

PE61 Officiating Expectations: Slow Pitch Softball

General Objectives:

- Respect the game.
- Provide for a safe environment.
- Be fair and consistent.
- Keep the sport fun.
- Help the young players learn the game.

Focal Points:

1. Management—Captain's meeting, maintain control
2. Decisiveness—Voice, whistle, body language
3. Correct Calls & Signals—Demonstrative, visible
4. Proper Position—Demonstrate inside-outside theory
5. Professionalism—Act your part

Plate Umpire:

1. Play ball signal
2. Call balls and strikes (shoulder-knees strike zone; must stay within and clear home plate)
3. Call fair and foul
4. Call fly outs
5. 3rd base tag

Field Umpire:

1. A B or C position
2. Apply inside-outside theory (if ball is hit inside diamond, stay outside; if ball is hit outside diamond, move in)
3. Call safe and out
4. Steals and appeals
5. 1st and 2nd base tags