



## 2024 Rule Changes and Clarifications

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### PLEASE REVIEW ALL CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. Re-Entry Rule - Once a player leaves the line-up, they may not return to the batting order. Exception- if there is an injury, and no other players are available, a player of the same gender may re-enter the line up in the injured person's spot.
2. Courtesy runners are allowed. Your courtesy runner will be the last recorded out of the same gender. This will revert to the previous inning in the event there are no outs in the current inning. If in the first inning there are no outs the courtesy runner will be the last person in the batting order of the same gender. 1 (one) courtesy runner per gender per inning will be allowed. If a courtesy runner is on base and he/she comes up to bat in the batting order another courtesy runner will NOT be allowed to replace the baserunner. An out will be declared for the batter. ***You may use this rule but please don't abuse this rule.*** This is a Can-Am rule and does not have to be agreeable between coaches to allow. Any variance of this rule will not be allowed during tournament play
3. **BATS APPROVED BY A DIRECTOR IN A PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT, BUT NOT ON THE UPDATED BAT LIST MUST BE REVIEWED BY A DIRECTOR AND APPROVED PRIOR TO USE IN THE CURRENT TOURNAMENT.**
4. **"Weaving" the batting will be NOT be allowed.**
5. Teams with 10 or more players may bat as many players as they wish with any 10 players playing defense. However, the batting order must be made so that two males do not bat together, and weaving is not being done.
6. Defense. Not including pitcher and catcher
  - a. Outfield defense must consist of at least two females.
  - b. Infield defense must consist of at least two females.
  - c. Pitcher / Catcher must be male / female.
7. Only players in the offensive batting order may play defense.
8. If a male batter is walked on any combination of balls and strikes, he will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base and 2<sup>nd</sup> base. **LESS THAN 2 OUTS** - The next female in the batting order must bat. **AFTER 2 OUTS** - The next female in the batting order will have the option to either hit or be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.
9. At no time will an outfielder be allowed to throw out a MALE OR FEMALE runner at first base.

10. An arc will be placed at 180 feet from home plate. The arc will extend from the left field foul line to the right field foul line. This arc will be designated by ground markings or markers on the left and right field foul lines. ALL outfielders will be required to remain behind this line when any player male or female is batting until the batter makes contact with the ball. If the ball is hit while an outfielder is in an illegal position the batting team will be given the option of taking the result of the play or replaying the pitch. If the pitch is not hit, there is no penalty.

## **CAN-AM RULES OF CONDUCT ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

- A. Each manager or coach will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team and is responsible for seeing that all tournament rules and objectives are observed. The manager or coach must maintain complete control of himself/herself and his/her team members **at all times**. This includes all times at public establishments, the host complex, and the hotels. Any damages incurred at public establishments, the host complex, or hotel during the duration of the tournament will be charged to the identified individual(s) responsible. If the individual(s) responsible does not have means for restitution the Coach will be held responsible. Identified Individual(s) will be banned from all future tournament play and the associated team will be placed on probation.