

# GEMSA Competitive Division

## 2024 Season – League Play



### 2024 Format: GEMSA U17/U19 Competitive Division

Creation of two divisions

- **Open Division:** This division will be a combination of the U19 A/B teams and the top U17A teams
- **U17 Competitive Division:** This division will be made up of the remaining A/B teams
  - Both divisions will be decided on a **Tiering Tournament (May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 2024)** Teams will play a Round Robin format against teams in the category. Final league divisions will be decided on multiple criteria. (Win-Loss Record, Runs For and Against, Games Scores) this will allow us to help create competitive divisions and games for all teams. GEMSA will have the final say as to the division makeup.
  - There will be a re-tiering review will be completed at the end of May, at that point teams may be moved up or down in the divisions.
  - Each team will play one game per week (**Games nights will be Tuesday and Wednesday**).
  - Season will begin April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will end tentative June 24<sup>th</sup> with the completion of GEMSA Finals
  - Season will consist of 4 to 6 Tiering games, 8 League games, GEMSA Championship Weekend (this is all dependent on weather and other factors that may arise)
  - Each team will be required to supply a “Home Diamond” to GEMSA for their team’s home games to be played on. Diamond needs to be a fenced diamond. Each team will receive approx. 4 home games.
  - All teams will be expected to participate in GEMSA Finals Weekend, finals weekend is currently scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Leduc (Championship Format will be announced)

### Rules:

- Games will be played under Softball Canada Rules unless otherwise stated.
- Each weekday game will be in 2 hours in length, the games will be played with unlimited innings, as well there will be no mercy rule in place. The game is complete once the time limit is completed. If the game is mid-inning at the expiration of time limit, the inning will be completed.
- There will be 7 run rule max per half inning.
- \$200/game no-show/forfeit fee to cover the cost of the game and potential makeup if a team no shows or does not have 8 players to start a game. GEMSA needs to be notified of any rescheduled games. If there is no notification BOTH Teams will be charged \$200.00.
- Unlimited Defensive Substitutions. Teams can choose to bat their whole lineup or bat a “Starting 9”
- If teams begin the game with “Starting 9” it can not change batting order format (Change to full team batting) Offensive Substitutions rules will be in effect.
- Metal Cleets will be allowed.

GEMSA will be presenting a final set of rules before the beginning of the season.

### Registration

- Registration Costs: \$1100.00 + \$200.00 No-Show Bond (teams will receive back at end of year if not used)
  - Cost of Umpires Included (Rates are based on double coverage at each game)
  - Cost includes Tiering Tournament
  - Additional Costs (Administrative/Awards/Advertising/Website)
- Registration Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024