

GEMSA Competitive Division

2024 Season – GEMSA Finals

GEMSA U17/U19 Competitive Division

GEMSA Finals Tournament Rules

GEMSA Finals Specific Rules:

(The following rules are for the GEMSA Finals Only)

▪ Time limits/ Innings:

- No new innings after **1 hour and 30mins for Bracket Play**
- No new innings after **2 hours for Medal games**
- Games will have a 7 inning max, unless tied. (If games are tied after the expiration of Time Limit or 7 completed innings. Games will proceed with the international tie-breaker rule in effect)

▪ Mercy Rules:

- **15 runs or more** after 3 completed innings.
- **10 runs or more** after 4 completed innings.
- **7 Runs or more** after 5 completed innings/
- The losing team may, at any time, concede the game by informing the umpire that the game is conceded.
(note: The full inning must be completed prior to the game be conceded)

Rules:

- Games will be played under Softball Canada Rules unless otherwise stated.
- There will be 7 run rule max per half inning.
- Unlimited Defensive Substitutions. Teams can choose to bat their whole lineup or bat a “Starting 9” (**this must be declared to the Home Plate Umpire prior to the game**)
- If teams begin the game with “Starting 9 batting order” you can not change batting order format (Change to full team batting) Offensive Substitutions rules will be in effect.

Equipment:

- Metal Cleats will be allowed during game play.
- Facemasks are recommended for all infielders but are not mandatory during gameplay.
- Pitcher must wear an approved facemask during gameplay.
- Only approved bats by Softball Canada will be allowed.