

U27 Co-ed FASTPITCH RULES

Provincial Women's Softball Association (PWSA) rules apply with the following modifications

Diamond Layout

- a) Base lengths are 60 feet
- b) The pitching rubber is placed at a distance of 43 ft.
- c) A 12" softball is used

League Rules

Early Games:

The starting time for each game is 6:00pm. No new inning shall start after 8:00pm and everyone must be off the diamond by 8:15 pm. During the regular season, for a diamond on which there is no second game scheduled, the game can go beyond 8:15 pm to complete the last inning.

Late Games (Bernie Amlin Field & Tom Wilson Field):

The starting time for late games is 8:30pm. No new inning shall start after 10:15pm and at 10:30pm everyone must get off the field.

New Inning Start: An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred.

All Games:

1. If not enough players are available at the scheduled starting time, the game must begin no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game with the players who are present.
2. a) If a team is unable to field 9 players, a player may be called up from the Novice/bantam division. The player must also bat in the regular batting order.
b) The call-up must not play more innings than a regular player in that division. The oldest players from the division below, who are capable of playing up (as determined by the coordinators and coaches), should be called first and if they aren't available, then the players who are younger may then be called if the coordinators and coaches feel it is safe for them to play in the division above.
3. During the regular season, if a team is short a player, then that team may borrow a player from the other team to play defensively only, in the outfield. The borrowed player is taken as the last batter from the previous inning or half-inning. (The borrowed player will most likely change from inning to inning.)
4. It is the responsibility of the home team coaches to set up the diamond, including chalking, and supply two game balls (one new and one used). The home team is listed on the right, i.e. 2 vs. 1, Team #1 is home team and shall occupy 3rd base line bench. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to set up diamond.
5. Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted on the playing field.
6. Uniform - The house league supplied shirt must be worn. Players must wear grey or black baseball pants or shorts. No metal spikes are allowed. A face mask must be worn when warming up a pitcher in a crouched position, on or off the field.
7. All players must bat in a continuous batting order. A female must follow a male in the batting order.

8. The catcher must properly wear all usual catcher's equipment. The batter and base runners must wear a helmet. **Pitchers are highly encouraged to wear a fielder's face mask.**
9. All players must play an equal number of innings where possible.
11. Females may use any bat that appears on the ISF Approved Bat List and/or the ASA Approved Bat List and has an ISF or ASA Certification stamp will be accepted. Bats may also have the 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification. Males must use a wooden bat.
12. If a batter throws their bat, they will be called out.
13. With 2 outs and the catcher gets on base, or is on base, he/she may be substituted with a courtesy runner (the player who made the last out) to allow the catcher to dress for the next inning.
14. Good sportsmanship must be shown at all times; coaches should not run up the score.
15. Sliding head first is NOT allowed and will result in the runner being called out. If a runner is leading off and dives back (not slides) to a base before being tagged out, he/she is safe.
16. Coaches must notify the coordinator if a player quits.

Playing Rules

1. 7 innings is a full game.
2. An inning shall be 3 outs or a maximum of 7 runs per team, whichever comes first. The last inning, (7th inning only), will have no maximum number of runs and will end with 3 outs only. If time runs out, the score will revert back to the last complete inning. Note: The last inning rule only applies if the game reaches a 7th inning.
3. Male and female players older than high school age and up to 26 years of age as of Dec. 31 of the previous year, as well as girls on the midget all-star/select team, can play in this division. An exception will be made for a first year midget who does not play on the all-star/select team but plays at a higher level, at the discretion of the coordinators.
4. A team may use up to 9 players in the field. Outfielders must play at least 10 feet behind the baseline.
5. Up to 5 males are allowed on each team. No more than 3 males are allowed on the field at a time and if 3 are on the field, a minimum of 1 must play in the outfield.
6. A player must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield each game unless they request to stay in the outfield.
7. An orange safety bag will be used at 1st base.
9. Only females are allowed to pitch. There are no limited number of innings a pitcher can pitch. During the regular season only, all drafted pitchers will be allowed to pitch a minimum of 1 inning per game, unless she chooses not to.
10. Stealing is allowed at all bases, however base runners must remain in constant contact with the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand or the runner will be called out.

11. Where a play is being made, it is the responsibility of the runner to slide to avoid contact. Failure to slide by the runner where contact is made will result in the runner being called out.

12. If the catcher drops the 3rd strike, the runner may run to 1st base if it is not occupied or if 1st is occupied and there are 2 outs.

13. The infield fly rule. An out is charged to the batter when she hits a fair fly ball (not including a line drive or an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when 1st and 2nd are occupied or bases are loaded and there are less than 2 outs. If the ball is handled by an outfielder and in the umpire's judgment, the ball could have been easily handled by an infielder; it is still an infield fly.

14. No intentional walks. If a male walks, he will be awarded 2 bases.

Play-off Rules:

All of the above playing rules apply with the following exceptions:

Early Games:

Start at 6:00. No new inning to start after 8:00, off the field at 8:30.

Late Games:

Start at 8:30. No new inning to start after 10:30, off the field at 11:00.

1. If the start of the game is delayed, no new inning will start after 2 hours from the start of the game and off the field after 2 1/2 hours from the start of the game. If the inning is not completed when the time is up, the score at the end of the last completed inning is the official score.

2. a) All teams must field 8 players by 6:15 for early games and 8:45 for late games or they forfeit the game.

b) *Call-ups from the division below may only be used if the team has less than 9 players.*

3. A coin toss will determine the home team for all games until the Championship game.

4. Players must play an equal number of innings where possible.

5. 7 innings is a full game. If a game is called due to weather, 4 entire innings (3 1/2 if the home team is ahead) must be completed to constitute a full game. If 4 or more innings have been played, the team winning at the end of the last completed inning will be declared the winner. If 4 complete innings have not been played, the entire game must be rescheduled. The home team must call the Diamond Coordinator to reschedule the game.

6. With a 3 – 4 team division, a round robin format will be used. With 5 or more teams, an elimination format will be used. See specific rules below.

a) **Round Robin Format:** 2 points will be award for a win, 1 for a tie. Games can end in a tie. The top 2 teams will play a 1 game championship game. If there is a tie in the standings at the end of the round robin, the winner will be determined by head to head. If there is a three-way tie, the team with the lowest runs against will be given a bye to the championship game. You CANNOT be eliminated by this method. There will be a tie breaker game for the remaining two teams. For the championship game, the team with the best record (the team with the most points after the round robin) will be home team. If there is a tie, the home team will be determined by head to head. If that game ended in a tie, home team will be determined by a coin toss.

b) **Elimination Format:** Teams will be eliminated after their 2nd loss (games cannot end in a tie) until only 2 teams remain. These 2 teams will play in the championship game. This is the final

game regardless of whether 1 team had a loss and the other did not. If 1 team has no losses going into this game, they will be home team. If both teams have a loss, the home team is determined by head to head. If both teams have a loss and the teams didn't play each other, a coin toss will determine home team.

7. Championship Game: Championship games will be played in full, weather permitting. If the championship game is called off early due to weather, follow Play-Off Rule #5. If the championship game is canceled due to weather, it will be rescheduled for later that day or the next day.

The Board of Directors may amend these rules at any time.