

Softball Study Guide

The visiting team always bats first.

Base running:

- The runner is out when struck with a batted ball in fair territory and not on a base.
- On a fly ball in fair or foul territory, runners cannot advance until the ball is caught.
- 1 base is awarded on an overthrow.
- Baserunners cannot pass other runners on the bases.

Other Facts:

- 3 outs per inning.
- 7 innings in a regulation softball game.
- 3 strikes to a batter = strike out.
- 4 balls to a batter = walk.
- An UMPIRE officiates the game.

Home Run: A ball that is hit over the fence in fair territory.

Grand Slam: Home Run with the bases loaded.

The batter cannot strike out on a ground ball.

It is never a force out if the runner does not have anyone running to the base they started on. For example: If a runner goes from 3rd base to home with no one going from 2nd base to 3rd base, it is NOT a force out.

If a batted ball touches a base it is FAIR!

Hitters must hit in the correct order line-up that is established before the game.

When any ball hit in the air is caught, all players on base must return to the base.

Positions:

Infield: First base, second base, short stop, third base.

Outfield: Left field, center field, right field.

Pitcher: Begins play, stands on mound.

Catcher: positions behind home plate. Catches ball from pitcher.