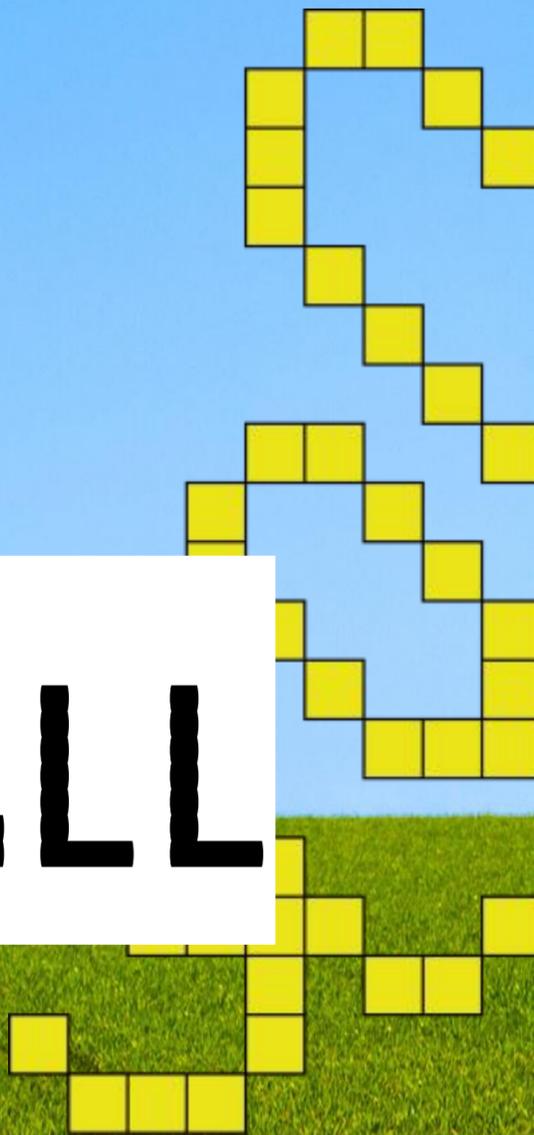
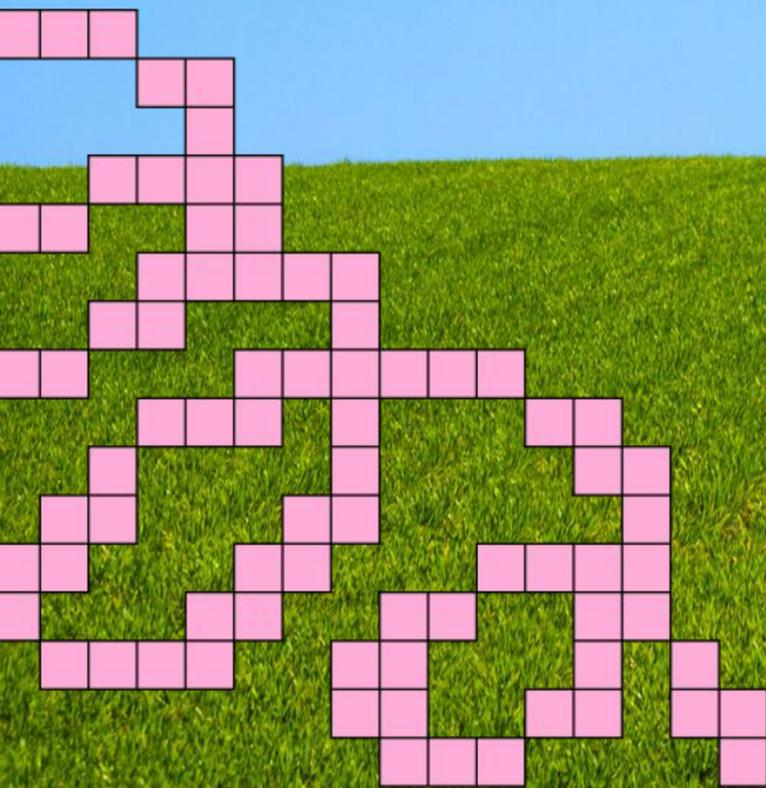


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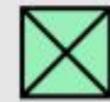
BASEBALL





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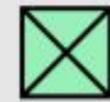
Exhibit A: Field Dimensions and Composition



Baseball, base path: 90 feet, regulation outfield fence distance of 330ft down the foul lines and 400ft to center field.

