-University of the Incarnate Word-Intramural Sports

Softball Rules

- ASA Softball Rules will be in effect with the exception of the following ground rules.
- Any clarifications will be made by the supervisor on duty.
- When the ball goes out of play, a runner will be given the base made plus one. A base is not considered made until it has been touched. If the ball goes over the fence, the batter will automatically receive second base.
- The count begins with a 1 and 1 court. If a batter hits a foul ball with 2 strikes he/she will be given a courtesy foul and on the next foul ball it will be considered a strike out. Balls and Strikes will be at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
- ➤ Pitches should be between 6 and 12 foot off the ground and underhand.
- > All games will be limited to 7 innings or 45-minutes-no innings start after 42 minutes.
- ➤ There will be a 20 run mercy rule after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- There will also be no sliding allowed. This is at the discretion of the supervisor.
- ➤ Teams must use 9 or 10 players in the field (5 males and 4 females, 4 males and 5 females, or 5 males and 5 females). At least 4 females must be on the field at all times. Pitcher and Catcher must be of opposite sex.
- > Teams may start with 8 players (4 males and 4 females, 5 males and 5 females, or 3 males and 5 females).
- Batting order must be turned in prior to game time.
- ➤ Batting order must alternate male/female. If a male is walked with 2 outs, he automatically gets second base, and the next female has the option of walking or hitting. Disregard if it's #1 and #9 hitter.
- > If playing with 10 players in the field, all 10 must bat according to the lineup rules.
- ➤ Home run rule: Males have 3 homeruns per team, after 3 they are singles. Females have unlimited homeruns.
- > Subs can happen at any time, but must be male for male, female for female.
- > Teams may not pick up people from other teams & must only play with players from their own roster!
- If a team does not have the required players by game time, then they will forfeit the game.
- If 8 players, no ghost out at the bottom of lineup.