

Softball information sheet

Terms:

- Fly out - When a ball is hit into the air and is caught by a fielder.
- Force out- When a base runner has to go to the next base because there is a runner behind them that is coming to the base they are on. The ball gets to the base before the runner and the defensive player at the base steps on the base.
- Tag out- When the defensive player has to tag the runner because there is no force out.
- Tagging up - When the runner tries to advance after a fly ball is caught. The runner can't leave the base until after the ball is caught.
- Double Play- getting two outs when the batter hits the ball. usually done by getting two force outs.
- Fair ball- a ball hit between the foul lines.
- Foul ball - A ball hit outside the foul lines.
- Out of Play- When the ball goes outside of the fence, into the dugout, or some area that prevents the defensive person from making a play.
- Strike- When a batter swings at the ball and misses, or when the ball goes through the strike zone.

Situations:

A runner hit by a batted ball is out. A runner hit by a thrown ball is not out.

When a runner tags up she may advance as many bases as she can but the defensive team can tag her out. So she is advancing at her own risk.

If a fly ball is caught in foul territory the runners may still advance at their own risk.

When a ball is overthrown and yet still remains in fair/foul territory the runners may advance as many bases as they can but at their own risk. If the ball goes out of the playing area on an overthrow then the runner may advance one base beyond the one she was going to.

When a ball is hit to right field the 2nd base person usually is the cutoff person.

When a ball is hit to left field the shortstop usually is the cutoff person.

If a grounder is hit to the 1st base person often the pitcher has to cover 1st base for the put out.

If a runner crosses home plate before a force out for the 3rd out the run does not count.

If a runner crosses home plate before a tag out (that is not a force) on the 3rd out then the run will count.

A runner may overrun 1st base but not 2nd or 3rd.