

SOFTBALL RULES FOR NEW SEASON ARE SET UP

At a special meeting of the Student Athletic Council, its advisor, Mr. Peightal, and the representatives of the four softball teams--"Yankee Kippers", "Bandits", "Blue-Jays", and the "Vets"--the softball ruler for the new season were read and accepted. At the meeting were the two official umpires who will have charge of all league games--John Donovan and Norman Hall.

The students representing the four teams in the Highacres' Intramural Softball League at the meeting were Donald Neifert, "Vets"; Clarence Shipman, "Yankee Kippers"; Thomas Onderko, "Blue-Jays"; and Michael Evancho, "Bandits".

The softball rules that are to be in effect for the season are:

1. A team shall consist of nine (9) men.
2. A game shall consist of seven (7) innings.
3. Choice of innings by toss of coin.
4. It shall be a regulation game if it be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, etc., provided five (5) or more innings have been played. (four-and-a-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) innings if the team that bats last is ahead.)
5. Pitching
 - a. Preliminary to pitching the pitcher shall come to a full stop, facing batter, ball held in both hands in front at body, at least one foot on the rubber.
 - b. In act of delivering the ball to batter, the pitcher shall not take more than one step, which must be forward, toward the batter.
 - c. A legal delivery shall be a ball which is delivered to the batter underhand and with a follow through of hand and wrist past the straight line of the body. Pitcher may use any wind-up he desires--but in final delivery the hand shall be below the hip, and the wrist not farther from the body than the elbow.
6. There shall be no stealing and no lead-off. The base runner is out in each case.
7. A base runner may leave base after ball has left pitcher's hand, but must return unless the batter hits to fair territory. Base runner can be tagged out in returning to base.
8. Batter is automatically out and may not advance to first base in case the catcher drops a third strike.
9. Base runners may not advance on a passed ball at home plate. Base runners may advance one base on overthrow at 1st or 3rd base if ball goes into foul territory. On overthrow in which ball remains in fair territory there is no limit on advance of base runner.
10. Infield fly rule does apply.
11. Bunting is permitted.
12. Each umpire shall call plays at 1st and 2nd base for three and a half innings. The plate umpire will call decisions at 3rd base and home.

GROUND RULES ARE:

Left Field and Right Field--Between flag and foul line--no more than two bases BUT BATTER MUST MAKE IT. That is, if ball leaves the field in the air, on the bounce, or by fielders error. However, if ball is hit out of field on a fly, striking a tree and bouncing back onto the field, it is an automatic two-base hit.

Right Center--A ball hit between the flags in the open area, the runner is allowed all the bases he can get.

Fair Balls--A ball hitting limbs or/and twigs in fair territory along 3rd base or 1st base line are fair balls--and if caught on the fly, the batter is out.

Foul Balls--A fly-ball hitting any part of a tree in foul territory and caught is not an out. If ball does not strike limbs or any obstruction in foul territory and the ball is caught on a fly, the batter is out.

No decisions of the umpires may be appealed to the Student Athletic Committee unless the appeal is based on a mis-interpretation of the softball rules.