



modified Softball for beach, turf & indoor



## Over the Line - Rules

### Quick Start Rules

1. 3 players per team, 4 innings
2. Fair hit - any hit over the line, in bounds, without being caught
3. Homerun - any hit over the line, in bounds, past the fielders on the fly
4. Outs - any hit caught by a fielder in any area on the full. Also a combination of 3 strike or fouls
5. 3 outs change innings.

### Team:

- 3 players per team. Must bat in order.

### Positions:

- Batter hits from the home plate, as marked;
- Teammate pitches from designated pitching spot in the foul area. Ball is to be popped up and over where the two lines meet.
- Fielders may position themselves anywhere within the 3 zones.

### Length of Game:

- Games are four innings; if tied at the end of the fourth, play an additional inning to break the tie (Tie Breaker).
- If still tied after four innings, the team with the most homeruns is the winner. If still tied, the team with the most 3 point hits and then 2 point hits shall be the eventual winner.
- Runs take preference over hits in this situation.

### Scoring:

- 1 Point = A fair hit over the 1st line into Zone 1;
- 2 Points = A fair hit entering into Zone 2;
- 3 Points = A fair hit entering into Zone 3;
- 4 points (Homerun) = A ball hit past last player in fair territory, on the full, without them touching it;
- The point will be calculated from the zone the ball is fielded from (not where it first lands if this differs);
- Intentional throwing of the bat is a three-run penalty (Umpires' decision).
- Balls landing on the 1-2 and 2-3 zone lines are awarded in favour of the batter and scored as such.

**A Hit:**

- A ball hit into “fair” territory on the full without being caught by fielders;
- Any ball touched and dropped by fielders in “fair territory”;
- A ball that lands in fair territory and goes foul (either off a player or by bouncing) is classified as a hit;
- A ball that is going into fair play territory but gets knocked out into the foul zone, on the full will be taken as a professional foul and classed as a hit.

**Fouls:**

- Any ball landing outside "Out" or "Fair" areas on the fly. Ball on the line is fair;
  - Any ball that bounces before the first line (field of play);
  - Any taken pitch (pitch not swung at);
  - Any false pitch or "Baulk".
- NB: A ball caught on the full by either the batter or pitcher counts as a foul.

**Outs:**

- Any combination of 3 fouls and strikes consists as an out i.e.: strike 2, foul 1 = out)
- Any ball caught by fielders on the full while standing in the field of play including the homerun area.
- Batting out of turn;
- 3 outs – change innings.

**Equipment:****Balls**

- Preferred ball is “Lite Flite” with a soft foam construction. Optimally used for youth, newbie’s to Softball and those who don’t possess a glove.
- A 12 inch flexi ball maybe used for those with softball experience. Both balls available from Exclusive Sports (0800 112 985).

**Gloves**

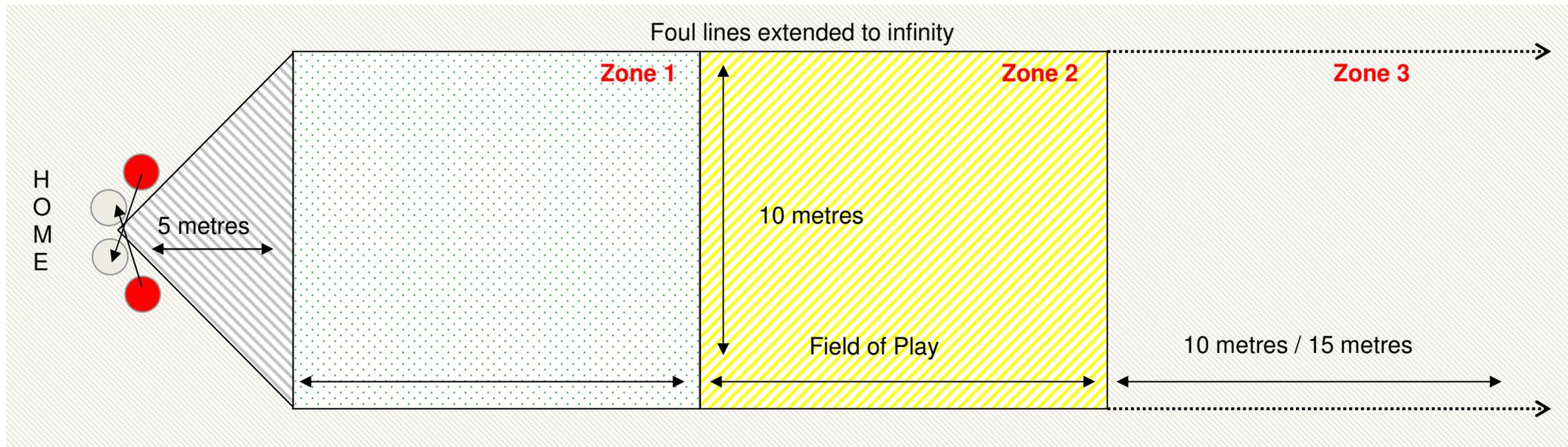
- Gloves are optional, as above.

**Bats**

- Bats must be a regular softball bat.
- Any bat considered inappropriate will be removed from play for the remainder of the competition. The game will proceed from that point with all existing hits and runs scored as counted. The game or innings will not be replayed and no hits or runs will be disallowed.
- A bat deemed inappropriate, used in a subsequent game by the team or player will disqualify the player and/or team from the tournament.



## Over the Line - Field Dimensions



### Key

○ = Batting circles      ● = Pitching circles

▵ = Any ball bouncing in this area is a foul

▤ = 1 point if ball lands in this area

▨ = 2 Points if ball entering in this area

□ = 3 Points if ball entering in this area

HR = 4 Points if ball travels past the last fielder on the full within fair territory without being touched.

### Field Variations

Beginner to Intermediate playing ability

- 10 metres between zones
- 5 metres between home plate and zone 1

Intermediate to excellent playing ability

- 15 metres between zones
- 5 metres between home plate and zone 1