

## NC Competitive Division Condensed Rules of Play

### **SSWC (Senior Softball World Championship)**

The North Count league follows the playing rules as stated in the SSWC book of rules. Following are the exceptions to these rules for NCSS-CD play.

### **COURTESY RUNNER**

A courtesy runner may be use for a base runner at any time, but only once per inning. A courtesy runner may not be replaced except for an injury. A courtesy runner on base when it is his turn to bat will be declared out. The runner will be removed from the base. The courtesy runner called out does not lose his turn at bat. Only exception to the rule is when a team has less than 10 players, or if both managers agree prior to the start of the game regarding the use of runners during the game.

### **ONE-UP HOME RUN RULE**

This applies 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 a single and all runners advance one base.

### **APPROVED BATS**

The Miken Ultra II and Synergy Plus are banned from use in the league. All players who are 65 and those turning 65 may use these bats beginning January 1 of the year of his birthday.

### **INTENTIONAL WALK**

Beginning in the last two innings of a game and any extra innings played the defensive team may intentionally walk any batter. Once the named batter is intentionally walked he may not be intentionally walked again in the same game. The rule applies to the (8<sup>th</sup>) inning in a nine-inning game and to the (6<sup>th</sup>) inning in a 7-inning game.

### **PITCHING SCREEN**

The pitching screen is to be placed 6 -- 10 feet in front of the pitching rubber. It may be moved to one side or the other but the edge of the screen cannot be past the middle of the pitching rubber. If a ball hits the screen it is a strike and if it is on the third strike the batter is out. If a fielded ball is thrown and hits the screen it is still live and in play.

### **FLIP FLOP RULE**

If the home team is down by ten or more runs at the bottom of the 8th inning the Flip Flop rule is automatically initiated.