

Rules Forum

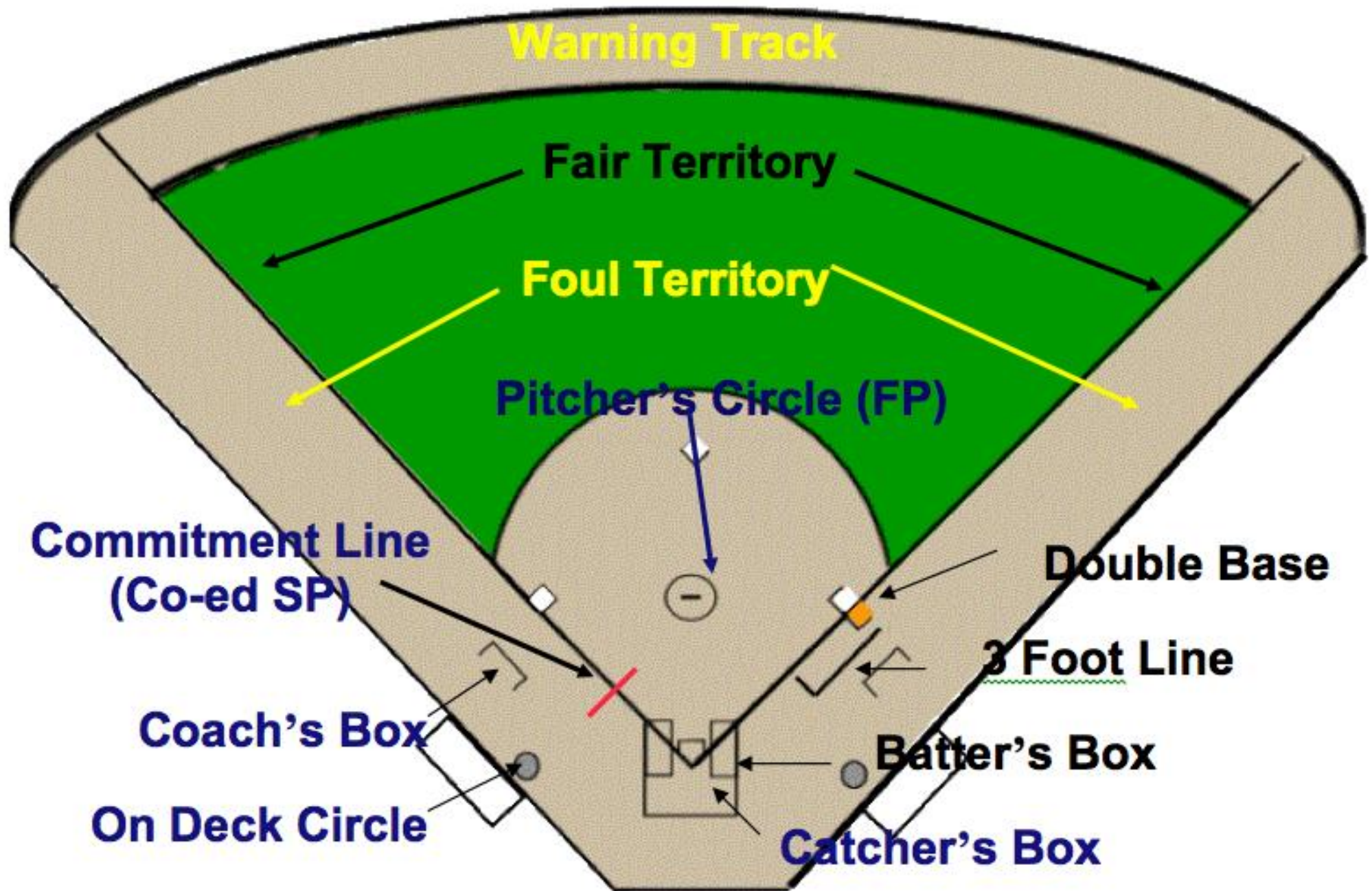
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The Playing Field



Fielding or Pitching Face Masks



Schutt



Worth



Rawlings



All Star



Mizuno

Pitcher / Runner Face Mask & Helmet Combo



Worth Legit



Mizuno MBH250



Easton Prowess



Rawlings Youth Velo

Approved Bats

Softball Newfoundland Labrador does not have it's own bat certification program. SNL recognizes bats certified by the USA Softball and WBSC.

BAT STAMPS

U19 Boys
& all Female



U23 and Senior Men's



Including any of one
of the three stamps in
Column 1

Adult
Slo-Pitch



Minor must also have
one of the three stamps
Column 1

How to find out if a Bat would be Approved?

