



Dome Ball Rules – Updated 10/23/2013

All ASA/NAFA rules will apply with the following exceptions:

- 1) There are **NO METAL CLEATS** allowed in the Irish Sports Dome. If metal cleats are discovered, the player will be asked to change shoes immediately. A second set of metal cleats found will result in an ejection. This is a 2-fold rule that allows the dome to maintain a quality playing surface while also protecting the players from having metal cleats grabbing in the artificial surface.
- 2) We will utilize the ASA/NAFA Tournament rule for the dome roof.
 - a. If a ball hits the dome roof in **fair territory** and is caught by the defensive team, the player shall be called out.
 - b. If a ball hits the dome roof in fair territory and is dropped or lands on the playing surface, the ball is dead and shall be called "foul".
 - c. If a ball hits the dome roof in foul territory, the ball is dead.
 - d. If a ball hits the dome roof in fair territory past the midline (Seam) of the dome, the award is 4 bases or a "homerun" as these balls will have landed past the fence.
- 3) Warm-up space is provided in-between the fields and is available 1 hour prior to the start of your first game. For teams playing the first time slot, the fields/dome will be open 1 hour prior to your start time. For example games starting at 7:00 am, the dome will be open at 6:00 am.
- 4) If a ball hits the netting, and in estimation of the umpire is tied up, dead ball will be declared and the runners will get 1 base. If the ball hits the net and, in estimation of the umpire is playable, live ball play will continue. If the ball is tied up in the net, bounces over or under the outfield wall, or rolls out of play past the outfield fence, have the closest defender(s) immediately put their hands up to assist the umpire.
- 5) Roster batting is mandatory. No dp/flex or straight 9 batting orders are allowed, unless you only have 9 players.
- 6) Courtesy Runners are allowed for pitchers and catchers and must be the last batter available (not necessarily last out).
- 7) All umpires will be ASA/NAFA certified from the previous year.
- 8) All games will be played with a 55 minute time limit.
- 9) 5 runs is the max allowed for a team to score per inning before switching over to defense.
- 10) All umpires calls are final. There are no protests allowed. We will be in a 1 umpire system.

Both positive and negative feedback about umpires, our leagues and facility can be directed to Chris at Sales@irishsportsdome.com or Calling the dome at 651-423-0540 or Cell 651-270-4507.