

SOFTBALL NEWS

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New old rules for season 23

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Key Dates

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th

New Player Evaluations

Tuesday, October 24th
All 80's & returning injureds
Thursday, October 26th
Newbies (mostly)

You must be present to play

Friday, October 27th Draft
Monday, October 30th Practice begins

Gala Kick-off Banquet

Tuesday, November 7th

Opening Day

Thursday, November 9th

At a recent meeting, your ever diligent board voted to permanently adopt 83.3% of the rule changes the league tried out last spring. For those of us who have trouble remembering what we had for breakfast, let me reiterate:

1. The **pitching screen** will remain 15 feet directly in front of the pitcher. Every ball over the screen will be automatically deemed legal. The new 16.7% is this: **every ball hit into the screen** will be considered a foul strike. If you already have 2 strikes, a ball into the screen is strike 3.
2. The **infield fly rule** will be banished forever from the lips of every umpire. Penalties include washing offenders mouths out with soap.
3. The **run-by rule** is likewise relegated to the archives. The runner now must run directly to the base and stay on it, just like the baseball we all grew up playing as kids. If you're courageous and have enough insurance, sliding is optional. The only exception is when running to second on a double play. Once it's obvious the runner will be out, he must veer out of the base path to avoid the throw to first. Those who don't will be forced to rewatch all the debates.
4. Runners from home to first **MUST** touch the **orange base**. If they miss it, they can be called out on appeal. The only exception is when advancing to second in which case touching either the white or orange base is okay.
5. The *Boger* mandated "**everything's a force out**" rule remains in effect.

Bruce Nelson has agreed to wait in the on deck circle in the event the league needs a 10th manager on draft day. *Bruce* managed last year's Coyotes to an impressive 14-4 first place finish before being eliminated in the third round of the playoffs.





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