Softball, base path: 60 feet, recommended outfield depth a minimum of 190ft down the lines and 235ft to center.

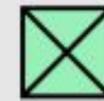
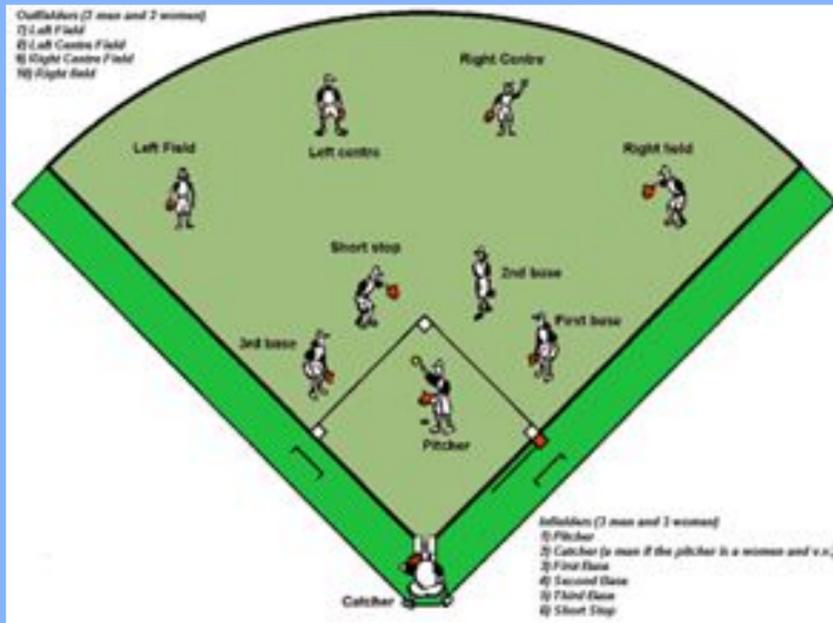
Exhibit A: Field Dimensions and Composition



Baseball Mound: raised mound 10" 18 ft diameter, grass infield, 60'6" from plate

Softball Mound: flat mound, dirt infield, 43" from plate

Exhibit B: Team Composition



Baseball: 9 players

Softball:

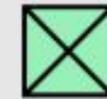
fast pitch: 9

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Exhibit C: Batting Strategy



Baseball: (Almost) Never Slap Hits, frequently bunts.

Softball: Often Slap Hits & bunts

Exhibit D: Game Length

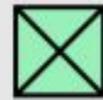


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Baseball: 9 Innings

Softball: 7 Innings

Exhibit E1: Equipment-Ball



Baseball: 9 inches in circumference, weighs 5 ounces, white in color with red laces.

Softball: 12 inches in circumference, weighs 6.7-7.3 ounces, optic yellow in color.

Exhibit E2: Equipment-Bat



Baseball: Barrel 2 ¾ - 2 5/8 " diameter. Heavier, Shorter, End-loaded, Low negative drop weight

Softball: Barrel 2 ½" diameter, Longer, Lighter, Mid-balanced, High negative drop weight

Product Type

Baseball Bats, Softball Bats

Baseball Bats (525)

Softball Bats (142)

Exhibit E3: Equipment-Glove



Infield baseball gloves range between 11.25" and 11.75".

Outfield baseball gloves range 12.00" through 13.00."

Most fastpitch softball gloves are between 12" to 13".

Product Type ^

- Baseball Gloves (918)
- Gloves (872)
- Softball Gloves (362)
- Batting Gloves (267)

