minutes maximum: **(No new inning will start after 1 hr. - 10 minutes, the home team will not bat if AHEAD pending the time limit).**  
**Umpires will "Hurry" the teams to take the field between innings to avoid delays and reassure the completion of the games. No 15min courtesy "Grace Period" will be granted.**

29. **Captains Responsibilities:**

- To notify team members of all league rules, to make sure the rules are observed, and to make sure all team players meet eligibility rules.
- Each manager shall see their team is ready to play at the scheduled time.
- Each will complete the lineup cards correctly
- Winning Teams captain must text the league the final score.

**30. No team can play with 5 defensive players on the infield**

**31. REMINDER: DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL FIELDS (Hamden Middle, Hamden High, Eli Whitney, or Dunbar Hill. If a team is caught drinking in the field of play which consists of the area defined by the umpires before the game the team will be given a warning. If any player must be spoken to again, they will be ejected.**