

## GENERAL RULES

- The official game ball will be provided by Nikkei Games.
- All bats must be ASA approved. No Miken, Original Synergy, Synergy 2, or Orange Crush.
- Each team should bring their own gloves -- they will not be provided.
- Forfeit time is game time.
- Umpires will be provided for each game.
- Catcher's mask is optional.
- Bases are 60 feet apart.
- Each team must have a minimum of 8 players (at least 4 females) to start the game.
- (Defensively), if playing with 4 females a MAXIMUM of 5 males are allowed on the field.
- Teams must always have a catcher and a pitcher.

The current Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Rule Book will govern all play with the following exceptions:

1. All games will be 7 innings or 1 hour and 10 minutes of play. No inning will begin with 7 minutes or less remaining in the game.
2. It is the responsibility of the captain to verify the innings, times, and the scores with the umpire.
3. While a female is batting, the rover can only be a female.
4. Courtesy runners shall be the last recorded out made by the player of the same sex.
5. No leading off.
6. Bunting is not allowed. A bunt will result in an automatic out.
7. After having two strikes, a batter is only allowed one foul ball, after which the ball must be hit fair.
8. There will be a "mercy rule" of 10 runs per inning maximum, except for the last inning which will be an open inning.
9. To speed up play, each batter will automatically begin with a 1&1 count (one ball and one strike).
10. If there is a tie at the end of regulation play, extra innings shall begin with a runner on second base (the person who made the last out in the previous inning).
11. Free-substitution (defensively) will be allowed throughout the game.
12. The batting order must list men and women separately and followed alternately such that two batters of the same sex may never bat consecutively.