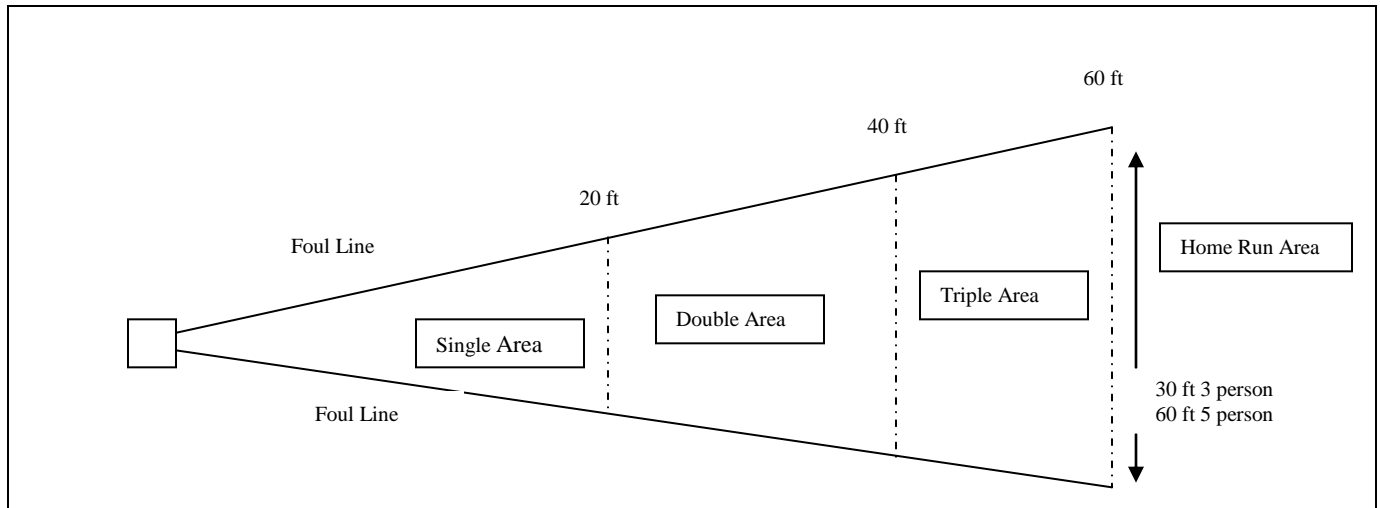


International Softball Federation

Beach Softball Rules



1 PLAYERS

Three players per team (or Five Player Teams)— substitutes allowed if player has not played for any other team. A replaced player may not re-enter the same game. He may play in subsequent games.

2 AT-BAT POSITIONS

Bat from home marked. Teammate pitches from anywhere within the “single area”. Pitches can be overhand or underhand.

3 FIELDING POSITIONS

Fielders may play anywhere past the single area or its extensions.

4 HITS

- Ball hit into fair territory on the fly without being caught by fielders.
- Any ball touched and dropped by fielders.
- Fielder crossing the foul lines when attempting to catch ball (see Rule 12).

5 HOME RUNS

Any ball hit PAST last player in fair territory, on the fly, without him/her touching it. (Not necessarily over his/her head— just past him/her).

6 OUTS

- Three foul balls (see Rule 7).
- Two strikes.
- If batter attempts to bunt.
- Fly balls caught by fielders.
- Ball hitting "foul line" or lines around 20ft single area.
- Ball touched or dropped by batter or pitcher (see Rule 13A). Foul tips that hit batter and land in foul territory are foul.
- Batting out of turn.
- Pitcher leaving the "single area" after hit ball (see Rule 12).

7 FOULS

- Any ball landing outside "Out" or "Fair" areas on the fly. ** NOTE: Lines are Fair
- Any taken pitch.
- Any false pitch or "Balk".

8 SCORING

- A batter earns 1 imaginary base on a single, 2 imaginary bases on a double and 3 imaginary bases on a triple.
- A runner on 1st advances one base on a single, 2 bases on a double and 3 imaginary bases on a triple.
- A runner on 2nd base scores on a single, double, or triple.
- A runner on 3rd scores on any hit.
- Intentional throwing of the bat is a three-run penalty (Officials' decision).

9 LENGTH OF GAME

- Games will be five innings.
- If tied at the end of the five, play an additional inning to break the tie. If tied after six, play one more.
- If still tied after seven innings, the team with the most hits is the winner. If a tie exists in hits, play additional innings until the tie is broken, either by hits or by runs. Runs take preference over hits in this situation.
- If at the end of any inning a team has an eleven or more run lead, the game is over.

10 UMPIRING

- Winning team (all three members) will be the officials for the next game on the same court. Captain of the winning team will be responsible for keeping track of the game ball.
- Start the games within five minutes after completion of previous game. Any team not ready to play will forfeit; any exceptions will be at the discretion of the rules committee.
- Turn in score cards to officials' stand.

11 EQUIPMENT

- Gloves are not necessary for fielding. Taping of hands and fingers permissible if no padding is used.
- batting gloves may be used for batting or fielding.
- Wooden bats are recommended.

- Any bat ruled to be illegal will be removed from play for the remainder of the tournament. The game will proceed from that point with all existing hits and runs scored as counted. The game or innings will not be replayed and no hits or runs will be disallowed. i.e. broken, splintered, foreign substance on the bat.
- A bat deemed illegal which is used in a subsequent game by the team or player will disqualify the player and/or team from the tournament.
- Bats may have tape on the handle for grip but no other substance.
- Synthetic 12" softballs. (Recommended brand TBD) 16" softball can be used for beginner and intermediate play.

12 CROSSING-OVER ("the areas")

- At no time may players cross from one side of "an area" or its extensions to the other when catching or attempting to catch a hit ball.
- To avoid penalty, you must make a definite stop before crossing the line. If you catch the ball and your momentum carries you into or across the line, it is a penalty. (See Rules 4 and 6).

13 GENERAL

- A ball caught on the fly by either the batter or pitcher counts as a "No Pitch".
- You must have a full team (three players) to start a game.
- No warming up on playing courts. Begin games immediately.
- Decisions of the rules committee are final.
- Field Dimensions: 60 feet from point of triangle and 30 feet across from foul line to foul line (minimum for 3 players) (60 feet by 60 feet for minimum for five players.)
Three outs to a side per inning.