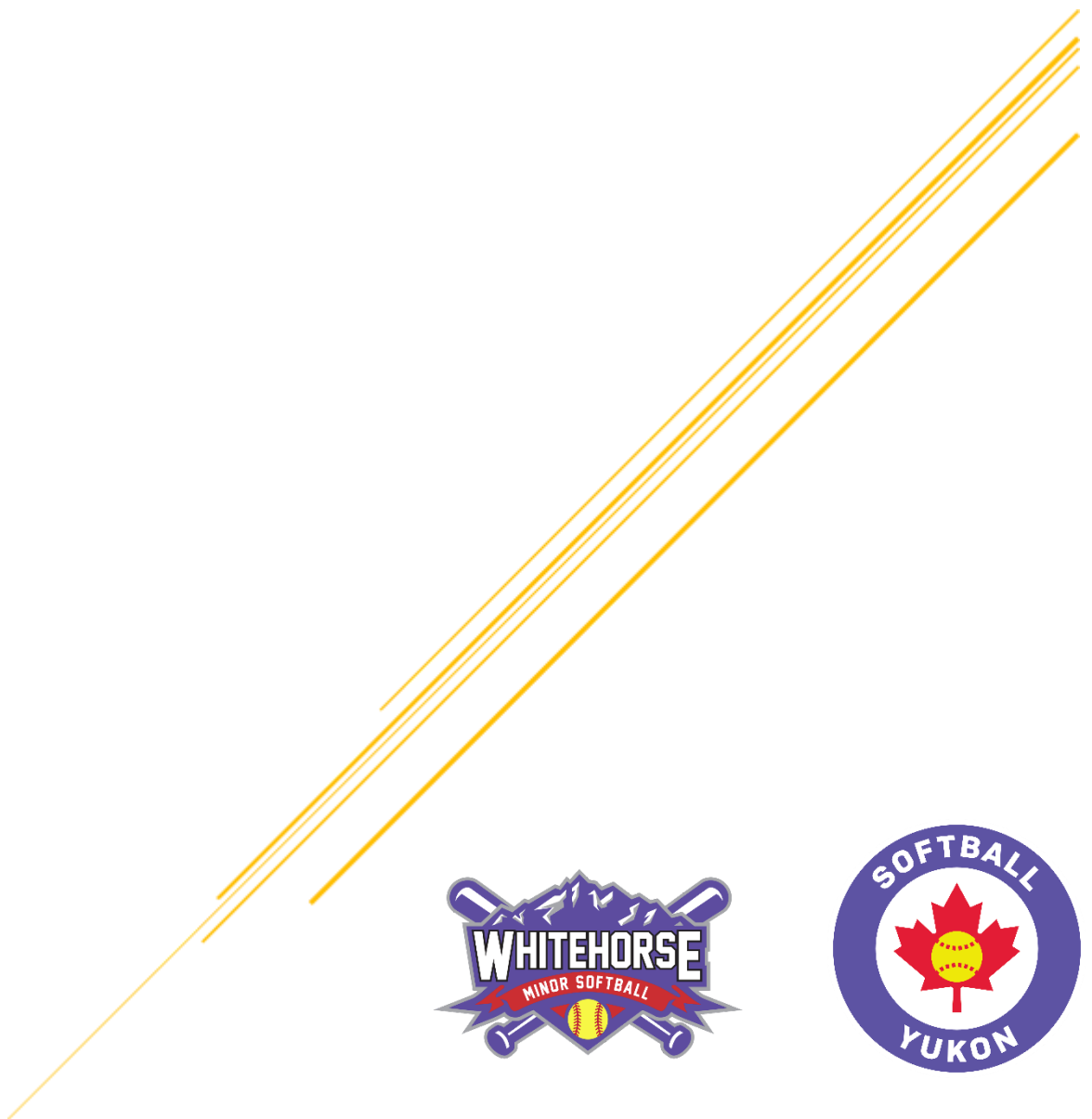


WHITEHORSE MINOR SOFTBALL RULES

Softball Yukon



RULE	U9	U11	U13	
Base Path Distance				
45'	✓	✓		
55'			✓	
Pitching Distance				
30'	✓			
35'		✓		
38'			✓	
Note: if coach pitcher, the defensive pitcher should stand at the minimum pitching above (no closer).	✓	✓		
Ball				
11" indoor (soft - NCAA)	✓	✓		
11" outdoor (hard - red dot)			✓	
Helmets and Masks				
All batters must wear a batting helmet while at bat and on base	✓	✓	✓	
Pitchers must wear a face mask while pitching	✓	✓	✓	
Players				
9 players maximum on the field at once	✓	✓	✓	
7 players minimum on the field at once (no automatic outs)	✓	✓	✓	
Players arriving late can be added to the bottom of the roster	✓	✓	✓	
Substitutions				
Unlimited defensive substitutions	✓	✓	✓	
Temporary Runner				
A coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher to allow the catcher to suit up for the next half inning	✓	✓		
A coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher when there are 2 outs to allow the catcher to suit up for the next half inning. The runner must be in the batting order and who is the furthest from batting again and not on base.			✓	
Playing Time				
No player is to sit more than one consecutive inning (pitchers warming up to enter the game are not considered to be sitting)	✓	✓	✓	
A player cannot play the same position for more than 2 innings a game, except pitchers	✓	✓	✓	
Each player should play an infield and outfield position each game	✓	✓	✓	
Coaches should focus on equal/fair play time across the season	✓	✓	✓	
Regulation Game				
The game is over after 60 minutes	✓	✓		
The game is over after 75 minutes			✓	
Run Ahead Rule				

If a team is ahead by 15+ runs after 3 innings the losing team can decide if they want to continue playing or call it.		✓	✓	
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Run Limit Per Inning				
Maximum 3 runs per half inning	✓			
Maximum 4 runs per half inning		✓		
Maximum 5 runs per half inning			✓	
Pitching				
The hitter's coach or designate will step in and pitch (or soft toss from the side). If after 5 pitches the batter doesn't hit, they are given first base.	✓			
Players pitch to opposing team until the batter receives a 4th ball, which would normally result in a walk. After that 4th ball, the batter will have a count against them (4-0, 4-1 or 4-2). The hitter's coach or designate, will come in and pitch to their own batter and carry out the count. Coaches Cannot Walk a Batter.		✓		