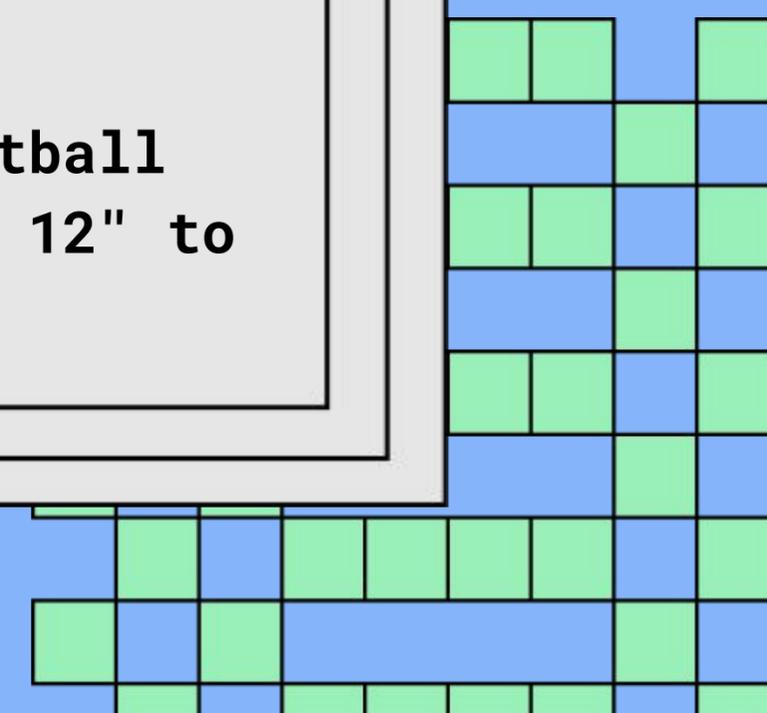
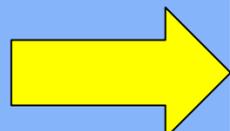
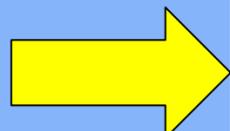
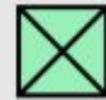


Exhibit E4: Equipment-Infield Protection



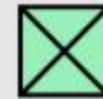
Baseball: Infielders typically do not wear face cages or helmets. Head protection for batters and baserunners only.

Softball: Infielders wear face cages and (sometimes) helmets.

Exhibit F: Pitching



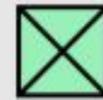
Exhibit G: Baserunning



Baseball: Players can lead off and attempt to steal before the pitcher throws the ball. Runners can “steal off the pitcher.”

Softball: Players cannot lead off. One foot must remain on the base until the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Runners can “steal off the catcher.”

Exhibit H: Picnics and Social Events



One can fairly easily find evidence that softball dominates social bat & ball games (in the US) at events for non-expert players.

There are "corporate" leagues for both games, but one-off events that include family members, etc. exhibit a strong preference for softball.



Exhibit I: Taxonomical Similarity ≠ Sameness

Sports with
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Sticks



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And with 4
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And with an
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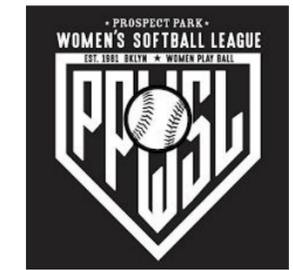


Exhibit J1: Established Law-Weird Arguments that Prefer Semantics over Cultural Context Do Not (often) Succeed



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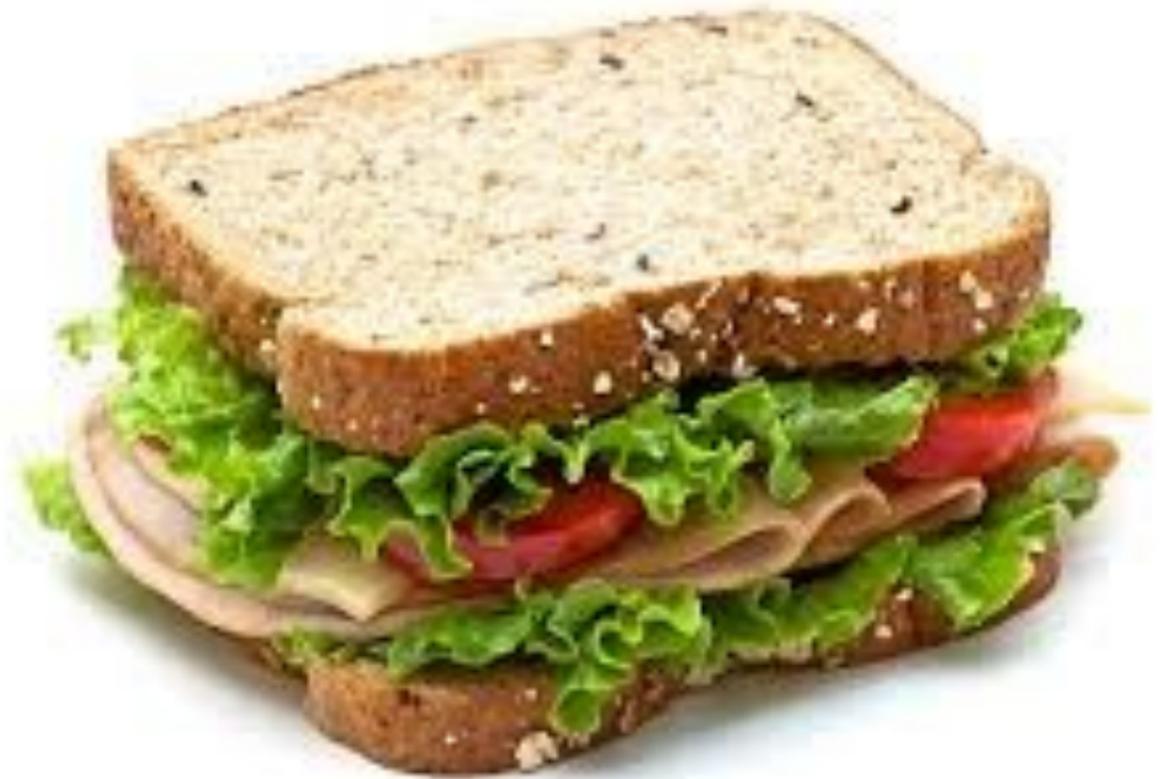


