



2026 MPSL Playing Rules

1. Ball

All age groups will use a 12-inch softball.

2. Field Dimensions

Age Group	Pitching Distance	Base Distance	Min Outfield Fence	Max Outfield Fence
U13	38 feet	55 feet	170 feet	225 feet
U15	40 feet	60 feet	210 feet	250 feet
U17	43 feet	60 feet	225 feet	265 feet
U19	43 feet	60 feet	225 feet	265 feet

3. Length of Games

- **U13:** 6 innings, no time limit
 - **U15, U17, U19:** 7 innings, no time limit
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4. Run Ahead Rule

U13:

- 13 runs after 4 innings (3½ if home team leads)
- 7 runs after 5 innings (4½ if home team leads)

U15, U17, U19:

- 15 runs after 3 innings (2½ if home team leads)
 - 10 runs after 4 innings (3½ if home team leads)
 - 7 runs after 5 innings (4½ if home team leads)
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5. Tie-Breaking

The International Tiebreaker Rule will be used at the end of regulation with the following modification:

- Only **one extra inning** will be played
 - If still tied, the game remains a tie
 - **U13 only:** Innings pitched limits are waived for the tiebreaker inning
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6. Suspended Play

If a game is stopped, it will resume from the exact point of suspension.

- a. The same lineup must be used as when the game was stopped
- b. Substitutions follow the official rulebook
- c. A game is considered complete if:

- **U13:** 4 innings (3½ if home team leads)
- **U15/U17/U19:** 5 innings (4½ if home team leads)

If not complete, the game will be resumed at a later date.

7. Batting Line-Up

- Lineups must be submitted to the home plate umpire before each game
- The submitted card is the official lineup in disputes

U13:

- Roster batting is mandatory
- All players must bat
- Injured players removed from lineup cannot return and no out is recorded

U15, U17, U19:

- Roster batting is not permitted
 - DP/Flex rule may be used
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8. Conferences

- **U13:** No limit (rule waived)
 - **U15:** 5 defensive conferences per game
 - **U17/U19:** 3 defensive conferences per game
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9. Innings Pitched

U13:

- Maximum 3 innings per game
- 1 pitch = 1 inning
- Violation results in game forfeiture

U15, U17, U19:

- No pitching limits
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10. Host Teams

For all MPSL league games:

- The **host team is the home team for both games** of a doubleheader
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11. Game Time Temperature

- Games will be postponed if the temperature is **below 10°C** at game time
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12. Game Cancellation Procedure

All scheduled games are expected to be played. A minimum of **48 hours' notice** is required for rescheduling.

Games may be cancelled due to:

- Temperature below 10°C
- Rain, lightning, or unsafe conditions
- Unplayable field conditions

Cancellation process (minimum 3 hours before game time):

The home team must:

- Notify the visiting team
- Notify the UIC (umpires)
- Notify the Commissioner

Additional notes:

- Games may be delayed due to weather
- One game of a doubleheader may be cancelled
- Umpires may cancel games at game time due to conditions

Rescheduling:

1. Teams must agree on a new date/time before submitting to the league
 2. Teams are encouraged to reschedule promptly
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13. Player Call-Up Procedure

Call-up players must:

1. Be registered with Softball Manitoba for the **current season**
 2. Be from:
 - The same organization (younger team), or
 - AA/A team (same age or younger)
 3. Have approval from their current coach for each game
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14. Minimum Innings

U13:

- Each player must play at least 2 innings
- Exception: Run ahead rule

U15, U17, U19:

- No minimum playing time requirement
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15. Infield Fly Rule

- In effect for all age groups
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16. Dropped Third Strike

U13:

- Rule does not apply (batter is out)

U15, U17, U19:

- Rule applies
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17. Inning Length

U13:

- Maximum 6 runs per inning or 3 outs

U15, U17, U19:

- No run limit
 - Defense must record 3 outs
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18. Temporary Runner

To speed up play:

- With 2 outs, a temporary runner may replace the pitcher and/or catcher
 - **U13 only:** May also be used after 5 runs scored in an inning
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19. Score Reporting

The home team must report the score immediately after the game by:

- Text or email
- Including a photo of the completed Official Game Report