

# Softball PEI - U15 Rules

## May 2022

**These Rules will be followed during all League and Provincial Championship play.**

**Pitching Distance:** 40 Feet

**Ball Size:** 12 inch

**Base Distance:** 60 Feet

**Game Length:** 7 innings or 2 hour time limit, no new inning will start after 1:45 mins. A game may take longer than 2 hours once an inning is started it must be completed. Games do not end at exactly 2 hours. If the 2 hour time limit is announced by the umpire, then the last inning being played will become an open inning in all levels.

There are no extra innings during the regular season, but there are at provincials (only during the playoff round) and the international tie breaker rule will be used for all Provincial playoff games except the Championship game. In the Championship game teams will play extra innings with no runner starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> base until there is a winner.

**Open Innings:** Only the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> innings are open.

**Mercy Rule:** 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings or 7 runs after 5 innings

**Game Rules:** Aside from below, all other Softball Canada rules will be followed for this division.

- 5 runs may be scored per inning except in the open inning.
- Pitchers can only pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game (if 7 innings are played)
  - o no more than 3 consecutive innings unless fourth inning pitched is the 7<sup>th</sup> inning
- All league games and Provincial Championship games will have unlimited defensive substitutions and will bat all players on their roster.
- Eastern Canadian Qualifying tournaments will follow Eastern Canadian rules with regards to defense and batting substitutions.
- All Minor Softball players must wear a cage on their batting helmets.

### **Playing Time (A League - Regular Season Games)**

- 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.
- 1 inning required in infield and outfield per game