Access the approved bat lists on the SNL Website.

USA

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/certified-usa-softball-equipment>

WBSC

<http://www.wbsc.org/wp-content/uploads/20180326-Softball-Bat-List-Lista-Bates-Softbol.pdf>



Steps to Checking a Bat

Look for the Stamps

This Bat has the ISF and ASA Stamps

This is a LEGAL Bat

Couldn't find the stamp??

Identify the Bat Name - example Easton Salvo

You have the Bat Company and The Name




There are many types of Salvo

You need the type – this is indicated in small lettering somewhere on the barrel of the bat
Above it is on the yellow line of bat 3

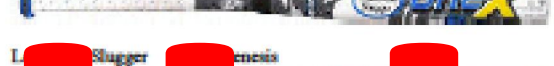
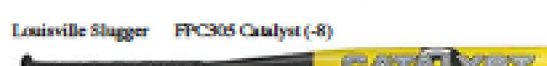


SOFTBALL BAT LIST

Use the WBSC book or Check the ASA List **SP15SVAU**

	Easton	SP15SVA	Salvo Load	11/20/2014
	Easton	SP15SVAU	Salvo Bal	11/20/2014
	Easton	SP15SVS	Salvo Bal	11/20/2014

THESE BATS ARE ALL
ILLEGAL



Player Eligibility - FEMALES

Male players are not eligible to compete on female teams.

Females are permitted to play on male teams.

Softball Canada

“In line with gender equity initiatives, nationally and within each province and territory, the right for a female of equal ability to compete on a male registered team should be automatic. Other sports not only allow this to happen, they encourage and promote females playing alongside their male peers. We believe this will not only promote our commitment to gender equity, but develop more opportunities for male registered teams to form and to promote the game itself”.

Double Base

Batted ball that strikes any part of the white is **fair**.

Batted ball hitting only the orange is **foul**.

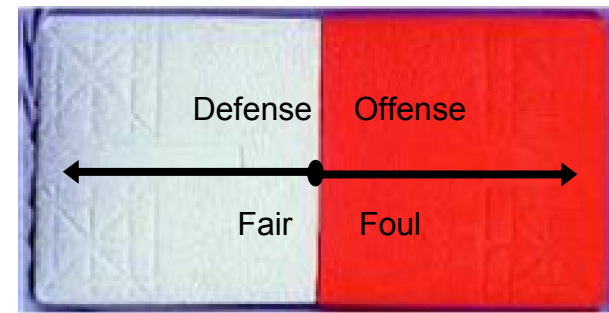
BR **must use orange** if a play is being made at the base. Any other time runners may use white.

Runner is off the base when standing on the orange only.

Defense must touch the white portion of the base.

Exception:

Catcher throwing the ball on passed ball. 1st Basemen may use ORANGE, thus runner would use white - SAFETY



Offensive Conference

Only 1 Charged Conference an Inning

Coach Confers with the:
Batter or Base Runner

Coach insisting on a 2nd Conference
Ejected

NOTE:

Not a charged conference

Removal of a player

Pitcher putting on a warm-up jacket

As long as the coach is not delaying the game



Defensive Conference

There shall be only three charged defensive conferences, in a seven-inning game, between the manager, or the team representative from the dugout, with the pitcher or with any other defensive player.



Exception: U14 will have 5 conferences in a 7 inning game.

Fast Pitch Regulations (U14 Male and U16 Female)

