



## **U11 Rules & Regulation for Softball NS Provincial**

- (A) Uniforms Rules per players & Coaches are in effect (per Softball Canada Rule book) All teams shall wear uniforms alike in colour, trim and style. No player on the same team may wear identical numbers, also players without numbers will not be permitted to play. If a player fails to adhere - wear the appropriate uniform rule when requested by the plate umpire, the player shall be removed from the game.
- (B) A maximum of 9 players on the field. Unlimited defensive substitutions. All players must bat. Coaches will submit a batting line-up in which the order will not change (except for injury).
- (C) At No time can any coach participate in the Softball NS Provincial Championship gameplay only athletes will be allowed to participate in gameplay. Coaches who do not adhere to this rule shall forfeit the game for their team. Coaches will only be allowed to take their position on 3rd base & 1st base.
- (D) Officials shall only enforce rules provided by Softball Nova Scotia.
- (E) The batter is out on the third strike, regardless of if the ball is caught or not.
- (F) Infield Fly rule will not apply.
- (G) A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game (can be consecutive). A pitcher can pitch again in extra innings to a maximum of 3 innings per game. A pitcher can pitch to a maximum of 6 innings per day. 1 pitch equals one inning. If the same pitcher hits (3) batters in the same inning, he/she must be removed for the remainder of that inning.
- (H) If a batter is walked, as soon as the batter/runner reaches first base time is automatically called, and the play is dead.
- (I) There will be no advancing or scoring from third base on a passed ball by the catcher. There is no scoring on a thrown ball from the catcher to the pitcher on the mound.
- (J) Games are six (6) innings long. A one hour forty five minute time limit will be in effect until the completion of a full inning. No inning starting after one hour and forty-five minutes into the game. (Exception - No time limit for semi-final games and Gold medal game)
- (K) Each half-inning will end when 5 runs or 3 outs are recorded. An over-the-fence homerun will only score a maximum of 5 runs. The sixth inning is open.
- (L) A ten-run difference rule after 3 ½ or 4 innings will constitute a game. Seven plus/minus runs maximum, per game for the best record.
- (M) The game will be terminated after 2 ½ or 3 innings if a team is ahead by 15 or more runs (15 run mercy rule).
- (N) Bunting is permitted.



(O) Base runners may steal on any legally pitched ball when it has crossed home plate. A player can only advance one base on a steal attempt. Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch- must be batted in or forced home by a walk or is part of a continuation play.

(P) Overthrow rule (defined 5.1.36) - Runners do not advance on an overthrow.

(Q) Pitchers are required to wear a protective face mask

(R) All on-deck batters and baserunners must have an attached face mask.

(S) All Coaches must have completed Softball NCCP Community Sports Ongoing Participation, to coach at all Regionals and Provincials. Only NCCP Community Sports Ongoing Participation coaches must be physically on the bench and field of play at the Softball NS Provincials Championship tournament. They must be physically on the bench at all games. Coaches without NCCP Community Sports Ongoing Participation will not be permitted on the bench or field of play (No other type of Staff is permitted on the bench). Coaches not adhering to this rule will forfeit their game.

(T) Playing time: No player is to sit more than 1 consecutive inning. Coaches will ensure that every player sits out one inning before any player sits out two innings.

(U) Base Distance: 45 feet. Pitching Mound Distance: 35 feet.

(V) Charged Conferences A team is permitted two offensive conferences per inning. A team is permitted two defensive conferences per inning. With the third conference, the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the balance of the inning.

(U) There are no protests or appeals.

(W) If the game is halted due to the TIME LIMIT – that inning would be open. If the game is tied International Tie Breaking Rule would be implemented immediately.

Note: Players must wear helmets with safety masks attached.

Weather, Rain Delays and Extreme Heat Wave Warning – The umpire has the final decision with regards to suspending/calling a game due to inclement weather or extreme heat wave. The Softball Nova Scotia appointed Supervisor has the final decision on when and where to resume the game. If a game is called/suspended by an umpire, it shall continue from the exact point at which it was suspended. The Softball NS Provincial Supervisor after the tournament schedule or change the venue to reschedule games due to inclement weather or extreme heat wave circumstances. The Softball NS Provincial Supervisor will have the final say with regards to re-starting or re-scheduling the games.



Coaches, managers, and athletes who violate the Softball NS Safe Sport codes of conduct will be subject to sanctions pursuant to Softball Nova Scotia Discipline and Complaints Policies. In addition to facing possible sanction pursuant to Softball Nova Scotia Discipline and Complaints Policy, coaches, managers, and athletes who violate the codes during a competition may be ejected by the official from the competition or the playing area, the official may delay the competition until the coach, and /or participant complies with the ejection and the coaches, managers and athletes may be subject to any additional discipline/sanctions by Softball nova Scotia associated with the competition. Officials will notify their UIC who will be responsible to send written notification to Softball Nova Scotia after the Competition of any ejections.