

## **Moose Jaw U15 Tournament – June 21-23, 2024**

### **Tournament Rules**

1. Official Softball Saskatchewan will govern unless otherwise stated.
2. Absolutely NO protests of games allowed.
3. Decision of the Umpires and Host Committee are FINAL.
4. All games will start on time as scheduled. A team more than fifteen minutes late will forfeit the game. The umpires watch will be the official time used.

### **NO INFIELD WARM-UPS**

5. Home team is determined by a coin flip at the pre-game home plate umpire meeting. The home team is responsible for scorekeeping, score clock and remote. Please ensure team names and players names and number are written clearly. Completed score sheets must be brought back to the shack after every game. Leave the box of score sheets and the scoreboard remote in one of the dugouts. Official start time of all games must be recorded on top of score sheet to eliminate all disagreements as to when time limit is up in any game. First pitch is considered the start time. The Scorekeeper's clock will be used for both the beginning and end of the game. Scorekeeper is responsible for keeping track of pitchers.
6. There will be unlimited substitutions and all players will bat.
7. All round robin games will be 7 innings max, no new inning starts after 1 hour 20 minutes. There is a hard stop at 1 hour and 30 minutes. The game will be stopped at this point, and the score from the last completed inning will be used, unless the home team takes the lead in their last at bat after passing the 1 hour 20 minute 'no new inning' time. The game stops and they would be given the win. Mercy rules do apply. Coaches are allowed 1 pitching conference per inning. The 2nd conference will result in the pitcher being pulled. Umpires will give one warning, then can call the game if they feel coaches are deliberately delaying games. Please hustle on and off the field.
8. Round robin games can end in a tie.
9. **Games will not be continued for the sole purpose of generating additional runs for 'runs for and against' in the tie breaking procedures.**
10. All playoff games will be 7 innings, no time limits. Mercy rules to apply.
11. Mercy Rule – 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings (3-1/2 if home team is ahead), 7 runs after 5 innings (4-1/2 if home team is ahead), or 6 runs after 6 innings (5-1/2 if home team is ahead). Our goal is to keep the tournament on schedule. (Playoffs and Finals included)
12. Mathematical eliminations end a game too. For example, if the home team is up by 6 runs in the

bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning the game is over as the visiting team can no longer catch them. The score is recorded as it was when the run crosses the plate that mathematically eliminates the other team. Neither team (winning/losing or home/away) get to run up the score further to help with their runs for/against.

13. Maximum 5 runs per inning.

14. There is a 4-inning maximum limit per game in all games for pitchers (one pitch in any inning counts as 1 inning).

15. Fielding masks are required for all pitchers as per the Softball Canada rules.

16. Coaches are allowed 1 pitching conference per inning. The 2nd conference will result in the pitcher being pulled. Umpires will give one warning, then call the game if they feel coaches are deliberately delaying games. Please hustle on and off the field.

17. Ranking to determine the top teams in each pool will be using the following criteria (in order):

a. Win/Loss Records

b. If still tied between 2 teams after (a) then winner of the game between the two tied teams (if they played each other)

c. If still tied after (b) then the team with best run differential.

d. Runs against

e. fewest innings played defensively.

e. If still tied a coin toss will decide the winner.

For 3 or more teams tied, all game played are used in the calculation. When it gets down to two teams it does not revert back to the 2 team tie breaker rules.

18. Playoff seeding and wild card teams will be determined by plus minus differential, followed by fewest runs against, fewest innings played defensively. If that still leaves a tie a coin flip will be used.

19. Playoff Round extra inning rule: The batter that last completed a turn at bat in the previous inning shall start the inning as a base runner at second (international Tie Breaking Rule with no outs)

20. Playoff games home team will be determined by highest seed having choice of home or away.

21. For the semi finals the top seeded team will play the lowest seeded team. The remaining two teams play each other.

22. In the event of a rainout in the final game, medals will be awarded based on the score at the last completed inning. No minimum inning requirement.

We ask that teams police their own fans and teams behavior towards other players, coaches, fans, and umpires. We have a full tournament this year and the last thing we want to do is have to notify anyone's softball organizations and let them know that their teams are not welcome back to future tournaments in Moose Jaw due to their fans or teams behavior.

Both locations have concessions that except card and cash.

Diamond locations. Optimist Park, 500 Block Lillooet St West

Street parking, and school parking lot on west side.

Do not park in Viterra elevator parking lot on Friday (that gate is locked anyways)

There is one access gate on the west side from the school parking lot, and another on the east side between diamond 1 and 2.



Eddy Moore Park Diamond #2, 1564 Caribou St. West, parking lot and street parking.

