Softball Rules
February 2013

Softball will be conducted according to the rules of the International Softball Federation (ISF), with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

1. **Event Format**
   Softball is contested as a pool-based round-robin tournament followed by finals. Where applicable, finals shall consist of Quarter Finals, two Semi-finals and a Grand Final, with a 3rd/4th play-off.

2. **Team Size**
   Each college team shall not exceed sixteen (16) players per game. The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is seven (7).

3. **Match Duration**
   A minimum of seventy minutes (with a minimum of four innings per team) and a maximum of ninety minutes (with a maximum of six innings per team) shall be allocated for each game – pending ground availability. Time shall be called after maximum number of innings per team has been completed or the scheduled time period has expired – whichever occurs first. Both teams must have completed the same number of innings if time has expired before the four innings have been completed.

   If the scores are tied at the end of four innings for preliminary games, then a drawn result shall be recorded. If the scores are tied at the end of four innings for knock-out finals games, then an extra innings shall be played (and replayed if necessary) until the deadlock is resolved.

4. **Forfeit**
   If a team does not have seven players to commence the game within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, a forfeit shall be declared.

5. **Game Officials**
   Two Umpires shall be provided for each game. One shall be organized by the competition coordinator or duty-college. The second will be provided as per ‘duty umpire roster’ detailed in the competition draw.

   The first umpire will act as a home plate umpire and the ‘duty’ umpire will act as a base umpire. Failure of a college to provide a ‘duty umpire’ will result in penalty to that college according to ICSC policy.

   Finals matches will have two umpires provided as organized by the competition coordinator.

   Each competing College must also provide a Scorer for each game they compete in.

6. **Specific Rules for College Softball**

6.1 **Boundaries/Obstructing fences**
If the ball clears the fence on the fly that is an automatic home run, if the ball goes under the fence that is an obstruction in which case the ball is considered a dead ball as announced by the umpire and the bats man may only run to the base they are approaching.

6.2 Forfeit
For each minute period that a team is late a run will be awarded to the opposing team until ten minutes at which point the game will be forfeited and the present team will be awarded a win of 12-0.

7. Uniform
Competing Colleges should wear matching sport uniforms. Only plastic moulded cleats or sports shoes are permitted on the playing fields.

8. Equipment
A softball kit will be supplied by the ICSC, however each College is encouraged to supply its own team kit. Official Match Summary sheets will be supplied.

9. ICSC Policies
All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants.

Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their College participants are aware of all relevant polices and procedures and act accordingly.

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