



U13 Provincial Rules and Regulations

The following minor playing rules will supersede the standard Softball Canada rules for the 2026 season.

*All age categories with only enough teams for one division will follow 'A' rules.

General U13 Regulations

1. Base Line Distance: 55'
2. Pitching Mound Distance: 38'
3. Ball Size: 11" Red Dot
4. Innings 1-4: 5 Run Rule, Inning 5+ Open
 - a. No provincial championship game will end in a tie
 - i. If after the last inning, the score is tied, extra innings will be played using the tie breaker rule (start the inning with the last available batter on 2nd base, 0 outs) until a winner is declared.
5. Pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning)
 - a. In situations where teams play extra innings due to a tie, a pitcher will be allowed to pitch a maximum of 1 additional inning per game.
6. Each player must play a minimum of 2 complete innings per game. In a game that is finished early due to the Run Ahead Rule, a team will not be penalized.
7. Batting Helmet. **MANDATORY** - Players must wear a batting helmet with a cage while at bat and on base.
8. Hit by Pitch: Batters need to make an attempt to not be hit by a pitch (SC rulebook: 5.5.1.f)
9. Pitching Face Protection. **MANDATORY** - All pitchers are required to wear a protective fielder's face mask.
10. No metal spikes are permitted.
11. DP/Flex: not in effect
12. Standard Run Ahead Rule: in effect (15 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4, and 7 after 5)
13. Bunting: Allowed
14. Intentional Walks: Allowed (pitch does not need to be thrown, announced to umpire by defensive team)
15. The Infield Fly Rule: in effect
16. Stealing Home: allowed
17. Dropped 3rd Strike: in effect
18. 1 charged offensive conference per inning
 - a. Offensive conferences taken in excess will result in the ejection of the coach or manager insisting on the excess charged conference.
19. 5 defensive conferences per regulation game
 - a. Additional innings grants 1 additional per inning

2026 updates are highlighted

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- b. Defensive conferences taken in excess will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

U13 'AA' Division

1. Games will have no time limit
2. Teams will bat 9 players in the starting lineup
3. Line-Up Changes
 - a. If a player gets injured they will have the remainder of the current inning and the following complete inning to return to the line-up. If they are not able to bat, their position in the line-up will be skipped and will not be considered an out. If they cannot return the game after the following complete inning they will be removed for the remainder of the game and will not be considered an out.
 - b. If a player must leave the game, their position in the line-up may be skipped and not counted as an out. They will be removed from the line-up and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the game.
 - c. If a team is not able to field the minimum number of players (9) the game will be considered a forfeit.

U13 'A' Division

1. A complete game will be 5 complete innings OR 1 hour and 30 minutes plus 1 inning, whichever comes first. The new inning starting after 1 hour and 30 minutes will be declared the last inning and will be open. The official start time will be at the completion of the plate meeting, official start time will be noted by the official scorekeeper.
2. Teams must bat all players in the starting line-up.
3. Line-Up Changes
 - a. If a rostered player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up at any point.
 - b. If a player gets injured they will have the remainder of the current inning and the following complete inning to return to the line-up. If they are not able to bat, their position in the line-up will be skipped and will not be considered an out. If they cannot return the game after the following complete inning they will be removed for the remainder of the game and will not be considered an out.
 - c. If a player must leave the game, their position in the line-up may be skipped and not counted as an out. They will be removed from the line-up and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the game.
 - d. If a team is not able to field the minimum number of players (9) the game will be considered a forfeit.