

2026 May Madness U11 Rules

1. All tournaments are governed in order by:
 - a. SSWRMSA Tournament Rules
 - b. Softball Canada Rules
2. **Anyone warming up a pitcher MUST wear a catcher's mask. Fielders' mask and helmets with batting cages are NOT acceptable.**
3. No pick-ups will be allowed for the tournament unless your roster is less than 9 players. Max is 3 pick-ups, and the roster max is 13 players.
 - a. If you are under 9 players of your own team, then pickups can be either from another SSWRMSA U11C team that is not participating in our May Madness or from one of our SSWRMSA U9 teams (2 yr. player only). **No U11R** players can be used as a pickup.
4. **ROSTERS- MUST BE HANDED IN 30 mins**, before your first game; failing to do so **will result in your 1st game as an automatic loss**, and no game will be played. Failing to provide for your 2nd game will result in removal from the tournament and becoming last place with no playoff game.
5. The home team is determined at the start of each game by a coin toss
6. Time starts at the end of the plate conference
7. Pitching max is 2 innings per game (limit suspended during International play/extra innings)
8. All teams must supply an official scorekeeper and agree on the final score before submission to the tournament table
9. **Coaching pitching**. As we have not implemented this in the past, we will try it this year. However, the count will remain as is. If the coach is coming in at 2 strikes or 4 balls, the 5th pitch will determine a walk or a strikeout. We will NOT be rolling back the count.
10. Only the **home team will submit an official score sheet to the tournament table** right after scores are confirmed and signatures from both scorekeepers at the end of each game.
11. Courtesy Runner for the catcher at 2 outs if she is catching the next inning.
12. A pitcher will not be removed after hitting a player unless the coach decides to make that call
13. Batter – hit by a pitch will take their base. They will not continue to bat.
14. **Round Robin Games**
 - a. Maximum of 4 runs per inning, and no new inning after 1hr and 20min.
 - b. If after 1 hour and 20 minutes the visiting team is batting and fails to take the lead the game will end, and the score stands.
 - c. If after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the home team is batting and is currently in the lead or takes the lead, the game is over, and the score stands.
 - d. If after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the home team strikes out without taking the lead, the game ends, and the score stands. (The home team gets to complete their at-bat if losing)

Mercy limits

- e. 12 runs after 3 innings
- f. 10 runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings
- g. 7 runs after 4 ½, 5, 5 ½, or 6 innings.

15. Stealing

- a. No stealing home
- b. No stealing bases after the ball enters the infield as it works back to the pitcher
- c. On overthrown balls, a player can steal 1 base
- d. Runner running home on overthrow, the batter must exit the box; if not, the runner will return to 3rd base.

16. Scoring

- a. Points are awarded as follows:
 - i. 2 pts for a win
 - ii. 1 pt for a tie
 - iii. 0 pts for loss
- b. Run differential will be counted to a maximum of +7 and minimum of -7
- c. Bases touched will not be used in the tournament

17. Seeding for playoffs will be determined in order of:

- a. Points, run differential, least runs against, most runs for
- b. In the event of a tie, head-to-head play will be used
- c. If still a tie, a coin toss will be used to break the tie.

18. Playoffs and Medal Games

- a. The highest-seeded team will determine home or away
- b. Maximum of 4 runs per inning
- c. No new inning to start after 1 hour and 20 minutes for all playoff, bronze and gold medal games.
- d. Inning in progress at time limit will be played until completed.
- e. **In the event of a tie during the consolation and championship games.**
 - i. International Tie Breaker will come into effect at the end of the last inning completed after the time expires or at the end of 7th inning.
- f. Run limit is a maximum of 4 runs per inning.
- g. Mercy rule is the same as above.

19. There will be no tolerance for any kind of abuse towards our umpires. This goes towards the coaches, players, guests, and spectators, and at the discretion of the umpire, those individuals may be asked to leave the park for the remainder of the tournament.

20. This is a no-protest tournament, and it's about giving the young girls a positive experience. If you have questions or concerns, please see our UIC, and they will discuss them with you in a polite manner.

21. After the end of each game, it is the **responsibility of the teams** to make sure the dugouts are clean of any garbage and water bottles.

22. Remember, at the end of the day, this is about making wonderful memories for these young players and giving them the best experience on and off the field.

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