Softball Rules

1. On days of inclement weather, call the Director of Campus Recreation after 3:00 pm for cancellation information at 201-216-8111.

2. Ten fielders constitute a team. A team may start a game with a minimum of eight players. If a team has more than 10 players on a roster they may use them as designated hitters at the end of the line up.

3. Games are 6 innings of regular play or 40 minutes long. A game will be called for the following reasons:
   a) Lighting or excessive rain. Three complete innings will constitute a complete game.
   b) Conclude at the end of 4 or more innings if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

4. A coin flip will determine “home team”.

5. Catchers must wear protective mask.

6. The following field rule will be in effect:
   a) No sliding, lead-off or stealing bases.
   b) Advance only one base on overthrown balls.
   c) Participants are permitted to wear rubber-cleated shoes. Metal cleats are not permitted.

7. A re-entry rule will be in effect. A player may re-enter only in his/her original batting position.

8. Runners are prohibited from crashing into the fielder who has possession of the ball or a player who is about to catch a ball. The ball is dead and the runner is ruled out and is also ejected from the game.

9. If a base moves from its designated location the focus of the play remains at the designated location and the runner will be safe.

10. The following is not permitted on DeBaun Field at any time:
    a) chewing gum.
    b) soft drinks (only water is permitted).
    c) cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco or any other tobacco product.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in an immediate forfeit of the game and the offending team ejected from league play!