

Hard Rock Team Member Softball Rules

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This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of rules. Tampa Bay Club Sports will have a complete list and their umpires will ultimately be in charge to make the final decisions.

- There is a 10 run max per inning.
- Home and away will be determined by a coin-flip. *In playoff games, the higher seed determines home and away.*
- There is a 5 Home Run max per game, unless both teams reach 5 Home Runs. Home Runs count as outs after 5.
- If a team fails to show for their game and has to forfeit, it will be counted as a 7-0 win for the opposing team.
- All batters start with a one ball, one strike count.
- Batters are allowed one foul ball with two strikes. The next foul ball will be an out.
- If a male batter is walked, with a female batter on deck, the male batter gets a double. In the same situation with 2 outs, the male player goes to second base and the on deck female has the option to take a walk.
- There must be 7 male and 3 female players on the field at all times.
- There must be 7 males and 3 females batters in the batting order at all times. You may add 1 male and/or 1 female to the batting lineup, for a maximum of 12 in the batting lineup.
- Additional male or female players may be substituted into the lineup after notifying the umpire.
- Failure to have 3 female players on the field, will result in 2 runs being granted to the opposing team for each female player missing, each inning of play during the opposing team's at bat.
- In the case of injury and a player needs to come off the field, the team is still responsible for maintaining at least 3 female players on the field and in the batting order.
- Playoff seeding will be based on record. In the event there are is a tie in record, tie breakers go as follows.
 - If the teams who are tied played against each other, the higher seed would go to the team that won that game
 - Highest run differential
 - Highest total runs
 - Lowest runs given up, if necessary.
- Pitching Screens will be used.
 - The net may not be more than 3 feet in front of the pitcher rubber and must cover half the rubber.
 - It can only be moved between innings, after it has been dislodged or when a pitching change has occurred.

- The pitcher must be behind the screen when the ball is hit, if not, the batter has the choice of the result of the play or taking first base. The pitcher cannot leave the cover of the screen until after contact is made.
 - If the batted ball hits the screen it is a foul ball the first time and an out the second time per at bat.
 - If the screen is hit with a thrown ball, it will be considered a live ball.
- Have fun, take it serious, but not too serious. Don't give the umpires a hard time if you disagree with a call. Captains will be responsible for the team's conduct on the field and in the dugout.
- Alcohol is not permitted. This is a city of Tampa run facility, leased to Tampa Bay Club Sports. There will be representatives from the city of Tampa and Tampa Bay Club Sports to monitor this.