Player's pitch – normal count. After 3 strikes, batter out. After 4 balls, batter walks. If the pitcher walks two consecutive batters, the offensive coach can come in and pitch to the next batter.			✓	
Pitching Limitations				
A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of two innings per game (unless no other pitchers are present).	✓	✓	✓	
Walks				
Walks are allowed (but should be limited with coach assist in younger divisions)	✓	✓	✓	
No intentional walks	✓	✓	✓	
Batting				
All players bat and should be listed on the batting order	✓	✓	✓	
Bunting is permitted		✓	✓	
Slap hitting is permitted			✓	
Third Strike Rule				
Third strike rule is not in effect. Any dropped 3 rd strikes are still an out.	✓	✓	✓	
Infield fly rule is not in effect.	✓	✓	✓	
Stealing				
Base runner cannot steal bases; runner can only run when the batter makes contact (no stealing)	✓			
Base runners may steal 1 base on any legally pitched ball once it has left the pitchers hand		✓	✓	
A player cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk or is part of a continuation of a play (i.e. overthrow).		✓		
Lead Off				

Runners may leave the base when the ball has left the pitchers hand.	✓	✓	✓	
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Sliding				
Sliding is allowed and encouraged	✓	✓	✓	
Following a fair hit ball, the advancing of runners is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to a player in the infield (inside the base paths or on a base). Runners may continue to the base they are heading to, but the fielders may attempt to throw/ tag the runner out.	✓	✓		
Following a fair hit ball, the advancing of runners is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to the pitcher. Runners may continue to the base they are heading to, but the fielders may attempt to throw/ tag the runner out.			✓	
Overthrows				
Runners do not advance on an overthrow	✓			
Runners may advance 1 base on an overthrow and do so at the risk of being thrown/tagged out. Runners cannot advance an additional base if two consecutive overthrows are made in the same play.		✓	✓	
Dead Ball				
Hitters may choose to continue batting OR be awarded first base, if they are hit by a pitch from a player- or coach- pitcher.	✓	✓		
First base is awarded for being hit by a pitch from a player-pitcher			✓	
Protests				
Protests and appeals are not allowed.	✓	✓	✓	