

GEMSA Competitive Division

2025 Season- Season Play



GEMSA U15/U17/U19 Competitive Division

GEMSA Opening Weekend Rules:

(The following rules are for the GEMSA Opening Weekend)

- **Time limits/ Innings:**
 - No new innings after **1 hour and 30mins**
 - Games will have a **7-inning max** (Ties will be counted)
 - **Time limit will start at the end of the Plate Talk** (Both teams need to be ready to go)
- **Mercy Rules: Run ahead rule**
 - 20 after 4 innings
 - 15 after 5 innings

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.** All players on the lineup card Bat.
- Home teams will supply 3 approved Softball Canada Game Ready Balls for the game. (Slo-Pitch Balls are not allowed)

Equipment:

- For U15, and U17/19 Metal Cleats will be allowed during game play.
- **Facemask are mandatory** during gameplay for all infielders as per Softball Alberta.
- Pitcher must wear an approved facemask during gameplay.
- Only approved bats by Softball Canada will be allowed.

GEMSA Weekday Games:

- **Time Limits/ Innings:** Games are completed when one of the **2 occurs**
 - No new innings after **1 hour and 50 minx**
 - **Completed 7-innings** (Ties will be counted)
- **Mercy Rules:**
 - There are No mercy rules in effect for weekday games.

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. All players on the lineup card Bat.
- Home teams will supply 3 approved Softball Canada Game Ready Balls for the game. (Slo-Pitch Balls are not allowed)

Equipment:

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2025 Pick Up Rules: (Competitive Division Only)

- Once Roster is finalized no new players will be allowed to be added to your roster. **(Note: You can only pick up players if your team is going to have 9 players or less for a game. A maximum of 10 players will be allowed on the lineup card)**
- Players must be marked on the lineup card with an **(AF) on the lineup prior to the start of the game.**
- Teams in the Competitive Division for the 2025 season will be allowed to pick up players from
 1. Teams in the Rec Division in the same age category (i.e. U15 teams can pick up from U15 rec and below)
 2. Teams can request pickups from teams in the same division (i.e. U17/19 can pick up from other U17/19 teams)

(BEFORE this occurs the team looking to pick up must EMAIL and have approval (email or text approval) from the Pick-Up players Head Coach and a copy of that approval must be emailed to admin@gemsa.ca Prior to the start of the game.)

- If a team is caught using a Non-GEMSA registered/approved player, the team will forfeit the game, and the Head Coach will be suspended for **2 games.**