
Socotra Broker Softball

RULES OF THE GAME 2024

1. All men, woman, players, coaches, managers, staff or fans on the field must have a 2024 signed injury waiver turned in to Chris Baumann or other Socotra employee prior to entering upon the playing field.
2. USA Softball rules apply to all games except where modified herein.
3. All decisions are final when issued by the umpire or if necessary by Commissioner Chris Bauman or Adham Speigh.
4. Only rostered players with signed waivers may play.
5. Team line ups and batting orders shall be turned into the umpire or Chris Baumann before the start of each game.
6. Waivered players from other teams may substitute for other teams during regular season games but NOT on championship night.
7. Only 06/18/2024 rostered team specific players may play for each team on championship night.

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8. Gross violations of unsportsmanlike and unprofessional conduct, swearing, insulting, arguing, fighting, pushing, shoving, drunk, intoxicated, players coaches or fans will be ejected from the game and if egregious, from the ball park for the night by the umpire or Chris Baumann.
 9. No alcohol allowed on the field of play at any time. Light consumption is ok in team dugouts. No drunk or intoxicated players on the field of play at any time. Teams must manage their players consumption before and during all games. Respect the game and avoid injury.
 10. Home team shall have the 1st base dugout each game. Visitor team shall always bat first in each game.
 11. NO sliding or diving at any base or the player is immediately out.
 12. Any fly ball caught by a defensive player past the 1st and 3rd base fence lines are out of play and considered a foul ball.
 13. There are NO base line runner tags or pickle tags. Force outs at every base, a tagged runner is safe if they get to an open base before the base is tagged by a defensive player with the ball in hand.
 14. If a runner steps on home plate coming home, they are automatically OUT. No exceptions.

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15. The base runner must cross the white or imaginary line next to home plate before the defensive player tags home plate with the ball in hand or glove to be safe at home.
 16. A hitter that gets on base shall be allowed a courtesy base runner. The substitute runner must be the previous player on their team to get out.
 17. Teams may bat their entire roster each night or what they submit to the umpire at the start of the game. Subs are allowed per USA Softball rules. Teams may not start a game with less than eight (8) players on the field by game time or they shall forfeit the game. The game shall be logged as a 7-0 win for the non-forfeit team.
 18. Base runners may overrun all bases and be safe to return to that base. If the runner turns left with intent to advance to the next base at any point they are live to be out by force at either the base behind or in front of them.
 19. Third base shall have a commit line that is 50% of the distance to home base. Once crossed by a runner they must go home and cannot return to third base to be safe.

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20. Every batter starts with One Strike and One Ball or a 1 and 1 count at first pitch to speed up games.
 21. Batters are only allowed one foul ball at a two strike count. The next foul is an automatic batter out.
 22. Walking batters is allowed. The team coach, manager, pitcher or catcher shall notify the umpire of an automatic walk and send the batter to 1st base. No pitches are required for a walk to occur.
 23. CHAMPIONS NIGHT SERIES: Higher seeded teams are home team and shall always have the 1st base dugout.

GAME 1: Team Seed - 6 vs 3

GAME 2: Team Seed - 5 vs. 4

GAME 3: Team Seed – 2 vs Game 1 winner

GAME 4: Team Seed – 1 vs. Game 2 winner

Championship Game: game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

Have fun, stay safe and sober, drive home safely!