

The Greater Madison Senior Softball Safety Rules

(See the GMSS Rules link for complete rules)

(E) FIELDER

1. He has a right to a base only if making a play. If not, he must avoid obstructing a runner. Fake tags are considered an obstruction.
2. The Force-out Method - Can be used on a runner advancing to any base
First Base - The fielder must use the white part of the bag.
Home Plate - He must touch home plate/mat for any runner between the Commitment Line and the second home plate. He can't tag a runner trying to score once he has crossed the Commitment Line.

(G) RUNNER

1. If a play is made at first base, the runner must tag the extension. Exception: If a fielder is in foul territory, the runner may use either part of the base.
2. When advancing, a runner may overrun second & third base. He may touch the base or run by either side of the base. If he makes any movement to advance, a fielder must tag him for an out. He does not have to return to the bag to advance to the next base..
3. The runner is responsible for avoiding a collision. Running into a fielder is an automatic out.
4. Diving, sliding or lunging to or back to a base is an out. After rounding a base, reaching or crawling back to a base is allowed.
5. Touching or jumping over the home plate/mat when trying to score is an out. He is safe if he crosses the second home plate before the catcher touches home plate/mat.

(H) COURTESY RUNNER

1. A runner can be replaced at any base by any player the manager designates.
2. A courtesy runner for a batter from home plate is allowed per ASA rules. Any batter needing a courtesy runner must be declared to the umpire and other team's manager prior to the game. A start line for the courtesy runner will be designated by the umpire prior to the game and runner may not start running until ball has hit the bat.

(I) EQUIPMENT & PLAYING FIELD

1. Official Ball – The soft-core, Debeer 12-inch Clincher (below)
2. Bats – Only bats that conform to ASA standards are legal.
3. Shoes – Metal cleats are not allowed.
4. Commitment Line – Between home and third base, 20 feet from home plate.
5. Second Home Plate – 5 feet to the right of and even with the front of home plate.

