

2024 Softball BC Handbook SOR Change Summary

Minor:

Age and Distance Chart –

U20C	20 AND UNDER	2004/2005/2006	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U17	17 AND UNDER	2007/2008	12"	43'	60'	180'-210'

8.1.6. DOUBLE BASE –

A) The Batter-running is subject to the following:

- A batted ball hitting the fair portion is declared fair and a batted ball hitting the foul portion only is declared foul.
- A defensive player must use only the fair portion of the base at all times, except on any live ball play made from first base foul territory. The batter-runner and the defensive player may use either portion of the double base. When the defensive player uses the foul portion of the double base, the batter-runner can run in fair territory, and if hit by a throw from the foul side of first base it would not be interference. If intentional interference is ruled, the batter-runner would be out. The one-meter line is duplicated on either side of the foul line on throws from foul territory.

8.1.7. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE – in U13B & C and under categories the batter is out on the third strike, whether the ball is caught. The ball remains alive.

8.1.8. ELECTRONIC DEVICES –including mobile phones, tablets, earpieces, smart watches, and cameras may not be used on the field of play except in the following circumstances:

- a. By or under the supervision of a coach for purposes of stats, scorekeeping, and music.
- b. By a coach for purposes of tracking time.
- c. In no circumstances may electronic devices be used for purposes of communication amongst participants or between participants and spectators or others outside the game.

8.1.20. START TIME – time will start after the first warm up pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team.

- a. U19A, U17A, U19B, U17B: none
- b. U20C, U17C, U15A, U15B: no new inning after 90 m

8.1.21. PICK-UP PLAYER - The temporary addition of a player rostered on another team. Any coach picking up a player from another team must first obtain permission in writing (including electronic communications) from the player's coach.

8.1.22. MINOR GIRLS DEFINITIONS - A team may not pick up the same player for more than 20 combined games as a pick-up player where that SBBC team registers at a higher classification and/or category. Playing in more than 20 combined games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in a SBBC District Playdown tournament, a SBBC Provincial Championship and a Canadian Championship. A waiver may be applied for by the player contacting the minor Director in writing to request permission. The waiver will be determined at the Minor Director's sole discretion. Number of games calculation will be from March 1st to June 15th of the playing season. It will include all tournaments, exhibition and regular season games, both in and out of province.

8.1.23. PARTICIPATION - This definition applies to games played using the batting order modification described in Section 8.7.7.1. All players on the entry roster shall receive a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 4 innings of the games unless injured or unavailable.

8.3.2.1 A minor player may not appear on more than one Approved Roster. EFFECT: They are ineligible for either team, and ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events. EXCEPTION: Players may register with two different teams to form a team in a higher classification (example: players from 'C' teams combine to form a 'B' team) but only if there is not a team registered in that classification in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least three teams of a lower classification. A Softball BC registration fee of \$200 will apply.

8.3.6.4. Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball BC Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball BC unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship.

Teams that are eligible to participate in District Playdowns or the U13 Regional Championship, U11C Celebration of Softball, U11 Rep or a Provincial must have a minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team. Only one (1) needs to be certified.

8.3.6.7. Any District with 60 or fewer players registered in a category may form a combined 'C' team for District and Provincial Championships, but this team may not pick-up players.

The team must submit an appropriate roster for approval prior to attending the Provincial Championship.'

8.6.6. PRO RATA SYSTEM - If a Championship specified to contain 16 teams (one per District plus Host Team) is not filled to 16 teams by District Representation then each District shall be allocated a weighted lottery with each District receiving one opportunity for each team placing second or lower for the Pro rata spot. This determination process will repeat in multiple rounds until all Provincial Championship sports are filled.

8.7.4. TIME LIMITS: Time will start after the first warm up pitch

8.7.5. Ties are permitted in round robin play. No ties permitted in the playoff games. TIE BREAKING in the playoff games shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired. The Tie Break Rule will apply in all playoff games.

8.7.11. SEEDING will be based on win/tie/loss record (2 points for a win, 0 for a loss, 1 point for a tie)

- a. To break a tie: Winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with;
 - In order to use this criterion, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the remaining teams they are tied with to be ranked higher.
 - If more than two teams are tied for any seeding position based on win/loss/tie record the head-to-head criteria
 - (a) shall be applied repeatedly before proceeding to b)
- b. If still tied: Run differential totals (score differential limit up to +7 runs or -7 per game).
- c. If still tie: use total bases touched for or against (score differential limit limit up to +30 or -30)
- d. If still tied: Least runs scored against during round robin.
- e. If still tied: use total bases touched of all games played.
- f. If still tied, a tie breaking game will apply if a spot in seeding for the knockout shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise broken by coin toss.

