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CCSA's 31st Season



2011 Rule Changes

Chinese Christian Softball Association

Welcome to the 2011 season. As we are approaching the 31st season of Chinese Christian Softball Association, the umpiring committee would like to welcome you all back to a season of great fun.

This year, we have made a few changes with regard to the rules of CCSA, changing more for the better safety and enjoyment for all of you.

Pitcher's Line

The pitcher's line is now located 40 feet from the back corner of home plate. Pitchers must have one foot planted behind the pitcher's line when the pitch is released.

150 Line

This line is an imaginary line (marked off by pylons), located 150 feet from the back corner of home plate, arcing from one foul line to another. This is not a straight line going from one pylon to another. Rovers and outfielders cannot be positioned in front of the 150 line at the start of play. They must be behind the 150 line. They may only pass the 150 line after the pitched ball is hit. This line is ONLY used for outfielders/rovers starting positions, as it does NOT function as the line to throw the ball to the pitcher. To throw the ball to the pitcher, you must still be standing in the infield (within the infield line).

Pylons

Pylons are now mandatory. It is now the responsibility of the home team to provide 2 pylons for the umpires to use to mark off the 150 line. The penalties for home team not providing pylons will be the same as not providing a game ball. The game will continue on if there are no pylons provided by all three parties (home team, away team, and umpiring team); however, umpires will have to work with no pylons and still be responsible to call our 150 line infractions.

Alternating Batters

Alternating batters are allowed. If, for example, a team has 17 players but only 3 women, the team will be allowed to put a maximum of 12 players on the team line-up list, leaving 5 men on the bench. If the team so desires, these 5 men may be slotted into a batting spot with another male player already active in the line-up. The two players sharing the batting spot must alternate at-bats. Teams must notify umpires and teams of alternating batters prior to the start of the game, no players can be slotted in for being late. Two batters who alternate turns may also take the field in the same inning. No alternating batter may bat two consecutive at-bats. If the other batter is running late, and is not there for their turn to bat, then an out is recorded.

Substitutions

Substitutions are now ONLY limited to injury substitutions. If an injury occurs to a batter who is not sharing a spot and is unable to bat, that batting slot is now skipped and no out is recorded. The batting slot cannot be replaced by a player who is already alternating.