



## U15 to U19/20 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 'AA' rules.

### U15 to U19/20 'AA' Division Rules

1. Games will have no time limit
2. All innings are open
  - a. Standard Run Ahead Rules in effect (15 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4, and 7 after 5)
  - b. 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.
3. Teams will bat 9 players in the starting lineup
4. DP/Flex is permitted.
5. No pitching or playing time restrictions.

### U15 to U19/20 'A' Division Rules

1. A complete game will be 7 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. Innings 1-4: 5 Run Rule, Inning 5+ Open
  - a. Standard Run Ahead Rules in effect (15 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4, and 7 after 5)
  - b. 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.
2. Teams must bat all players in the starting lineup
3. No pitching or playing time restrictions

For age appropriate ball size and type, pitching distance and baseline distance reference [softballnb.ca](http://softballnb.ca)