

## **U15 Rules Shortlist- refer to your rulebook for specifics**

Rules of the Softball Canada Official Guide and Rulebook will be followed with the following exceptions:

- If a team is short players and cannot field a team by 6:30pm, the game can still be played. If the opposition has more than 9 players, they will provide players to the other team.
- No new inning will be started after 8:00pm unless the start of the game is delayed by circumstances beyond the control of either team (rain shower, etc). The time limit will then extend past 8:00pm by the same amount of time that the game was delayed.
- The entire team roster bats in order with no player sitting out (players not in field still get to bat).
- Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game. An inning will be considered as any part of an inning pitched and will not be based on the number of outs made in an inning. Example, a pitcher makes one out in an inning and is pulled, that is considered an inning pitched.
- There will be unlimited substitutions by all players to all positions.
- A teams at bat will be considered as complete if there are 3 outs made against them in one inning or if they score 5 runs. No more than 5 runs will be counted in any inning.
- Bunting is allowed. If the 3rd bunt is foul the batter is OUT.
- 3rd strike rule is in effect (catcher drops the ball on third strike batter runs).
- Infield fly rule does apply.
- Mercy rule will be in effect after 4 innings if there is a 15 run spread.
- All jewelery must be removed before game time.
- No foul language will be permitted from players or coaches or parents!
- When there are 2 outs and the catcher is on base, the coach may substitute a base runner for the catcher.
- Tie games shall remain a tie.
- An 12 inch ball is used. Pitching distance is 40' and baselines are 60'.
- Throwing of the bat is an automatic out. Exceeding a radius of about 3 feet around home plate is considered a thrown bat.
- If a batter is hit anywhere on the body by a pitch, the batter takes his base. If the batter does not attempt to avoid getting hit, a base is not awarded.
- If there is any dispute as to a call or play, the umpire's decision is final.