

South Vancouver Island (SVI)  
Fastpitch Association

**OPERATING AND  
LEAGUE PLAY  
RULES**

2018

U12/U14/U16/U19

## **SECTION ONE - GAME TIMES & DURATION**

1. The Umpire will advise the coaches of the correct time allocated for the game at the plate meeting prior to commencement of the game. Weeknight games have a time limit of 1:45 with no new inning starting after 1:45. Weekend games have a time limit of 1:30 with no new inning starting after 1:30. If there is no game scheduled following and the coaches and Umpire all agree (at the start of the game) the time can be 1:45 with no new inning starting after 1:45.
2. Weeknight games prior to May will begin at 6pm. On and after May 1st, games will begin at 6:30pm on weeknights.

### Procedure for Postponement of Games:

1. To postpone a game for field conditions the Umpire will decide whether it is safe or unsafe to play, after all efforts tried to rectify the problem. Teams are to show up for game time as it is the Umpire who decides to postpone the game.
2. To postpone a game for other reasons (ie: school function), the coach must notify the other teams coach 48 hours before the scheduled game.
3. If either team fails to give proper notice of cancellation they are liable for the Umpires pay. A \$50 fine will be imposed by SVI on the offending park.

## **SECTION TWO – SCHEDULING, SCORING & STANDINGS**

### District Playoffs:

Plays off dates with parks are preset at the beginning of the season. Each team is responsible to inform the District Minor Coordinator of their willingness to participate in BC Championships.

### Moving Reclassified Teams:

Teams wishing to change their classification or are reclassified will be responsible to set up their own games or keep the same schedule as exhibition. These teams are ineligible for League Standings.

### Mixed League Play – League or Exhibition:

“A” division teams are able to attend scheduling of the next older age “B” division (ie U12 A in U14B League; U14A with U16B; and U16A with U18B) and schedule games with older age “B” division teams who are interested and willing to play. All “A” teams are to play by the appropriate “B” age division rules (eg U12A plays dropped third strike in U14B).

### Run Scoring:

1. *Runs ahead rule* - will take effect if a difference of fifteen runs or more is scored after 3 innings of play (or two and a half if the Home team is ahead) or by seven runs after 5 innings (four and a half if home team); the game will be over and the win awarded to the team that is ahead. SVI league games will not end when the runs ahead rule is in effect if both teams want to play on. However, scorekeeping stops and players move into different positions to learn new positions and be more sporting.

### Standings:

1. League standings will be determined by wins, losses, and ties.
2. Representative/coach of both teams is required to report their game score within 24 hours of the game completion.

## SECTION THREE – INJURIES

### Injuries:

The Softball BC injury form should be obtained from your park president at the start of the season and should be carried with you for all games and practices. If a player, coach, manager, Umpire or spectator is injured during a practice or game or en-route to a practice or game, it is the responsibility of the coach to record the following:

- A. Who was injured, name, address and phone number
- B. Nature of the injury
- C. Date, time and location
- D. Any witness, name, address and phone number
- E. What treatment was sought or first aid rendered

If an injury occurs, the coach must ensure the following receive a copy of the injury form:

- A. Softball BC
- B. Your Park President
- C. District One Minor Coordinator
- D. Keep one for your records

**Note:** *That if the injury requires professional medical treatment, the form must be filled out.*

The Softball Canada rule regarding injury is waived in minor ball. An injured player can be substituted for:

- 1. A player that has not yet been in the game
- 2. A player that has already played and has legally been subbed out.
- 3. A player that is no longer eligible to play-provided the player was not ejected by the umpire.

### Blood:

A player whose uniform is soiled by blood may return to the game out of uniform (i.e. t-shirt, sweatpants) to finish the game.

## SECTION FOUR – SVI LEAGUE RULES

Coaches in all levels may agree prior to a game to play 5 run max per inning with unlimited substitutions and bat all players. *Up until May 15th ONLY. Then the Softball BC rules for each Category and Classification are to be adhered to.*

### Age Adjusted Pitching Rules:

U12C: Pitchers will be limited to pitch a maximum of two innings per game.

U14C: Pitchers will be limited to pitch a maximum of three innings per game. Should a game go to a seventh inning any pitcher may return.

U12C and U14C -Boys: Pitchers will be limited to pitch a maximum of three innings per game. Should a game go to a seventh inning any pitcher may return.

U12A can pitch an 11" ball when playing with U14B league.

All Classifications- U12 to U18/U19:

1. In the event that one team only has 8 players, the opposing team shall provide a 9th defensive player. This 9th player can be any player from the lending team; this player does not bat for the team they are lent to.
  - a. When playing 8 players (and one borrowed player) the batting line-up will be squeezed so that the 9th spot is not an automatic out.
  - b. The game is scored as a forfeit. A legal game must start and finish with 9 players.
  - c. The Umpires will stay for the game which will be either 5 innings or time limit-whichever comes first.