

## **Terminology – Amateur Softball Refined**

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### **G – Games or Games Attended (GA)**

Number of times a player came to the field to participate in a game.

A player who attends a game that is forfeited (by either team), or is postponed at game time is credited with a “game attended”. Double-header count as 2 GA’s. People who come to the field to watch a game with no intention of playing are not credited with a GA.

### **PA – Plate Appearances (Not displayed)**

Number of times a player comes to bat, regardless of outcome. Value is equal to AB + SAC

### **AB – At bats**

The number of times the player steps up to the plate and either makes a hit or an out. Value is equal to PA – SAC.

### **R – Runs**

Number of times a players scores a run. In other words, how many times the player successfully rounds bases and touches home plate.

### **H – Hits**

Number of times the ball is hit into play and no one gets out as a result. The batter will at the very least reach first. Since errors are not counted in this league, a hit is awarded if no out are recorded after a batter hits a ball into play and reaches base.

### **2B –Doubles**

Number of double hit. A double is when a batter hits the ball and reaches second base before the play is over. In this league, advancing to second on an over-throw to first is recorded as a “double”.

### **3B - Triples**

Number of triples hit. A triple is when a batter hits the ball and reaches third base before the play is over.

### **HR – Home Run**

There are two types of home runs: conventional and “inside the park” or ITP. A conventional HR is when the ball leaves the field of play over fair territory. An ITP HR is when the a batter hits the ball and rounds the bases back to home plate before the play is over.

**SO – Strike Outs (Also written as “K”)**

In this league, a player “strike outs” after failing to hit the ball into play after four pitches. Strikes out are not favored.

**FC – Fielder’s Choice (Unconventional stat)**

Is the number of times a player hits into a “fielder’s choice.” This occurs when a batter hits the ball into play and a fellow team member gets out as a result. An unconventional statistic recorded by request.

**SAC – Sacrifice**

Occurs when a batter hits a ball into play so that fellow base runners can advance or score at the cost of the batter getting out. Such “at bats” are considered a sign of “good team work” and therefore do not negatively impact batting average. Another way to put it: a productive out.

**RBI – Runs Batted In**

The number of base runners that score after a batter hits the ball into play. In this league, an RBI is awarded even on a fielder’s choice. NOTE: A run does NOT count if the third out is made AND the out is a force out.

**TB – Total Bases**

The value corresponds to the total number of bases the batter has reached following a base hit. Reaching base on a fielder’s choice does NOT count, nor do any bases reached *after* the batter’s base hit. A single gives the batter one base, a double nets two bases, a triple 3 bases and a homerun 4. The value is meant to gauge the “power” of a batter. This stat is sometimes reported in place of “slugging percentage”.

**SLG % - Slugging Percentage**

On average, the number of bases the batter proceeds to after hitting a ball. The max value is 4.0, which corresponds to four bases or a HR for every at-bat. A value of one means the batter will make it to first each time he or she makes a hit. The value is meant to gauge the “power” of a batter.

**AVG – Batting Average**

The probability in which a batter will make a base hit. Values range from 0.000 to 1.000. A batting average of .750 means the batter will make a base hit 75% of the time.

**E – Error**

Occurs when a fielder mishandles, msthrows or mismatches the ball, resulting in an out not being made. Ruling a play either a missed fielding attempt of an “error” is subject to interpretation. Since this is an amateur league, fielders will make mistakes often. Therefore, this statistic is not logged.

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The following terms were invented to keep track of stats specific to indoor softball.

**BT – Bases Taken**

When the ball is hit into play, a base runner is expected to try and advance one base. If the opportunity arises, the base runner may try to advance extra bases on that play. This stat logs the number of *extra* bases advanced during a play. (Ex, if you advance 2 bases on a hit instead of one, you get a "BT".)

**HW – Hit Wall**

Number of times the outfield wall was hit by a ball hit into play. On such plays "the batter cannot be thrown out at first". Such occurrences are a guaranteed hit unless someone is forced out at another base.