

# PRESS RELEASE

## Amendments Made to TMFSL Special Operating Rules (SOR)

*Use of protective equipment recommended to encourage player safety*

**Toronto, ON (June 9, 2008):** Effective immediately, amendments have been made to the Special Operating Rules ("SOR") used by the Toronto Mutual Fund Softball League ("TMFSL").

Changes have been made to wording in Sections 7 & 8 of these rules related to throws from the outfield to 1<sup>st</sup> base; and, run-down situations between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate.

The amended sections read as follows:

**Section 7** – "All outfielders are prohibited from attempting to throw out a batter advancing to 1st base."

This is a material change to the TMFSL SOR and is effective immediately with the intent of enhancing player security when advancing from home plate to 1<sup>st</sup> base. It should be noted that outfielders are still able to throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base when a runner has reached 1<sup>st</sup> base safely - for instance, when a runner fails to tag up following a successful catch.

Throws to 1<sup>st</sup> base from any location of the diamond inherently bear more risk than other plays. Players should use their best judgement in making throws to this area and avoid any such throws which may risk causing injury to other players.

**Section 8** – "A defensive player may, in a run down between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and the Commitment Line, attempt to tag the runner out. A defensive player must **not** attempt to tag the runner at any time in the area between the Commitment Line and home plate (or the Safe Line)."

This is a wording clarification to the better reflect the spirit of the rule that currently exists. Section 8 of the TMFSL SOR fully describes the complete set of rules relating to this situation.

Team Captains and/or Assistant Captains are highly encouraged to review these sections of the updated TMFSL SOR (available online at [www.tmfsl.com](http://www.tmfsl.com)) and to ensure that all participating team members are aware of these rules and safety recommendations.

The TMFSL encourages all players to use protective equipment at his/her discretion to ensure their personal safety when participating in league games.

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ABOUT THE TORONTO MUTUAL FUND SOFTBALL LEAGUE ("TMFSL")

*The Toronto Mutual Fund Softball League ("TMFSL") is a non-profit organization based in the City of Toronto. The league strives to actively promote and offer a recreational source of co-ed slo-pitch softball to employees of Mutual Fund and other Financial Services organizations throughout the City of Toronto and its immediate surrounding municipalities.*

*In existence since 1991, the league has grown to host between 20-26 teams through a full schedule of Regular Season and Playoff games between the months of May and September each year.*

*The TMFSL operates with a volunteer staff of league Executive, Captains and Assistant Captains representing over 500 players from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).*