



U13 Rules & Regulation for Softball NS Provincial

- (A) Uniforms Rules per players & Coaches is in effect (per Softball Canada Rule book) All teams shall wear uniforms alike in colour, trim and style. If a player fails to wear the appropriate uniform when requested by the plate umpire, the player shall be removed from the game.
- (B) Pitchers in the U13 and below categories are required to wear a protective face mask
- (C) All on-deck batters, and base runners must have an attached face mask.
- (D) Bunting is permitted.
- (E) Unlimited defensive substitutions. All players must bat. Coaches will submit a batting order in which the order will not change (except for injury).
- (F) Batter's may take first base on a dropped third strike.1) Batter's may take first base on a dropped third strike.
- (G) Infield Fly rule is in effect.
- (H) A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game (can be consecutive). A pitcher can pitch again in extra innings to a maximum of 4 innings. 1 pitch equals one inning.
- (I) Games are 7 innings long.
- (J) Each half inning will end when 5 runs or 3 outs are recorded. An over the fence homerun will only score to the maximum of 5 runs. Seventh (7) inning open.
- (K) A ten-run difference rule after 3 ½ or 4 innings will constitute a game. Ten plus/minus runs will be in effect to maximum per game for best record.
- (L) The game will be terminated after 3 innings if a team is ahead by 15 or more runs (15 Run Mercy Rule). Ten plus/minus runs will be in effect to maximum per game for best record. No TIME LIMIT –. If the game is tied- International Tie Breaking Rule will be implemented immediately.
- (M) Stealing is permitted. Base runners may steal on any legally pitched ball as soon as the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Players may advance one or more bases on a steal attempt.
- (N) Runners may advance home on passed balls, wild pitches and/or overthrows
- (O) All Coaches must have completed Softball NCCP Community Sport Ongoing Participation, to coach at all Regionals and Provincials. Only NCCP Community Sport Ongoing Participation coaches must be physically on the bench and field of play at the Softball NS Provincials Championship tournament. They must be physically on the bench at all games. Coaches without NCCP Community Sport Ongoing Participation will not be permitted on the bench or field of play (No other type of Staff is permitted on the bench). Coaches not adhering to this rule will forfeit their game.
- (P) Charged Conferences Teams will be limited to one charged offensive conference per inning. A team is permitted three defensive conferences per inning. With the fourth conference, the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the balance of the inning.
- (Q) Provincial Official Ball 11" Ball - Softball Canada Standard Rawlings/Worth Red Dot(COR .47).
- (R) Tie-Breaking Rule -1.2.4 per Softball Canada Rule book



Inclement Weather Delays

If a tournament is cancelled, halted, or delayed due to weather conditions including extreme heat, etc. the tournament must be resumed in the same region, conditional on the geographic location of the remaining teams. If a game was in play, it will be resumed from the point the game was halted. If, however, the game could be the deciding game for a championship and it is tied with complete innings been played and the teams cannot complete the tournament and have to return at a later date, then the game will be replayed. In case of inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, the Softball NS Tournament Supervisor shall have the authority to alter the schedule or change venue in consultation with the Tournament host and UIC.

Note: Players must wear helmets with safety masks attached.