



Special Olympics
New Mexico

SONM RULE CLARIFICATIONS

1. All players requiring a “T” after the second strike need to be indicated as such on the batting lineup with a “C” next to their name.
 - a. At any time, if an official sees a player struggling consistently throughout the game, the official may ask if the player wishes to use the “T”. The decision is strictly up to the player.
2. If during a pitch, the ball hits the ground prior to crossing the plate, the ball is considered dead, and will be called a ball.
3. In all upper divisions, athletes and partners are allowed to slide if it is considered safer. Sliding is discouraged, but if it becomes necessary due to safety concerns it will be allowed.
 - a. At no time is it acceptable or authorized to run over a player at any base for any situation.
 - b. There will be no sliding in “C Level” competition.
4. In the event that a partner is *intentionally* walked, the athlete has the option of taking a base or hitting. This is the athlete’s choice not the coaches.
 - a. The coach will have authority to walk the athlete if there are already two outs.
5. The ten run rule will apply in the fifth inning. The fifteen run rule will apply in the third inning.
6. There will be no ties. All innings will be finished.
7. On the Clemente Field, all home runs will count as a double.
 - a. If, in the judgment of the umpire or tournament director, home runs become the dominant play, modifications will be implemented. This will hold true for any field of play.