



## **SANTA FE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

*League By-Laws/Rules 2014 season*

Standard USSSA rules will be used for our league:

### Notable changes by USSSA:

No courtesy foul balls will be granted.  
Base paths changed from 65 feet to 70 feet.

### 2014 Season:

The 2014 game season will be a 14 game format with realignment if necessary after the seventh game. After the 14<sup>th</sup> game we will place all teams into a post season single elimination tournament bracket to play out the rest of the season. Awards will be given to first place teams of each division for season and for post season tournament.

League registration fees:

Cashiers check or money order ONLY; made out to "Santa Fe Softball Association". Include your team name in the memo.

Mens Div. (\$675.00), Womens Div. (\$675.00), Co-Ed Div. (\$500.00).

Tentative start of league will be May 5, 2014.

Pre-season tournament will be May 03-04, 2014.

Cost per team - \$150.00

Only Santa Fe Softball Association League teams can enter this tournament.

### Player pick-ups:

A pick-up player can only play if he or she is within a one division separation from the team that he or she is listed via team roster.

All players must be on a roster in order to play.

Opposing team must approve if other team can pick-up players.

Only two pick-up players allowed per team.

Teams that pick up players will surrender 2 runs per player to the other team.

If both teams pick up players then there will be offsetting runs per player.

## Bats Men/Women:

Bats must have the standard USSSA mark on the taper of the bat as placed by the bat manufacturer in order to be legal for play, (the exception being coed) see illustration below.

### **New USSSA Softball Bat Marks & Grandfathering Rules Effective January 1, 2012**

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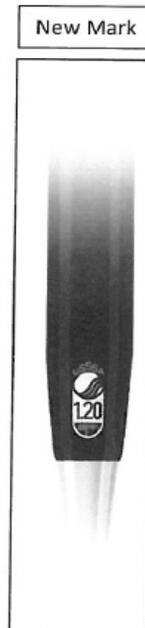
- Have the new permanent<sup>1</sup> USSSA Mark on its taper OR
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<sup>1</sup> USSSA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA licensed manufacturer. No stickers or decals are allowed and no one may add graphics to a bat once manufactured. Use of a bat with graphics not applied by the manufacturer will be use of an altered bat and subject to suspension under the USSSA Altered Bat rules. In addition to being violation of the USSSA Altered Bat rules, any use, creation or application of a USSSA mark without written permission of USSSA is a violation of Federal Trademark law and may result in prosecution by USSSA. If you have any concern about the person selling or providing you a bat, do not accept the bat, because you will be held responsible for any bat you bring into or use in a USSSA facility.

### Bats Coed:

Multi/double wall bats and or composite bats are prohibited. If any part of bat is composite then the whole bat falls into composite bat category.

### Altered Bats:

If caught using altered/illegal bat the following penalties will apply:

3 game suspension

Confiscation of bat with monetary fee for return at end of the year.

Umpires have the right to have a bat tested for eligibility

### Bat Bucket/Rack:

A designated bucket or rack will be placed at each dug out before all games.

A player must place his/her bat in the bucket/rack for inspection for approval by the umpire.

Once a bat is deemed legal for play, the bats must stay in the bucket/rack at all times except when being used by a batter.

If a bat leaves the field or enters the dug out, then that bat will be deemed “out of use” for the duration of the game.

Balls: Teams will need to provide their own balls.

- Men – 12" USSSA Classic M (.40 COR) Slow Pitch Softballs optic yellow cover



The above stamp must be visible on all balls used for play.

- Women – 11" USSSA Classic W (.44 COR) Slow Pitch Softballs



The above stamp must be visible on all balls use for play.

Home Runs: (Home runs over the limit are considered outs)

<u>Men's Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1

<u>Women's Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	3
2	2
3	1

<u>Coed Division</u>	<u>Allowed</u>
1	Unlimited
2	0

Games Times:

6:15 pm      7:15 pm      8:15 pm

Pitcher hit by batter:

If a pitcher fails or can't make an attempt to field a batted ball and is hit by a ball while occupying the pitchers rubber, then the "dead ball rule" will take affect and the player at bat will be called out.

If pitcher attempts to make a play at a batted ball regardless of weather or not he/she occupies the pitchers rubber, then it's a live ball.

Ethics rules:

Each team is responsible for cleaning their dug out after each game.

If dug out is not clean after a team has used it, then a cleaning fee will be charged to responsible team

Trash fees are due before next game.

If trash fee is not paid prior to next game, then that game will be forfeited. This will continue till fee is paid.

The trash fee is \$10.00 per team per incident.

Recycling bins will be on-site for aluminum cans only.

No alcohol will be permitted in dug outs.

No glass containers will be permitted.

Boom Boxes/portable music players must be at a moderate volume and no cursing shall be played from said music players.

Conduct your players and fans in an orderly fashion. Keep in mind that there are children and elders that attend games. If you can't conduct yourself in an appropriate manner then we will have to ask you to leave the park. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. That means concession stand and the fields at the MRC in general.

These By-Laws were adopted by the Santa Fe Softball Association at its meeting on March 06, 2014 and are subject to change if necessary at any time.