

Perth Fastball Minor Softball Rules

1. A list of players with date of birth and address must be given to the convenor by the 15th of June of the playing year. Birth certificates are not required.
2. Home team shall supply all umpires.
3. Umpire requirements:

Bantam (U17)	Plate	Carded Mature
	Bases	Competent Mature
PeeWee (U15)	Plate	Carded Mature
	Bases	Competent Mature
Squirt (U13)	Plate	Carded Mature
	Bases	Competent Mature
Mite (U11)	Plate	Carded
	Bases	Competent
Pre-mite (U9)	Competent	
4. Each team shall call their convenor at the end of the scheduled season with their standings.
5. The home team shall be responsible to re-schedule rained out games. After 3 attempts by the home team to reschedule a cancelled game, convenor shall award the home team with game points. All rescheduled league games MUST be made up at least one week prior to the date of the playoff tournament is scheduled to begin.
6. Postponed games are to be arranged by the home team. If the home team is unable to provide diamond time, the game may be played at the opposing teams diamond. Any postponed game not played in accordance with Rule 5 above, then the game will be forfeited to the non-offending team. If both teams are at fault and the game cannot be played in accordance with Rule 5, then a loss is recorded against both teams.
7. Pitching distances, baselines and ball sizes shall be as per Softball Canada Rules.
8. Entire team roster shall bat with free substitutions in the field during the entire playing season.
9. All batters and runners, and on deck batters must wear helmets fastened securely to their head by a chinstrap.
10. All Catchers must wear an approved throat guard, mask and helmet, as well as chest protector and shin pads as per Softball Canada Rules.

11. Any player acting as a First base or Third base coach must wear a batting helmet.
12. Use of over-aged players. Each team may have two players registered on their team who are over the age specified in the Softball Canada Official Rule Book. However, they must not be a pitcher or a catcher must be only 1 year over-aged, and the home center does not have a team or a spot on the roster of the team of the overaged player's age group. These players will be eligible to play playoffs if they meet all other requirements of Perth Fastball League.
13. For both Mite and Squirt, regular season games shall be a minimum of 1-1/4 hours in duration or 7 innings. No inning shall start after 1-1/4 hrs. For PeeWee and above, regular season games shall be a minimum of 1-1/2 hrs in duration. No inning shall start after 1-1/2 hrs.
14. A regular closed inning shall consist of 3 outs or a maximum of 6 runs. The first 4 innings of any game Mite thru Bantam will be closed innings.
15. Any inning after the completion of the 4th inning will be considered an open inning. (Maximum Runs scored in an open inning for the regular season shall be no greater than 12 runs for either team.)
16. If insufficient notice of cancellation is provided to the home team to permit them to cancel the Umpires and avoid paying their services, then the offending team will be required to cover the cost of the umpires for the rescheduled game. Failure of the offending team to cover the costs will result in a forfeit to the home team.

In order to be eligible for the playoffs or the final playoff tournament, a player must have played at least 1/3 of the regular season games for his or her team. Proof of completion will be provided by completed game sheets by the team in question and verified if necessary with all opposing team game sheets. Therefore, first and last names must be provided on game sheets.

Pre-Mite or Grasshopper (U7/U9)

Grasshopper/Premite Softball Season

1. Coaches pitch to own players.
2. Coach has no contact with the ball after it is pitched. If a hit ball hits coach, the play is dead and the batter gets to hit again. (Pitch does not count)
3. Once the ball is picked up in the outfield, the umpires will allow the runners to advance to the base they are travelling to.
4. A runner cannot steal.
5. A runner must be hit home.
6. After five pitches, if the child has not hit the ball into the playing field, a "T" is placed on the plate and the batter is allowed to hit.
7. Maximum six runs per inning.
8. All games are 7 innings or 1 hour in length with the ability to finish the inning if it is started before the time limit has expired. No inning is to start after 1-hour time limit has expired.
9. Bases to be 45 feet apart.
10. Players are to use helmets, securely strapped to the head, for batting and running of the bases.
11. All catchers shall wear FULL GEAR, including facemasks, helmet, kneepads and chest protector.
12. Age limit of grasshopper is up to 8 years.
13. Maximum of 6 players are allowed in the infield at one time, with the remainder are allowed to be positioned in the outfield. Outfielders must throw the ball to the infield to create an out at any base. (*This will eliminate having too many infielders.*)
14. 11 inch Hard Balls are to be used for all games.

Mite (U11)

Mite Mixed
Softball Season

1. Softball Canada Rules shall apply for both boys and girls teams. If a team is a mixed boys and girls team, they will play under the rules set for boy's teams.
2. See Perth Fastball Rules for game duration.
3. Stealing will be allowed to any base on a pitched ball to the catcher, except to home. Runners must advance to home on a hit ball.
4. Batter / Base-runner may not advance to the next base on **any** overthrow from the infield or the outfield.
5. 3rd strike caught or not, batter is out.
6. If a player must leave the game early for any reason, his or her position in the batting order will be eliminated and is NOT an automatic out. Only exception to the rule is if the player is ejected from the game, his or her position at the plate will be considered an out.
7. Late players shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
8. Either team or both can play with 8 players. The position of the ninth player is not an automatic out.
9. All pitchers must wear CSA approved face masks while pitching.

Squirt (U13)

Squirt Mixed
Softball Season

1. Softball Canada Rules shall apply for both boys and girls teams. If a team is a mixed boys and girls team, they will play under the rules set for boy's teams.
2. See Perth Fastball Rules for game duration.
3. Stealing is allowed but only after the ball crosses home plate, otherwise the player shall be called out for a leadoff.
4. Third strike passed ball, batter is out, but base runners may advance at their own risk.
5. Stealing home will be allowed on a passed-pitched ball to the catcher.
6. Either team or both can play with 8 players. The position of the ninth player is not an automatic out. If a player must leave after the game has started, his or her position will not be considered an automatic out. Only exception to the rule is if the player is ejected from the game, his or her position at the plate will be considered an out.
7. All pitchers must wear CSA approved face masks while pitching.

Pee-Wee (U15)

PeeWee Mixed Softball Season

1. Softball Canada Rules shall apply for both boys and mixed teams.
2. See Perth Fastball Rules for game duration.
3. Stealing is allowed but only after the ball leaves the pitchers hand, otherwise the player shall be called out for a leadoff
4. Either team or both can play with 8 players. The position of the ninth player is not an automatic out. If a player must leave after the game has started, his or her position will not be considered an automatic out. Only exception to the rule is if the player is ejected from the game, his or her position at the plate will be considered an out.

Bantam (U17)

Bantam Mixed Softball Season

- 1 Softball Canada Rules shall apply for both boys and girls teams. If a team is a mixed boys and girls team, they will play under the rules set for boy's teams.
- 2 See Perth Fastball Rules for game duration.
- 3 If a player must leave the game early for any reason, his or her position in the batting order will be eliminated and is NOT an automatic out. Only exception to the rule is if the player is ejected from the game, his or her position at the plate will be considered an out.
- 4 Late players shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
- 5 Either team or both can play with 8 players. The position of the ninth player is not an automatic out.