8.9. U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL

The intent is to create a fun, year-end participation event for U11C players and teams that will engage both parents and players to continue playing softball. Events are recommended to be mid to late June (prior to the end of the school year). Fun activities such as face painting, dragon races, balloon toss, etc. are encouraged.

8.9.1. Celebration events will include neighboring districts.

Suggested groupings of districts are Districts 1,2,3, Districts 4, 5, 6, 15 Districts 7, 8, 14, Districts 9, 10, 11 and Districts 12, 13.

8.9.2. Format will be 3 game round robin and single knock out playoffs. Teams seeded into groups of 8 for playoffs based on round robin results.

8.9.3. Registration fee \$325 plus tax per team

8.9.4. Modified Playing Rules

- a. Pitching limit of 2 innings per game
- b. All players must play at least 2 innings on defense
- c. All players on roster are to be in batting line-up
- d. Maximum 4 runs per inning
- e. Teams must start with 9 players
- f. Teams without 9 players may pick up or combine with another U11C team to a maximum of 12 players from their own district
- g. One umpire per game will be paid by Softball BC
- h. Medals for top 3 teams in each group of 8 will be paid for by Softball BC.
- i. No protests
- j. All other Softball BC rules apply

9.1.2. DOUBLE BASE – Minor Only: The offensive player must use the orange portion of the bag if a play is made at first base, and the defensive player must use the white portion. Exception: On any live ball play from first base side foul territory the defensive and offensive players may use either portion of the base.

9.1.17. PHONES: and ELECTRONIC DEVICES –including mobile phones, tablets, earpieces, smart watches, and cameras may not be used on the field of play except in the following circumstances:

- a. By or under the supervision of a coach for purposes of stats, scorekeeping, and music.

- b. By a coach for purposes of tracking time.
- c. In no circumstances may electronic devices be used for purposes of communication amongst participants or between participants and spectators or others outside the game.

9.1.24. START TIME – time will start after the first warm up pitch and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire’s “out” call of the third out on the home team.

- a. U19A, U17A, U19B, U17B: none
- b. U20C, U17C, U15A, U15B: no new inning after 90 minutes. No time limit will be in effect for all medal games.
- c. All other classifications/categories: no new inning after 90 minutes. No time limit will be in effect for the Gold Pool, Gold Medal Game only.

9.6.2. DRAW DATE All Minor Provincial Championship Draws may be conducted up to one week in advance of the start of championship and may be virtual or in person at the pre-Provincial Championship coaches meeting as preferred by the host and the Softball BC Representative. The Host Team may choose to be the highest number in the draw or can be part of the draw.

9.7.1.5. Ties are permitted in round robin play. No ties in playoff rounds. Ties in playoff games are to be broken by extra innings. The Tie Breaking Rule shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired. The Tie Break Rule shall be applied in all. The Tie Break Rule shall be applied in all playoff games.

9.7.4. KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – At the end of the qualifying round the top four or six teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final and will be determined as follows:

- a. Win/loss/tied record: (2 points for win, 0 for a loss, 1 point for tie), if still tied then,
- b. Winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with. In order to use this criterion, all subject tied teams must have played each other, and one team must have defeated all the remaining teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. If more than two teams are tied for any seeding position based on win/loss/tie record the head-to-head criteria (a) shall be applied repeatedly before proceeding to b)
- c. If still tied: Run differential totals (score differential limit up to +7 runs or -7 per game).
- d. If still tied: use total bases touched for or against (score differential limit up to +30 or -30)
- e. If still tied: Least runs scored against during round robin.
- f. If still tied: use total bases touched of all games played.

g. If still tied, a tie breaking game will apply if a spot in seeding for the knockout shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise broken by a coin toss.

Men's & Women's:

10.6.3.2. Game time starts with the first warm up pitch.

10.6.3.3. Time limit of one hour forty minutes, or seven (7) innings, with no new inning to start after time has expired. (Exception: A game is constituted by 4 ½ or 5 innings. Games must be played out regardless of the time limit to 4 ½ or 5 innings unless the Run Ahead Rule is in effect.) The home team will not bat if they are leading after 6 1/2 innings.

13.6.2. INJURY In the case of a forfeit because of injury, the Softball BC Rep will allow that team to compete in any further games and retain their points from any previous games. In women's, for the 2024 season as a trial, the Designated Runner may be subbed in if a team is going to otherwise forfeit the game due to injury causing fewer than 9 players. That player is no longer a DR.