



SOUTH SURREY/WHITE ROCK MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

2023 U11 TOURNAMENT RULES

1) Tournament Rules

- a) All tournaments shall be governed in order by:
 - o SSWRMSA Tournament Rules
 - o Softball Canada Rules
- b) This is a 'No Protest' tournament. Decisions of the umpires are final and not subject to appeal. All decisions on any matter shall be final and accepted without question.
- c) If you have questions about any umpiring decisions, please talk to the Park Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) after the game. The UIC will provide rule explanations if requested in a polite and professional manner.
- d) **WARNING: Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's mask; batting helmets with a face shield are NOT acceptable substitutes. This is a Softball BC rule and it will be vigorously enforced. Failure to comply will result in the ejection of the coach from the game.**

e) NO INFIELD PRACTICE WHILE THE FIELD CREW IS WORKING. We would like to provide a safe work environment for our field crew.

2) Team Roster and Pickups:

- a) Team rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Director at least 30 minutes prior to your team's first game.
- b) No players can be added to the roster after the 1st game.
- c) A maximum of 3 pickup players may be used and must be identified on the roster sheet.
- d) Pickup players are limited as follows:
 - i) Can be of same or lower division.
 - ii) Must be identified on game score sheet and game roster.
 - iii) Individual pickup players may only appear on one team roster.
- e) All pickup players must be active players currently registered with Softball BC.

3) Minimum Number of Players

Teams may play with 8 players. When the ninth player arrives they may be added to the roster without penalty. In the case of 8 players the 9th player will NOT be an automatic out.

4) Home Team

For all games, including playoffs and championship game, the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

5) Score keeping:

- a) Each team must supply an official scorekeeper for each game.
- b) Scorekeepers must confer at the end of each inning and agree on the scoring.
- c) Any disagreement must be resolved with the plate Umpire prior to the start of the next inning.
- d) The home team must, at the end of each game, submit to the Tournament Director an official score card, supplied in the coach's package, signed by both scorekeepers.

6) Round Robin Rules:

- a) Run Limit: Maximum of 5 runs per inning.
- b) Time Limit:
 - i) No new inning to start after 1 hour 10 minutes.
 - ii) If after 1 hour 10 minutes the visiting team is batting and fails to take the lead the game ends and the score stands.
 - iii) If after 1 hour 10 minutes the home team is batting and is leading or takes the lead the game is over and the score stands.



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iv) If after 1 hour 10 minutes the home team strikes out without taking the lead the game ends and the score stands.

c) Mercy Limits:

- i) 12 runs after 3 innings.
- ii) 10 runs after 3½ or 4 innings.
- iii) 7 runs after 4½, 5, 5½ or 6 innings.

d) Substitutions: All players will play and bat.

e) Scoring:

- i) Points awarded: 2 points for win, 1 point for tie, 0 points for loss.
- ii) Run differential will be counted to a maximum of + 7, and a minimum of - 7.

f) Seeding:

- i) Will be determined in order by: Points, run differential, least runs against, most runs for.
- ii) In the event of a tie results of head to head play will be used.
- iii) If still tied then a coin toss will be used to break the tie.

7) Playoff Game Rules including Final Championship Game & Consolation Game (for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place):

a) Time Limit:

- i) No new inning to start after 1 hour 10 minutes.
- ii) Inning in progress at time limit will play until completed.
- iii) In the event of a tie, the game will continue until an outright winner is determined.

b) Run Limit: Maximum of 5 runs per inning.

c) Substitutions: All players will play and bat.

d) Mercy Limit: Same as round robin games.

8) Dropped 3rd Strike and Infield Fly Rule

The dropped 3rd strike rule and infield fly rule are not in effect for this tournament.

9) Stealing

Stealing bases is allowed when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Good sportsmanship would suggest that only one base be taken on a passed ball or error.

10) Good Sportsmanship

a) Any team personnel or players who conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner subject themselves and/or their team to possible ejection from the tournament. All ejections will be reviewed by the UIC and Tournament Director and a report may be made to Softball BC.

b) **ANY** abuse of the umpires, by players, coaches, or spectators will result in an immediate ejection of the team from the tournament.

c) Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents, grandparents, and fans.

d) No profanity will be permitted.

e) No alcohol or smoking is permitted in the park by order of the City of Surrey.

f) Each team is responsible for ensuring that their dugout is clean after the completion of every game.

11) Tournament Director

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact the Tournament Director:

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