

Softball PEI - U11 Rules

Pitching Distance: 35 Feet

Ball Size: 11 inch

Base Distance: 50 Feet

Game Length: 6 innings or 2-hour time limit, no new inning will start after 1:45 mins

Open Innings: Only the 6th inning is open unless the time limit forces the final inning to be open.

Mercy Rule: 10 runs after 4 innings or 7 runs after 5 innings

Game Rules:

- Sliding is allowed.
- Bunting is allowed.
- Stealing is allowed (runner can only leave after the ball crosses the plate)
- Pitchers can only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
- 3 runs may be scored per inning except in the open inning.
- The batter is out on a called or swinging strike 3, even if the catcher drops or misses the ball. Batters cannot run however baserunners may advance on the play.
- The Infield Fly rule will apply.
- Illegal pitches will not be called against pitchers in the U11 division, umpires may advise coaches that a pitcher is illegal to help the development of the pitcher.
- All league games and Provincial Championship games will have unlimited defensive substitutions and will bat all players on their roster.

Stealing:

- Base runners may steal on any legally pitched ball when it has crossed home plate.
- A player can only advance one base on a steal attempt.
- Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. Runners must be batted in or forced home by a walk.

Overthrows:

- Runners advance maximum 1 base only on an overthrow that remains in the field of play.
- The runner advances at their own risk, and the fielder can still throw them out if the runner attempts to advance on an overthrow.

Scoring from third base:

- A runner can only advance from 3rd base to home on a hit ball or a bases loaded walk.
- The runner cannot score from 3rd base on a pickoff attempt to any base.
- There will be no scoring from third base on a passed ball by the catcher.
- There will be no scoring from a ball thrown from catcher to the pitcher's mound.
- A runner on 1st, 2nd or 3rd base may score on any hit ball. Runners do not need to stop at 3rd base until the play is deemed over by the umpire.

Playing Time:

- No player is to sit more than 1 consecutive inning. Coaches will ensure that every player sits out one inning before any player sits out two innings.
- Max 3 innings per position per player
- 1 inning required in infield and outfield per game