

2011 BAU Coed Rules

NSA Rules

As with the men the BAU will adopt the NSA CO-REC rules with some exceptions (detailed below).

Rules Summary (Please consult your NSA rule book)

- An equal amount of female and male players must play at the same time (with the exception of a team playing with nine (9)).
- The lineup must alternate male/female. You can lead off with a male or female but after that the lineup MUST alternate sexes.
- If an AH (Additional Hitter) is used then one of each sex must be used. A starting lineup can NEVER have eleven (11) athletes.

Playing Short Handed

You may start with 9 players. It may be 5 men & 4 women or 4 men & 5 women, but an out must be taken where the 9th or 10th batter would have been. A team must have 9 (with taking an out), 10, or 12 batters listed in the lineup. 11 can never be listed on the lineup card (unless a player is lost to injury during the course of the game – in which case an out must be taken for the “empty” spot left by the injured player)

Exception to NSA Coed Rules

Balls

Males will hit a BAU-certified 12” COR .44, 375lbs-compression softball.

Females will hit a BAU -certified 11” COR .44, 375lbs-compression softball.

Walks

When the umpire has called four balls, the batter-runner is awarded first base. The ball is dead. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (a female) WILL bat.

EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat. A male batter-runner advancing to second base without touching first base shall be called out if properly appealed.

Uniform

The BAU will allow any colored shirt with a store bought number. No duplicating numbers by the same sex. If a male and a female have the same number, then an "M" and "F" must be noted in front of the number on the lineup card. Example: M17 for the male batter and F17 for the female batter.

Courtesy Runner

Courtesy runners must be same sex as the injured player. Follow BAU rules for courtesy runners.

Definition of Infielder and Outfielder

For the purposes of these rules “infielder” will be defined as any player starting the play with his or her feet “on the dirt” of the infield. “Outfielder” will be defined as any player who begins the play with his or her feet “on the grass” of the outfield.

Defensive Positioning

There must be equal amounts of male and female players in the game on defense, regardless of positioning (with the exception of a team playing with nine (9)). However, **THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON WHERE EACH GENDER MUST PLAY IN ON DEFENSE.**

Minimum Outfielder Distance

At no time can more than four defensive players begin a play in the infield (not counting the pitcher and catcher). Outfielders must start the play no closer than one hundred seventy five feet (175') from home plate. A chalk line will mark the minimum 175' distance. Outfielders cannot proceed closer than the 175' line until the ball has been batted.

Throwing Out at First From the Outfield

Any batted ball that is fielded by a defensive player that started the play in the outfield cannot result in the batter being forced out at first base. Any such attempt will result in a "safe" call and is attempted at the risk of the defending team. This means that if an outfielder attempts to throw a batter/runner out at first base the ball is a live ball. If the throw results in an overthrow then play will continue and runners can advance. **Note:** Force-outs from the outfield to 2nd, 3rd or Home base is perfectly legal and acceptable. **Note:** Infielders may "range" into the outfield once the ball has been hit and throw the batter/runner out at first base.