Stance

Two feet on plate



Signal

ball in the hand or glove
and hands separated

Pause

Hands in front, 1 – 10
seconds

Pitch

Starts when one hand is
removed from the ball,

Chute

Stay inside 24 inch chute

Wind-Up

Windmill

Less than two revolutions

No Stop or reversal

Delivery

Underhand and Below the
Hip

Pivot Foot

Push off and drag

Level with the ground



No Tape or Substances

Exception is powdered resin

Male U16 and above / Female U19 and above

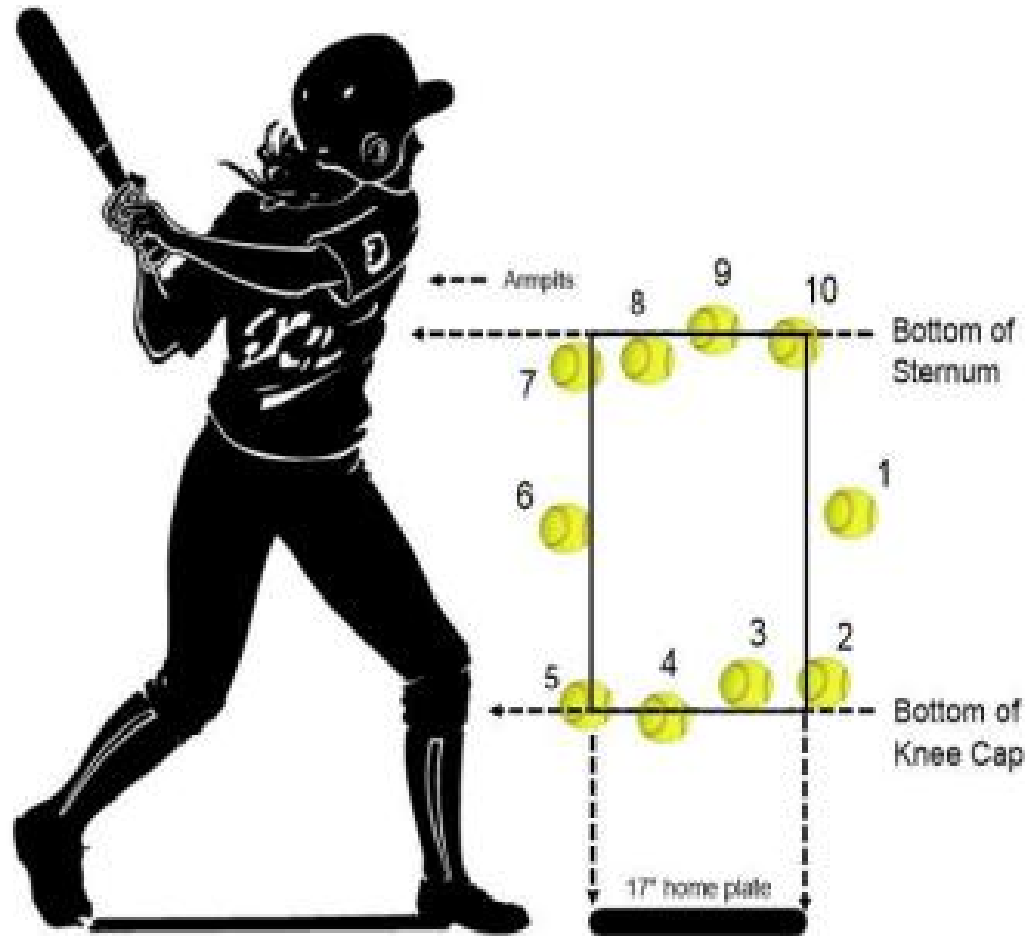
The WBSC has a single pitching rule for both men and women. This rule will be trialed by Softball Canada in for one year

The pitcher **must have the pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate** and both feet within the 61.0 cm (24 in) length of the pitcher's plate. The hips must be in line with first and third bases.

The pitcher must, after taking the signal, bring their whole body to a **full and complete stop** with the ball in both hands in front of the body. (Holding the ball in both hands to the side of the body is considered in front of the body.) **The non-pivot foot (the stepping foot) must be stationary at the start and during the pause. The non-pivot foot can only move forward with the start of the pitch. Any backward movement of the non-pivot foot during or after the pause is an illegal action.** This position must be held for **not less than two (2) seconds and not more than five (5) seconds** before releasing the ball.

The **pivot foot must remain in contact** with the pitcher's plate prior to the start of the pitch. **Lifting the pivot foot** off the pitcher's plate and returning it to the plate, creating a rocking motion **is an illegal act.**

The space over any part of home plate between the bottom of the batter's sternum (chest plate) and the bottom of the batter's knee cap, when they assume their natural batting stance. The natural batting stance is the stance the batter takes after the release of the pitch when deciding to swing or not swing at the pitch.



Rulings: 1) ball, 2) strike, 3) strike, 4) ball, 5) ball, 6) strike, 7) strike, 8) strike, 9) ball, 10) ball

i. when any part of a pitched ball enters the strike zone before touching the ground and the batter does not swing, provided the top of the ball is at or below the sternum or the bottom of the ball is at or above the bottom of the knee cap.

It is not anticipated that this new definition will result in a change in the current strike zone as currently applied. Instead, this rule attempts to more closely match the current expectations and application of the rule and allows greater clarity of the strike zone at competitive levels.

As previous, umpires are expected to “adjust” the zone to match the level of play at lower skill levels.

