

## 2009 BAU Wooden Bat Rules

### BAU/NSA Rules

The BAU Wooden Bat league will follow all NSA and BAU Men's slow pitch softball rules with the following exceptions:

### Exception to BAU Rules

#### Bats

Bats will be provided by the BAU. All teams will have access to BAU Bats. Additionally, teams may also provide their own wooden bats as long as they are conforming Softball bats.

If a BAU-provided bat is damaged or broken during the normal course of play no penalties will be enforced. However, if a bat is broken or damaged due to abuse of equipment by a player, the player will be penalized according to the BAU rules of conduct (see the BAU Bylaws IV.D.1 for Minor suspension policies). The sponsoring team will be required to reimburse the BAU the cost of the bat which will be set upon purchase and published to all Wooden Bat League coaches prior to the start of the season.

#### Balls

Each team must provide its own softballs. Only BAU-sanctioned softballs will be allowed. BAU sanctioned balls can be purchased from the BAU Chairman.

#### Hitting Up the Middle Rule

There will be no special "hitting up the middle" rule in the wooden bat league.

#### Uniform

The BAU will allow any colored shirt with a store bought number. No duplicating numbers will be allowed. Every team must still have a church sponsor and have all appropriate paperwork turned in. No exceptions.

#### Gender

The BAU Wooden Bat league will operate in all respects as an adult men's league. However, women **will** be allowed to play in the wooden bat league under the following conditions:

1. A 12" man's ball will be used at all times.
2. No exception for pitching distance will be granted should a women choose to pitch.
3. No special defensive position or batting lineup rules will be applied. Women can play anywhere defensively and bat anywhere in the lineup.
4. No special walk rules will be applied. If a man is walked and a women is next in the lineup the women must take her turn at bat.