Whiffle Ball Rules

I. Eligibility
   a. Any undergraduate student, enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour, with a valid Bethany ID card is eligible until they withdraw from the college or fail to comply with other eligibility guidelines.
   b. Any faculty member or administrative/staff personnel employed by the college w/ an administrative/staff ID card.
   c. Current school year intercollegiate student-athletes are eligible to participate in all IM sports NOT related to their respective sport in their NCAA traditional season. Refer to IM handbook for further details.

II. Roster Size
    Maximum 12 players; minimum 3 females

III. Scoring
    a. A point will be awarded for each run scored before the third out of the inning.

IV. General Rules
    a. The IM department will provide bases, bats, and balls for each scheduled contest and teams must use the equipment provided. No gloves are permitted.
    b. A team will consist of 9 players on the floor at a time. A maximum of 12 players will be allowed on each roster, and each team must play a minimum of 3 females at a time.
    c. If a team does not have 3 females they will have to take an out each female they are short each inning.
    d. A minimum of 5 players is required to start playing.
    e. Batting order must alternate males and females.
    f. Each team is permitted to bat through the order once per inning.
    g. Each team must provide a catcher regardless of the number of players present.
    h. A game will consist of seven innings or 50 minutes, whichever comes first.
    i. “Home” and “Away” will be decided by Rock, Paper, Scissors before the start of the game.
    j. The game will be ended by Mercy Rule if a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, or 8 runs after 6 innings.
    k. Pitches can be over or under hand.
    l. No designated hitters are allowed. Each player in the field must also bat.
    m. Two foul balls after the second strike will be an out.
    n. Bunting is not allowed.
    o. If a ball hits the ceiling, a wall, basket, or any other object in fair territory it is considered a live ball and can be caught for an out.
    p. Base runners are not allowed to leave the base until the ball is hit by the batter.
    q. If a base runner intentionally interferes with someone fielding the ball they are out.
    r. Sliding is not allowed and will result in an out.
    s. There is no overthrow rule. Runners may advance at their own risk. If the ball is thrown out of play runners will be allowed one extra base.

II. Recording of Scores/Results
    a. Complete the official results form and give to IM Director upon completion of game.