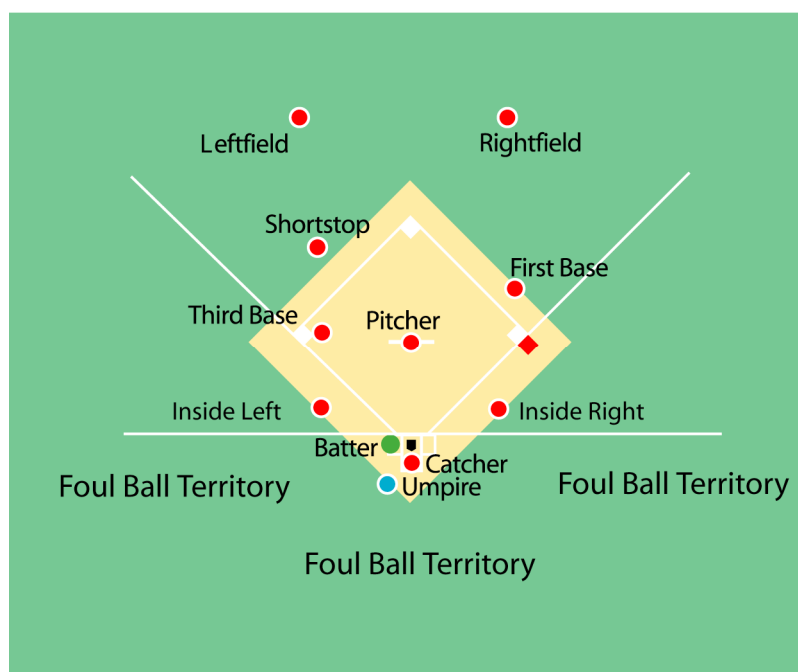
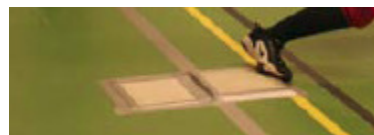


## Arena Softball “Competitive”

### Where

- ❖ Played in a gym with a basketball/netball court size gym. 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> base placed at the 1/3 line of the netball court, 2<sup>nd</sup> based placed at the top of the basketball key. If the indoor facility is big enough infields can be measured to the correct dimensions (18 meters).
- ❖ For safety purposes tape bases down.



### Rules

- ❖ Seven innings or a timed 45-60 minute game. Allowing 5 minutes per half inning.
- ❖ No sliding, stealing or bunting.
- ❖ Safety base is used.
- ❖ Open substitution. Pitchers only allowed to be substituted at the beginning of an inning.

### Equipment

- ❖ Lite flight ball, soft flexi ball or foam ball for indoor use.
- ❖ Regulation bats –or hard foam bats. If a regulation bat is to be used mats may need to be put down to place bats on as the bats could damage the surface of the gym

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- ❖ A maximum of 12 players.
- ❖ All players bat.
- ❖ Batting order to remain the same.
- ❖ If co-ed genders must alternate.

### **Defense**

- ❖ Field 5 – 9 players. Pitcher covers 2nd, 1st & 3rd baseman, shortstop & outfielders.
- ❖ Must have a pitcher & catcher.

### **Balls & Strikes**

- ❖ Normal Game: 3 outs per half inning.
- ❖ Timed Game: any number of outs can be made per half inning.
- ❖ Start game with a 1 and 1 count.
- ❖ 4 balls and 3 strikes.
- ❖ 3rd strike foul is out.

### **Score Restrictions**

- ❖ Normal Game: 10 runs allowed per inning.
- ❖ Timed Game: No run restrictions.

### **Out of Bounds**

- ❖ Area behind home plate designated as foul ball territory (see diagram)
- ❖ No out of bounds – everything is live. Balls caught off the wall are out.

### **Home Runs**

- ❖ Specific area classified as a home run. This could be designated by a line, banner, coloured area on the back wall – when the ball is hit above this area, on the full, it is regarded as a home run.

### **Runs**

- ❖ A run is scored when a runner crosses over home plate.

**NOTE:** This game can also be played outdoors. When played outdoors on a regular softball diamond, players should be allocated in normal playing positions.

It makes for a quick game with players having to keep on the move as they compete against the clock.