



BRISTOL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE CAPTAINS

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

Remember to refer to the Standing Orders if you are not sure of any of the rules regarding ringers, players, umpires, rained off games etc etc – everything is covered and there is a copy in this pack.

Before the Game

a) 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.

b) 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!

c) 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.**

PRE-MATCH MEETING WITH UMPIRE(S):

a) 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.

b) 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.



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c) Confirm team line-up

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

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

d) Play ball and enjoy

AT THE END OF THE GAME

a) Most Valued Players (MVP)

- Decide on **ONE Male and ONE Female MVP** from the opposing side and write their name on **the score card**.

b) Fill in the Score Card:

- Print your name
- Fill the innings scores and final result
- If you have any comments regarding your Umpire, **positive** or **negative**, please let the Umpire in Chief know.

c) Sign the card and pass it onto the opposition or the **Plate Umpire**.

d) Go to the bar!