



# Bristol Softball Association

## For the Captain

The following is a guide for all team captains of the Bristol Softball Association for the 2007 season.

### Before the Game

#### 1. Arrive on time

Teams should be ready to start play at **18:30**. If your team is not ready to play with the minimum number of people (9 players) by **18:50** hours, the **Plate Umpire** has the right to forfeit the match and the points will go to the opposition. If neither team is ready by this time then the Umpire(s) will wait until the first team has the minimum number before forfeiting the match.

#### 2. If you are the Home team:

- You are responsible for collecting the bases **before official start time** and putting them away at the end
- You are **NOT** responsible for collecting the Score Card - this is collected by the Umpire(s) before the match
- You must provide 2 clean, legal, good condition balls - soft dodecahedrons are not permitted!

#### 3. Fill in the Score Card

Complete the Score Card in plenty of time for the Umpire(s) to review. PRINT the **first and last** names of your players in INK (no nicknames). Remember to include all eligible players in the line-up. **Draw a circle around any ringers.**

### At the pre-match meeting with the Umpire(s)

#### 1. Check the rules

Ask the Umpire(s) if you are uncertain on any of the rules, especially on re-entry. Remember, a substitute can only substitute once, a starting player can re-enter once.

#### 2. Pay the Umpire

You must pay each **Umpire** before the match starts when you are called to the plate. The fees are:

- £16.00 if they are **BASU** qualified
- £8.00 if they are **BLU** qualified
- If there are 2 umpires then both umpires will need to be paid, to a maximum for both of £20

#### 3. Confirm team line-up

Confirm your complete line-up before the game starts including team coach if applicable.

#### 4. Remind your team:

- Good conduct is required. Arguing Balls, Strikes or other judgement calls may result in **team warning** for first offence and **ejection** for a following offence. All communications including protests with the Umpire(s) should be via the team coach or captain
- All jewellery including wedding rings and visible piercings to be removed. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

#### 5. Play ball and enjoy



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### At the end of the game

#### 1. Most Valued Players (MVP)

- Meet with Umpire(s) and other team captain to agree **ONE Male and ONE Female MVP for the WHOLE GAME. The Umpire(s) will have the final say in the choice of MVPs**

#### 2. Fill in the Score Card:

- Print your name
- Fill the innings scores and final result
- Mark the **Plate Umpire** Performance. There are 4 boxes: **U M R & CCCC**:
  - **Uniform (1 or 0):** Either the **Plate Umpire** was wearing the full uniform or not. Dark blue cap, powder blue shirt, cleats, dark blue trousers and dark coloured socks, or dark blue shorts and white socks. There is no between.
  - **Mechanics (%)**: Were they in position for those calls at 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> base? Could you hear them (fly ball)?
  - **Rules: (%)** Knowledge of the rules, like collision and interference, arguing balls and strikes.
  - **Consistency Confidence Communication Control:** Keeping the game flowing, behaviour and professionalism, and yet friendly enough to enjoy the game.

#### 3. Sign the card and pass it onto the opposition or the **Plate Umpire**.

#### 4. Go to the bar!

