**Augustana College Co-Rec**  
**Softball Rules**

1. **Absolutely No Metal Spikes**, if worn, an immediate ejection takes place.
2. There is a one-hour time limit on games. No new innings shall begin after 50 minutes.
   a. Championship games will not have a time limit.
3. One player must be at the field 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
   a. If required number of players are not at field within 10 minutes of game time. A forfeit is recorded. These 10 minutes cut into the playing time.
4. If a team is ahead by ten runs after the fifth inning, the game shall be called. If a team is ahead by twenty runs after three innings, the losing team has the option to call the game.
5. Teams must have seven players present to play. (At least two females)
6. If eight or more players are present, you must provide a catcher. If a team only has seven players the umpire will serve as catcher, BUT WILL NOT be responsible for plays at home plate.
7. Each team must have a minimum of two girls on the field at a time and no more than six guys on the field at a time.
8. If a player who starts the game in the lineup leaves, an out will be called every time their turn in the order comes up.
9. The team may add people to their batting order until they have gone through the order one complete time. After one time through the order, baseball substituting will be used.
   a. Teams may also add players to their roster at the field site during league play
10. Teams may have as many players in the lineup as they want.
11. If all players are included in the batting order, free substitutions will be allowed. Otherwise, normal substitution rules will be enforced.
12. There shall be no more than two guys batting in a row.
   a. Girl positions may be a rotation if not enough girls to fill all “girl” positions in order.

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13. If a guy receives a “walk” on two pitches and a girl is due up to bat after the guy, the girl has the option to also take a “walk.”
   a. The girl may also choose to hit if she wants to.
14. Every batter will start with a 2-2 count. Each batter will also receive one courtesy foul ball.
15. There is no stealing, nor bunting. Either will be an automatic out.
16. Two bases on an over-throw shall be given from the time of the throw, going from the time of release.
17. All outfielders must start at least 30 feet beyond the infield dirt before the ball is hit.
18. The pitching arc limit is as follows:
   a. For males it must go between 6 and 18 feet.
   b. For females it must go between 6 and 12 feet.
   c. Failure to do so is an automatic ball.
19. On plays at the plate, the catcher has the plate while the runner must touch the strike mat.
   a. All plays at the plate are force plays.
   b. Once a player crosses the 30 ft commitment line they must go home
20. Strike Zone:
   a. Both the plate and mat are considered strikes
21. Home Run Limit:
   a. 2 per player per game
   b. 7 per team per game
   c. Inside the Park Home Runs do not count against player
   d. An out is recorded if limit is passed
22. Ground rules will be explained to both team captains by umpires prior to each game.
23. No game shall end in a tie.
   a. Tie breaker method: Team A’s NEXT batter will go to second base. The next four batters in the lineup will all hit. Team A will hit until team B gets three outs, or until all four batters have hit. Team B will follow the
same format. The team, which scores the most runs in this sudden death format, will be the winner. This tiebreaker method will be used when a game is tied and the officials have ruled a new inning cannot be started due to the fifty-minute time limit.

b. If the game being played is the last game scheduled for that day, the tiebreaker method will not be used. Extra innings will be played until a winner is determined. However, if the officials decide it is getting too dark to keep playing, the tiebreaker method may be used even when it is the last game of the day.