Softball PEI - U16 Rules

June 2020

**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.

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 2nd base until there is a winner.

**Open Innings:** Only the 6th & 7th 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.
* 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 Softball Canada rules with regards to defense and batting substitutions.
* There is no time limit in Provincial or Eastern Qualifying games or tournaments.
* All Minor Softball players must wear a cage on their batting helmets.
* REMINDER: Pitchers can hop in U16 and are only required to have one foot on the mound to start