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### GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME!

Team members **must** be listed on the team roster in the Intramural Office before playing. As a captain, you have **up until 24 hours prior to your first game to add players** and make sure your roster is legitimate! To add a player, their waiver must be submitted at least one business day prior to the next contest (*example*: if your next game is on Sunday, the waiver must be **received** by 5:00 PM on Friday.)

**Note:** Current SUNY New Paltz men's and women's baseball & softball players are ineligible to play in the same academic year.

1. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME! All decisions on forfeit times are at the sole discretion of the on-site Intramurals supervisor.
2. METAL CLEATS MAY **NOT** BE WORN! Players must use regulation softball bats. BASEBALL BATS MAY **NOT** BE USED! Batting helmets and catcher's masks will be provided and are highly recommended to be used by all players.
3. A safety bag will be used at first base. Players running down the first base line **MUST** step on the orange part of the base. Running through the white part of the base will result in the batter being automatically out.
4. A coin toss will determine the home and visiting teams. Games will be seven innings or one-1 hour in length, whichever comes first. There will be a ten (10) run mercy rule after five complete innings. In the event of a tie after seven (7) full innings, an extra inning will be played if time allows. Four (4) innings must be played to have a complete game. New innings may not begin after ten (10) minutes before the next start time (10 minutes before the hour).
5. Each team shall field and bat ten (10) players. A game will be forfeited if a team cannot field 8 players.
6. Pitchers must begin the pitch from a designated spot (rubber) or marker. Each batter gets two pitches from his or her teammate. The batter must put the ball in play in two pitches or else it's a strikeout. The pitcher must pitch to at least two consecutive batters. If the pitcher does not pitch to two consecutive batters, the hitting team receives an out. No warm-up pitches for new pitchers entering in the middle of an inning.
7. If pitchers are hit by a batted ball, it is a strike. If the pitcher is hit by a batted ball on the 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch, the batter is out and runners must return to their original bases. If the pitcher intentionally interferes (at the umpire's discretion) with a batted ball, the umpire can call Interference and the batter would be out with base runners returning to their original bases.
8. No bat throwing. No steals. No leading. No sliding. No bunting. **NO DIVING OR SLIDING BACK INTO THE BASE!** This may include tripping, falling, etc. if it is determined that it gives the runner an unfair advantage (umpire's discretion). All of these will result in automatic outs. Base runners will be called out if they leave a base before the batter makes contact with the ball. See **rule 13** regarding plays at home.
9. Runners may tag on a fly ball, and then may return to the same base. They are not committed to run to the next base. Infield fly rule will be in effect. With one or no outs and runners on first and second bases, if there is a fly ball hit inside the infield, the batter is automatically out and runners cannot advance. The defense can appeal to the umpire if they believe the base runner tagged up too early or missed a base.

10. On an overthrow, the runner may advance freely at his/her own discretion. When a ball goes out of play, the runner gets the base he or she was going to plus one base. This is determined from the release of the ball when thrown.

11. There is a maximum of ten (10) players on the field (10 defense and 1 pitcher from the hitting team). There is no designated hitter. Teams may use a designated pitcher that does not bat. The team must still have a minimum of 8 batters or a maximum of 10. All teams may play with as few as 8 players. If you play with 8 in the co-ed league, 4 players must be females.

12. No pinch hitters or pinch runners.

13. All plays at home are forced plays. Once the runner has gone 1/2 way down third base line, he/she is committed to home and cannot return to third. The play at home is then a force out and no tag is required. The catcher cannot block the plate. Catcher interference may be called at the umpire's discretion, and the run would score.

14. Each team will have a batting order and teams must use the same batting order all game. Everyone on the team that is signed in must bat whenever his or her name comes up in the batting order. Whether they were playing the field or not the previous inning

15. The ball is dead whenever the pitcher has the ball and runners cannot advance.

16. The defense can intentionally walk a batter by informing the umpire.

The IM office will make the decision on rain outs. The captain will receive both a call and an email if a game is cancelled. Cancellations will also be posted under the Intramural section of [www.newpaltz.edu/recreation](http://www.newpaltz.edu/recreation) .

### **CO-ED SOFTBALL**

#### **MALE-FEMALE RATIO MUST ALWAYS BE 50% MALE, 50% FEMALE!!**

You can have a maximum of 10 players and a minimum of 8. If you have 10 players, 5 must be male and 5 female. If you have 8 players, 4 must be male and 4 female. **IF YOU HAVE 9 PLAYERS, ONLY 8 CAN PLAY AT ONCE (4 MALES AND 4 FEMALES). THE 9<sup>TH</sup> PLAYER CAN SUB-IN BUT ONLY 8 WILL BE IN THE FIELD.** If a team has 10 players, they all can play the field and bat at once (total of 11 fielders including the pitcher from the opposing team).

The batting line-up must always alternate male-female. *In Co-Ed games, if a batter is intentionally walked, then the next batter (who is of the opposite sex) has the option of taking an intentional walk or batting.*

Each team will have a male batting order and a female batting order and teams must use the same batting order all game. Everyone on the team that is signed in must bat whenever his or her name comes up in the batting order. Whether they were playing the field or not the previous inning

### **PLAYOFFS**

Playoff brackets will be issued after the completion of all regular season games. Captains will receive a playoff bracket via e-mail. Due to demand, the playoff format will be determined by the Intramural Office. Make sure your roster is big enough to accommodate the playoff schedule. Rosters are finalized after the start of the regular season. Games will begin at 3:00 PM on weekdays.