



2024 Softball Manitoba Minor Special Playing Rules - Changes

U11A SPRs (Page SPR2):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- Pitchers can't pitch more than **two (2)** innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

U11AA SPRs (Page SPR3):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- The "conference rule" (in regards to pitchers) is waived.

U13A SPRs (Page SPR4):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

U13AA SPRs (Page SPR5):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than six (6) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- The "conference rule" (in regards to pitchers) is waived.
- The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**
- A pitcher may only pitch **three (3)** innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

U13AAA SPRs (Page SPR6):

- Pitchers can't pitch more than **three (3)** innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
- The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

U15A SPRs (Page SPR7):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

- All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. **All substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**
- **The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of five (5) conferences are allowed in a game. The sixth (6) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

U15AA SPRs (Page SPR8):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- **The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of five (5) conferences are allowed in a game. The sixth (6) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**
- All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). **Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**
- A pitcher may only pitch **four (4)** innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

U15AAA SPRs (Page SPR9):

- Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). **Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada Line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offense and defence, including the DP and the Flex player. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**
- **The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of five (5) conferences are allowed in a game. The sixth (6) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

U17A SPRs (Page SPR10):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. **All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**
- **The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of three (3) conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth (4) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

U17AA SPRs (Page SPR11):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

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- All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. All Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.

U17AAA SPRs (Page SPR12):

- Softball Canada substitution and lineup rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offence and defense, including the DP and the Flex player. All Substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.
- The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of three (3) conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth (4) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

U19A SPRs (Page SPR13):

- Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.** At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
- The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of three (3) conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth (4) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

U19AAA SPRs (Page SPR14):

- Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.
- The “conference rule” is in effect. A maximum of three (3) conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth (4) conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.