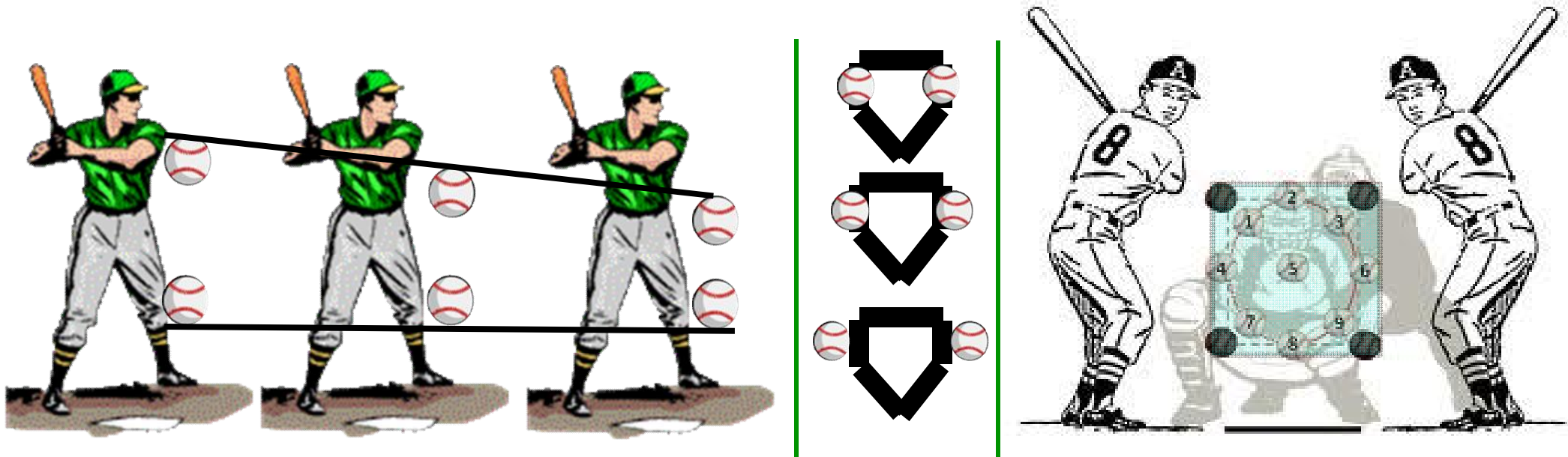
Fast Pitch Strike Zone

Some part of a legally pitched ball must pass through the strike zone to be called a strike

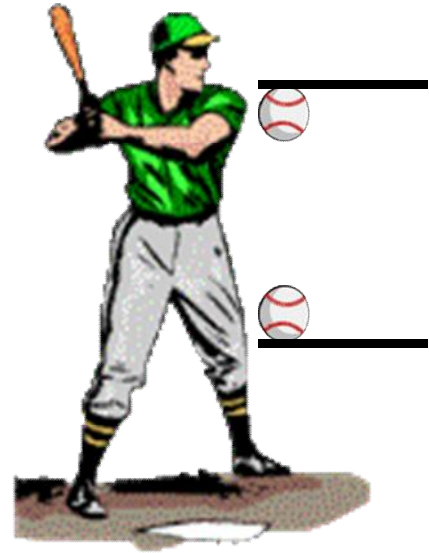
NATURAL STANCE and where the ball crosses the plate determine a ball or a strike

The position of the batter in the batter's box makes no difference

Any part of the ball over any part of the plate is a strike if it is the right height.

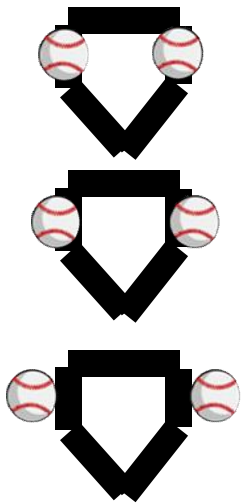


Slo Pitch and the Strike Zone



The strike zone and pitch delivery for SNL sanctioned minor slo-pitch tournaments will take into consideration the following conditions:

- Before each pitch, the pitcher must stand with one foot on the pitcher's slab, with the ball held in one hand.
- Delivery starts when the pitcher makes a motion forward.
- The pitcher is to take ONE step forward.
- Delivered with an underhand motion & at a moderate speed.
- Pitching arm not to exceed an angle of 45°
- Minimum arc of 4 feet to a maximum of 8 feet.



Illegal Pitch shall be called for any pitch whereupon:

Prior to the delivery of the pitch, the pitcher does not stand with one foot on the pitching slab;

The pitcher uses an excessive speed;

The pitching arm exceeds the 45° angle on backswing;

Delivery of the ball is lower than 4 ft or higher than 8 ft; or

The pitcher takes two steps.

Rules and New Rules

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QUESTION & ANSWER

