

SOFTBALL STRATEGIES

- 1. Go for the sure out.**
- 2. Do not leave any open spaces in the field. Fill the gaps.**
- 3. Short stop covers second base on a ball hit to the right side of the base.**
- 4. The Pitcher or 2nd baseman covers first when the first baseman fields the ball.**
- 5. All positions should look to back up all throws and catches.**
- 6. When fielding, watch the ball go into your mitt and use your free hand to secure the catch.**
- 7. Outfielders throw to the base ahead of the runner unless you can make the out for sure.**
- 8. Remember where every player hits (from previous innings), so that you can position yourself for the next time.**
- 9. When fielding a ground ball, keep your mitt down and get behind the ball. On a fly ball, use both hands.**
- 10. Run towards slow grounders to get the ball faster. Keep your eye on the ball.**
- 11. Before the ball is hit, check where the baserunners are so you know where to make the play, if you get the ball. Think ahead.**
- 12. Always keep your eyes on the ball no matter what you are doing.**