General Information

Eligibility:
1. Each team captain must submit a completed Intramural Sports Roster with the required fee, to the Rec Office before the published date. All players must sign his/her name on the team roster/waiver.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Teams forfeiting will post a loss for that particular game and may be declared ineligible for the playoffs. Any team which forfeits twice will be banned from further competition in the league.
3. All participants must be a current student or faculty and staff member at Saint Joseph's University.
4. Participants can be on the roster of only one single sex team and only one co-rec team.
5. Teams may add new players to their roster prior to the mid-season point.
6. Players must participate in at least 2 games prior to the playoffs.
7. Only 2 Saint Joseph's University club softball/baseball members are allowed on a team’s roster. All teams with a club player on the roster must compete in the “A” league. If a team if is found with more than two club players, a forfeit will be given for each game those players participated in.
8. Intercollegiate softball/baseball players are not eligible for intramural participation. A team will receive a forfeit for any games where intercollegiate athletes are used.

** All players are required to present a valid Saint Joseph's University ID prior to every intramural contest. Those who fail to show their ID will not be allowed to participate. **

GAME RULES:

Pitching- Each batter (male and female) gets two pitches from their own teammate. They must put the ball into play in 2 pitches. Pitcher must begin pitch from spot at pitchers mound. No warm-up pitches for new pitchers replaced during an inning.

Players- Each team shall field and bat ten (10) players. Minimum to play is 8. There is no designated hitter and the offensive team (batting) supplies the pitcher. Pitchers for the offensive team must pitch to at least 2 batters consecutively. You cannot rotate on every batter. If a pitcher is hit by a batted ball, it is an out and runners must return. The defense must always have a catcher at home plate.

Co-Rec- Male/Female ratio for co-rec teams must always be 50% male, 50% female. One sex can only exceed the other by one.
   Example:  5 men, 4 women – legal
   4 men, 2 women – illegal
Teams must alternate male/female in batting line-up. Only when the batting order goes from bottom to top can two people of the same sex follow each other.

Equipment- The recreation office will supply bases, bats, and balls. Gloves are strongly recommended but will not be provided. Each player should bring his/her own. Incrediballs must be used at all times (provided by Rec Office). Only softball bats may be used. If a team uses a bat not provided by the Rec Office, that bat must be made available to the other team as well. Molded cleats only; no metal or screw-in spikes allowed.

Starting Play- Coin toss determines home team.

Length of Game- The games will be 7 innings or extra innings if tied. 4 innings are needed to make game official due to rain. Mercy Rule will be in effect for 15+ run differential, following 5 innings of play.

Umpires- Umpires are not provided. Defense will make the call. Please respect the call and play on. A supervisor will be at the game to keep score; he/she has authority over a call.
Base Runners- Sliding and diving are NOT PERMITTED! This may include tripping, falling, etc. The base runner is automatically out, if he/she slides or dives. No leads, base runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit.

Intentional Walks- If the defensive team wishes to walk a batter, the captain shall inform the pitcher and the batter takes first base. **Co-Rec:** if a team intentionally walks a male and the next batter is female, she has the option of taking first base.

Plays at Home- All plays at home are force outs. Once the runner has gone 1/2 way down the 3rd base line, he/she is committed to home and cannot return to third base. The play at home is then a force out and no tag is required. The catcher cannot block the plate. Catcher interference may be called.

Substitutions- Unlimited subs are allowed with one exception, the sub must play a full inning in the field before batting - no pinch hitters.

Foul Balls- A defensive player may catch any foul ball that is on the field. Anything off of the field is out of play. Any hit ball touching an obstacle in foul territory is a dead ball (ex: tree, personal items, chairs, etc).

Overthrows/Ground Rule- Overthrows that remain on the grass area, base runners advance at their own discretion. Any ball leaving the field of play, base runners get base they are going to plus one (i.e. base where play is being made plus one). A hit ball that is fair yet advances off of the field is a ground rule double, unless it is hit over the outfielders heads and off of the field.

**Note:**
- Games will be played on St. Mary’s Lawn
- Batter is out if he/she throws bat
- Teams may use a steady designated pitcher who does not bat
- Bunts are not permitted
- Teams must stay well behind the out of play (dotted) lines
- Teams will pass a clipboard back and forth to keep score and line up.

**City 6 Participation**

SJU Intramural Softball League Champions participate in the City 6 Extramural Softball Classic. Eligibility rules stipulate that these teams must consist of full-time, undergraduate students. In addition, the following individuals are not eligible to participate: Junior varsity, club, NCAA partial and non-qualifiers, and current collegiate softball/baseball athletes. Teams with individuals on their roster who are ineligible for City 6 participation may compete for SJU league championships, but are not permitted to advance to the City 6 Tournament. Questions regarding this policy will be answered by the Director of Recreation.