

# REUNION SOFTBALL RULES

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1. **RULES:** The 2013 Official Rules of Softball published by the Amateur Softball Associations of America (ASA) will be used with the adaptations as described herein.

## 2. EQUIPMENT

- **CATCHER'S EQUIPMENT, FACE MASK/GUARDS, AND HELMETS (Section 5):** For clarification and emphasis, we are including a portion of this rule from the ASA Official Rule book.

- **CATCHER MASKS:** (Not required unless player is less than 18 years of age) Catchers must wear an approved batter's helmet with ear flaps, the catcher's helmet and mask, or an approved plastic mask/guard with catcher's helmet. The throat protector is optional on the catcher's mask.

- **HELMETS:** Will be required for all players less than 18 years of age while batting and running bases. Teams must provide their own helmets.

### UNIFORMS

- **HEADWARE:** Hats, if worn, may not contain material that is offensive by Church standards. Headbands may be worn. Handkerchiefs do not qualify as headbands and cannot be worn around the head or neck. Plastic visors are not allowed.

- **JEWELRY:** Exposed jewelry must be removed and may not be worn during the game.

- **SHOES:** No metal spikes are allowed. No hard plastic or polyurethane spikes similar to metal sole and heel plates are allowed.

## 3. PLAYERS

- **BATTING / DEFENSE:** If there more than 10 players on a team, all players will bat but only 10 will play in the field. Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed.

## 4. THE GAME

- **PLAYING TIME (Section 3):** If overall game time must be limited, no new inning shall begin after 50 minutes from the time of the first pitch..

- **HOME RUN RULE:** This applies only to balls hit over the fence. A team can only have one home run more than their opponent. If the "one-up" team hits another home run it is declared an out!

- **NO SLIDING RULE:** Because we will play most of our games on grass we have a no sliding rule on ALL fields to prevent injuries.

## 5. PITCHING REGULATIONS - SLOW PITCH

- **LEGAL DELIVERY (Section 3H):** The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 12 feet from the ground.

## 6. BATTING

- **COUNT:** Batters will be allowed 3balls and 2 strikes. Batters get one free foul ball after the first strike, 2<sup>nd</sup> foul ball after the 1<sup>st</sup> strike, batter is out.

## 7. DOUBLE BASES:

\* **FIRST BASE** Half the base is white (over fair territory) and half of the base is colored (over foul territory)

\* **BATTER-RUNNER**

A batted ball hitting or bounding over the white portion is fair. A batted ball hitting or bounding over the colored portion is foul.

Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the colored portion of the base.

On any force out attempt from the foul side of first base the defense and the batter-runner may use either the white or colored portion of the base.

On an errant throw pulling the defense off the base into foul ground, the defense and the batter-runner may use either the white or colored portion of the base.

5. When there is a force play on the batter-runner, who touches only the white portion and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white. The ball is dead, the batter-runner is out, all runners must return to the last base occupied at the time of interference.7.



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**HOME PLATE :** The second home plate shall be placed 4 to 8 feet from the back tip of home plate on an extended line from first base.

**RUNNING:**

Defensive player can touch only the original home plate and runners can touch only the second home plate (or cross the extended line).

Runners must touch the second home plate (or cross the extended line) located adjacent to the right handed batter's box in order to be safe at home. Runners tagged going home by a defensive player will not be out.

Should a defensive player touch the second home plate and still touch the original home plate before the runner reaches the second home plate, the runner is out.

If the runner touches the original home plate, the runner is out and the ball remains live.

Once a runner passes the commitment line, 20 foot marking from a second home plate (or the extend line), the runner cannot return to third base. The runner is called out if the runner returns, and the ball remains live.

If the runner has passed the commitment line, 20 foot marking, and continues running on the original foul line, and interferes with fielder taking a throw at, or in contact with the original home plate. A dead ball should be declared and the runner is out.

8. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship is expected of all participants in the Church sports program. Honor calls are desirable in that participants are encouraged to acknowledge rule infractions when appropriate. Officials will be expected to encourage such calls, but the officials will make the final decision.
9. **Eligibility Forms:** Eligibility forms will be required of all players less than 18 years old at the beginning of the season play.

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*Church sports activities are designed to help members focus on and accomplish the mission of the church, which is to "invite all to come unto Christ" (D&C 20:59) and "be perfected in Him." (Moroni 10:32) These activities offer many opportunities for fellowshiping, activating, and sharing the gospel with others. When participants demonstrate Christlike behavior and attitudes, physical activities can help them grow spiritually.*

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