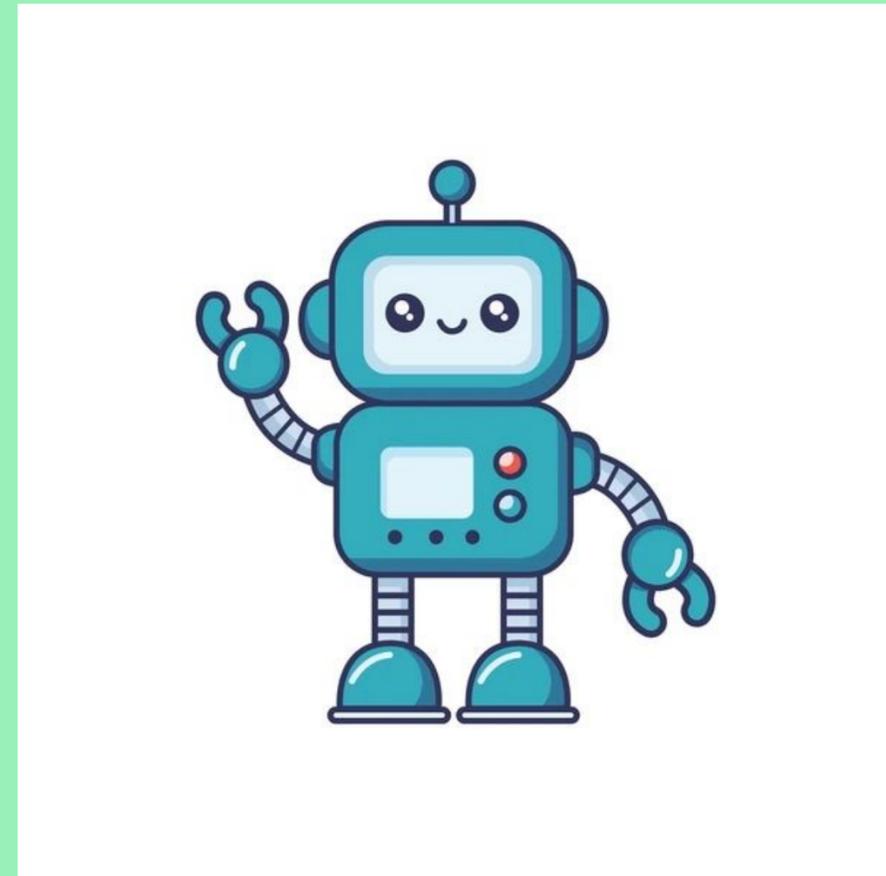
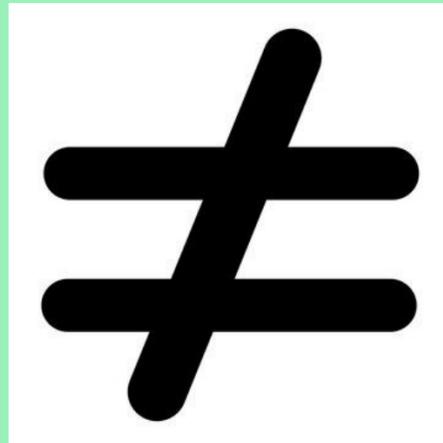
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Exhibit J3: Established Law-Weird Arguments that Prefer Semantics over Cultural Context Do Not (often) Succeed





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Exhibit K: Lemmy the Newfoundland



