

# Softball Rules

- Each team consists of 9 players and teams can be of mixed gender
- A game lasts for 7 innings and is split into two sections; the top and bottom of the innings.
- Each team bats once in each innings before the sides switch.
- The fielding team has a pitcher, catcher, a player on first base, second base, third base, three deep fielders and short stop.
- A batter must successfully strike the ball and run around as many bases as possible. Once they get all the way around and back to home plate without being given out a run is scored.
- The fielding team can prevent the batsmen by making them miss the ball, catching the ball, tagging one of the bases before they reach it or tagging the batsmen whilst they are running with the ball in hand.
- Down the first and third base line is a foul area. Once the ball crosses this line before it bounces the ball is deemed 'dead' and play restarts with a new pitch.
- A home run can be scored by hitting the ball over the outfield and into a dead ball area. The batsmen can then stroll around the bases to score along with any additional batsmen on base.