



## 2022 NOSECREEK SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **TEAM WARM-UP:** No Infield warm-ups
2. **HOME/VISITOR:** Home and Visitor will be determined by a coin toss at home plate by the plate umpire prior to every game.
3. **PROTESTS:** **UMPIRE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.....NO PROTESTS.** The tournament will implement and strictly follow a **zero tolerance** policy for disrespectful and unruly spectators.
4. **Games:**
  - U11 pitchers can only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game
  - U13, U15 pitchers can only pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game
  - All games must start on time
  - **All Pitchers must wear a protective face mask when pitching, all age categories**
  - **Umpires and Head Coaches must record the Game start time**
  - 7 inning games or 1 hour 30 min time limit, with no new inning to start after 1 hour 15 min
  - Each game must be completed in **1 hour and 30 minutes, strict cut-off**
  - After 1 hour 30 min has passed and the visitors are ahead and the home team has not had their last at bat, is the score reported as the score after the last complete inning
5. Designate 1 person between the team you are playing against to **rake the diamond in key areas that need attention** following the completion of the game.
6. **LINE-UP CARDS:** Complete in full. Give the white copy to plate umpire during the coin flip
7. **U9 Modified (6 Player) Rules:**
  - Modified 6 (defensive) player format, so no outfielders.
  - No walks
  - No new inning to start after 1 hour 15 min and will have a cut-off time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
  - Home Run cones paced 25 feet past bases; if ball is hit past the cones, it will be ruled as a home run.
  - Fly balls can be caught for an out past the cones.
  - Stealing is allowed, only advancing one base on a steal attempt. Maximum one base only.
  - Universal Substitutions (Section 10.3.2)
  - Link to the Calgary Minor U9 Rules:  
[http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page\\_id=39230](http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page_id=39230)



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- Link to U9 Modified: [http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page\\_id=38017](http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page_id=38017)

### 8. U11 Traditional (9 Player) Rules:

- Nine (9) defensive players on the field.
- A player can only advance one base on a steal attempt, including advancing on an overthrow, passed ball, wild pitch, etc. Maximum one base only
- Universal Substitutions (Section 10.3.2)
- Link to the Calgary Minor Rules [http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page\\_id=39230](http://calgaryminorsoftball.com/page.php?page_id=39230)

### 8. MERCY RULES:

- For all ages categories: 15 runs after three (3) innings, 10 runs after four (4) innings, and 7 runs after five (5) innings
- U9: maximum 4 runs per inning for ALL games. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule, no infield fly
- U11: maximum 4 runs per inning for ALL games. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule, no infield fly
- U13: maximum 4 runs per inning for ALL games. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule, no infield fly
- U15 B: NO maximum runs per inning for ALL games.
- U15 C/D: maximum 5 runs per inning for ALL games.
- U17-U19 B/C: NO maximum runs per inning for ALL games.
- In effect for all games after the completion of 5 innings of play. If the home team is the specified number of runs ahead at the completion of the visitor bat, after 4 and 1/2 innings have been played, the game is over. The score recorded is that of the 5th inning. Runs for and against will be counted as +7 runs

### 9. POINTS FOR GAMES:

- Round Robin Games - Win: 2 points, Tie: 1 point, Loss: 0 points

### 10. RANKINGS FOR THE PLAYOFF ROUND:

- If teams are tied in the standings at the completion of the Round Robin Games, ties will be broken using the following method, in order:
  - Win-Loss record between tied teams
  - The difference between runs for and against of all games played by the tied teams
  - Highest Runs for by the tied teams
  - Coin toss

### 11. PLAYOFFS:

Please check your draw carefully to determine if your team is advancing. Your team WILL NOT be phoned to confirm your ranking for the playoff games.

- The highest placing team from the round robin standings will be the home team. In the



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event the two teams were tied for standing, a coin toss will take place at home plate at the start of the game by the plate umpire

- U9: Maximum 4 runs per inning, same as round robin play. No new inning after 1 hour 30 min.
- U11: Maximum 4 runs per inning, 7<sup>th</sup> inning open. No new inning after 1 hour 30 min.
- U13: Maximum 4 runs per inning, 7<sup>th</sup> inning open. No new inning after 1 hour 45 min.
- U15, U17, U19: Maximum 5 runs per inning, 7<sup>th</sup> inning open. No new inning after 1 hour 45 min.
- If the teams are tied after the completion of 7 innings, and/or the time limit, the international tiebreaker rule will be in effect.
- Mercy rule will remain in effect for all playoff games

### 12. SCORE SHEETS:

- **BOTH TEAMS** to bring their score sheet to tournament headquarters at Vista Heights by ½ hr. after completion of the game (travel trailer in the field). Please have your score keepers fill out the roster and scores. Please ensure that both teams have the same score before you submit the sheets.

**13. OTHER PLAYING RULES:** The Softball Canada Rulebook will cover any rules not covered by the Tournament Rules & Regulations. Send a member to the Umpire in Charge (UIC) to handle disputes on the field. Umpires will have a tent located at the tournament headquarters. The Umpire in Charge shall have final say on all unsettled disputes.

### 14. UNIVERSAL SUBSTITUTION

- The rotation of players into the field such that all players participate in every game.
- All players present are listed on the score sheet and bat in the order listed.
- Players arriving late are added to the end of the batting order, and will have their designated bench order inning assigned or arranged as necessary.
- U15B and U17-19BC will be permitted to use the Softball Canada Regular Substitution or Universal Substitution. The choice is on a game-by-game basis.

### 15. RAIN-OUT/OR OTHER UNFORSEEN CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT:

- Every effort will be made to complete the event. Regardless of weather conditions, your team should always go to the diamonds for your scheduled game. If possible, your team will be contacted when any rescheduling is known in advance.
- Only the tournament Chairperson will cancel the tournament due to weather conditions.
- Tournament Chairperson reserves the right to shorten games in order to get all, or most



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games complete due to weather conditions.

- In the event of a tournament cancellation prior to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, your team will be notified as per your entry form contact person and refunded your entry fee.
- In the event the tournament is cancelled after the first games are played, no refund will be issued.

### 16. DIAMOND LOCATIONS

- **VISTA HEIGHTS (7, 8, 9, 10) – Tournament Head Quarters**
  - **Address:** 3
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/H4b7qpb58u>
- **VISTA SCHOOLS (North / South)**
  - **Address:** 2411 Vermilion St NE
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/6gtDqNyDBNS2>  
It is a short walk from Vista Heights diamonds
- **CROSSROADS DIAMONDS (North / South)**
  - **Address:** 1803 14 Ave. NE
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/xdFyn7s7AAxrsntu5>
- **DEERFOOT DIAMONDS**
  - **Address:** 1439 14 Ave NE (West of Crossroads Community center down hill)
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/SVJsfEx2zRYsDc11A>

### 17. REGISTRATION PACKAGES

- These can be picked up at the Tournament Headquarters before your first game.

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> morning we invite moms to come and have a coffee on us at the tournament headquarters.**