

2010 BAU Wooden Bat League Rules

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

Exceptions to the BAU Rules

Eligibility

Players who participate in the BAU Wooden Bat League **will** continue to be eligible to play in normal BAU play (Co-ed, Fall Men's).

Bats

Any wood softball bat may be used as long as the barrel is "softball size". That means the barrel must be 2.25 inches (2 ¼") in diameter or smaller. Wood Baseball bats (larger barrel, 2 5/8" or larger) may not be used.

In some cases, "general use" bats may be available or teams may "borrow" bats from another team.

1. If a "general use" or "borrowed" bat is damaged or broken during the normal course of play the "borrowing" team should reimburse the "owning" team (or BAU) the cost of the replacement bat – no matter how the bat was damaged. If a bat is broken or damaged due to abuse of equipment by a player, the player will be ejected from the game and penalized according to the BAU rules of conduct (see the BAU Bylaws IV.D.1 for Minor suspension policies).
2. If a "borrowed" bat is damaged then the borrowing team should reimburse the owning team the cost of the replacement bat – no matter how the bat was damaged.

Balls

Balls must conform to the Spring standard (ASA .44 COR, 375lbs. compression, BAU Stamped). Each team must provide its own ball. Failure to produce a legal ball eligible for play may result in forfeiture of the game. In cases where a team "runs out" of eligible balls, the teams can continue play, "sharing" the other team's eligible ball so long as the "owning team" is fairly compensated for the cost of the ball(s) being used by both teams. Coaches may work out the definition of "fairly compensated" for themselves. However, in no case can it be more than the original cost of the ball (\$3.00). ("Free" is fair compensation if the "owning" team does not desire compensation)

Hitting Up the Middle Rule

BAU Bylaws V.N (Hitting up the middle) will be waived for the duration of the Wood Bat season. Hitting up the middle will NOT result in a dead-ball out, regardless of whether it hits the pitcher, etc.

Uniform

BAU Bylaws V.C (Shirt color) will be waived for the duration of the Wood Bat season. 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's 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 man and a woman on the same team may wear the same number.
2. A 12" man's ball will be used at all times.
3. No exception for pitching distance will be granted should a woman choose to pitch.
4. No special defensive position or batting lineup rules will be applied. Women can play anywhere defensively and bat anywhere in the lineup.
5. No special walk rules will be applied. If a man is walked and a woman is next in the lineup the woman must take her turn at bat.