**Softball Study Guide:**

* A foul ball is considered a strike.
* Three strikes and the batter is out.
* Each team is allowed 3 outs in each half of an inning.
* The only base that you can over run safely is first base.
* Base people should forget their base and stop the batted ball from going into the outfield.
* When hitting it is important to watch the ball until it makes contact with the bat.
* The shortstop covers second base almost as often as the second base person does.
* A shortstop is positioned between second and third base.
* In a softball game the home team always gets to hit last.
* When reaching to catch a ball below the waist you should point your fingers towards the ground with the palm of your hand facing forward.
* Right-handed throwers should step forward on their left foot.
* When a fielder catches a foul ball, the batter is out.

**Forced out**- Fielding team can step on the base to get the runner out if they had to run to that base due to another runner forcing them to the next base. First base is always a forced out. For a forced out on any other base- there must be another running that has to advance to that base.

**Tagging up**-Runners leaving a base before a ball is caught on a fly must return to the base before they can advance to the next base.

**Abbreviations:**

RBI- Runs batted in

SS- Short stop

K- Strike out

HR- Home run

LF- Left field

RF- Right field

CF- Center field