

# **Werrington Zone S.S.S.A**

## **SOFTBALL**

### **Grade Rules (26/11/04)**

(to be read in conjunction with General Zone Rules)

#### **RULES**

Games should be played in strict accordance with the official rules as set out by the Australian Softball Rule Book, except for variations as below. Pitching distances should be set at 14 m for boys and 12 m for girls.

#### **MATCH DURATION**

Games will begin at 1.00 pm and will last a minimum of 1 hour and maximum of 1 hour 15 minutes or seven innings, whichever comes first. When necessary and when agreed upon by both coaches, games may start later but must finish before 2.15 pm. The result of the game shall be determined as at the last COMPLETED inning at the end of the allotted time unless the side batting second has begun their turn at bat and is leading – in which case they will be adjudged the winners of the game and that score will be considered the final score. When time has elapsed the PERSON AT BAT shall complete their individual turn before the end of the game is called. No further batters should be called after this time.

#### **BATTING**

The following variations to the official rules will apply.

- (a) In each half inning the batting side will be restricted to a maximum of 9 runs.
- (b) Each team may play up to 12 players in their batting line-up. Fielding to be 9 as normal.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Each team should supply an umpire (Home team – plate, Away team base), a scorer and a leather ball.

The Home Team shall supply a correctly marked diamond, three bases, with safety base at 1s, one home plate and a pitcher's plate.

#### **UMPIRES**

All umpires should carry with them a copy of the current rule book. Any queries by a coach or team captain should be adjudicated on fairly, consulting the book if necessary, if an error is proven.

#### **SUBSTITUTES**

With the exception of injury, substitutions may only be made at the end of an inning. Once replaced, no player may rejoin the game in that afternoon.

#### **FINALS**

Refer to the General Zone Rules.