2015 Intramural Wiffleball Rules
(updated 11/14)

Recent rule changes appear in hi-lighted and italicized font.

Rule 1: Facility

1) All games will be played on the Field House Main Deck. Alcohol and tobacco use is not permitted while participating in any Intramural event.

Rule 2: Player Eligibility

1) All Intramural Sports eligibility rules apply. Please check your Intramural Rules and Regulations carefully.

2) All players must check-in with their state-issued photo IDs or University ID cards with the supervisor prior to participating.

Rule 3: Ground Rules

1) Teams will consist of 6 players with no gender restrictions (minimum of 5 to start). Forfeit time is 10 minutes after scheduled game time. If a team begins the game with 5 players, it will take an out in the 6th spot in the order until that spot is filled by a player.

2) Teams must bat at least 5 and no more than 12 players. Any 6 players from the line-up can play in the field each inning.

3) Teams will be allowed to bat 5 players without taking an out in the 6th spot if an injury occurs to a player in the line-up during the game.

4) Three outs per inning per team. Games shall be nine innings long or 50 minutes. No inning shall be started after the 50-minute time limit has been surpassed. A mercy rule of 20 runs after 7 innings will be in effect. In case of a tie at the end of nine innings or the 50-minute time limit, extra innings will be played until a team scores more runs than the other.

5) Teams will pitch to their own batters. All pitches must be overhand and the pitcher must be in contact with the rubber mound at all times. An at-bat will consist of a maximum of 3 pitches.

6) An out for a batter can be made in the following ways:
   • After 3 pitches – foul tips count as strikes; pitches that are not swung at also count as strikes.
• If the pitcher **intentionally** contacts a batted ball, all runners will return to their bases last occupied. If the pitcher is contacted by a batted ball in any other way, the ball will become dead, runners will return to their bases last occupied, and the pitcher will re-pitch to the batter. The dead ball contact will not count as a pitch to the batter.

• fly balls caught in fair or foul territory.
• ground balls fielded to a base for a force-out.
• tagging the runner out or throwing the ball at the runner and hitting him/her when he/she is not in contact with a base (if, in the attempt to get the runner out, a thrown ball hits the ground before striking the runner, NO out will be made).

• The ball can be thrown at the runner as long as the throw is **below the shoulders**. A ball that hits a runner’s head will be deemed dead and the runner will be awarded 1 base from the last legally touched base.

  *(Exception: a player who is not in regular standing/running position and is hit in the face/head will be ruled out. Ex: bending down to avoid getting hit)*

7) **Courtesy Runners:** Prior to each at bat, an injured player that desires to use a courtesy runner must declare to the umpire that he/she needs a courtesy runner if he/she reaches base safely. If, while running the bases, the batter achieves third base or beyond, a courtesy runner will not be allowed.

• Exception: If the injury occurs during the at-bat, a pinch runner may be used. The pinch runner shall be the player, of the same gender, that has recorded the last out or a player, of the same gender, that has not yet entered the contest.

8) A batted ball that hits the batter, while still in the batting area, will be called a foul ball.

9) A batted ball that strikes an advancing runner in fair territory is considered dead and the struck runner is out. The batter will receive first base, and other runners may only advance if forced.

10) Play stops when the ball is controlled in the infield by a defensive player and the umpire declares “time.”

11) Bunting is not allowed---only full swings are permitted. A full swing is defined as one continuous motion, from the backswing to the follow through. An attempted bunt will count as 1 of the 3 pitches.

12) No sliding or diving to a base. If this occurs, the runner is automatically out. No sliding or diving is allowed in order to tag a runner. If this occurs, the runner is awarded 1 base from the last base touched.

13) A ball shall be declared a home run if:

   a. It hits on or above the purple line on the North wall of the playing field.
b. It clears the wire holding the netting on the East portion of the playing field.

14) Ground Rule Double: When a fair batted ball bounces above, rolls under or through any designated boundary of playing field, OR when it deflects off a defensive player and goes out of play. The ball will be declared dead and all runners are awarded 2 bases from their positions at the time of the throw.

15) A female scoring is worth 2 runs.

16) A ball is out of bounds if, during a throw, it goes over any part of the net. Balls that are out of bounds may not be played.

17) A batted ball that hits any part of the ceiling or anything hanging from the ceiling while in fair territory shall be considered dead and all runners will return to their bases. This pitch will count as 1 of the batter’s 3 pitches.

18) Diving is not recommended to field the ball due to chance of injury. It is recommended that all players wear long pants and shirts due to possible abrasions from the floor surface.

19) The umpire will serve as the catcher until the ball becomes live, at which point the fielding team becomes responsible. The defensive team can provide a catcher if desired. This player has the right to make plays on all live balls.

20) The umpire shall rule on any decisions not specifically covered in these rules.

21) No more than 2 players on a Wiffleball team may be a member or coach of the UI club Baseball team.