

## U17 and U21 Divisions:

- 1) Softball Canada: and Huron Perth League rules apply, unless outlined below
  - **Unlimited defensive substitutions -- everyone bats.**
- 2) **Players may be added to the bottom of the line up without penalty; the opposing team must be advised of any players entering the game late.**
- 3) **Players may be removed from the line up due to injury/illness without penalty.**
- 4) **If a player is ejected from the game, their spot in the batting order will result in an automatic out.**
- 5) Courtesy runner (last out) available for catcher with 2 out (not mandatory)
- 6) Game length: 7 innings OR a 1 hour and 30-minute time limit. No dead stop, the inning will be played out even if it goes beyond 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 7) Mercy Rule #1 – **Maximum of 7 runs per inning. (7th inning played open in division Championship games only.)**
- 8) Mercy Rule #2 – **15 runs after (2 1/2) or 3 innings; 7 runs after (4 1/2) or 5 innings.**
- 9) The home team is decided by coin toss.
- 10) **If the home team is winning going into the bottom half of the last inning, the game is over and the home team will not take their last bat. If the home team is winning and is at bat when the 1hr 30 min time limit is reached; the game is over, and the inning is NOT finished.**
- 11) Ties will not be broken during round robin games. During playoff games, the international tie-breaker rule will be in effect starting with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning **OR** after time limit has expired (last available runner starts the extra inning at 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
- 12) There will be no time limit for the final championship game in each division, unless agreed to by both teams prior to the game. Mercy rules will apply in all playoff games.
- 13) To keep our time schedule, the tournament convener and umpire in chief may reduce the time limit by up to 15 minutes until games are back on schedule.
- 14) No infield practice will be allowed.
- 15) All catchers (players, coaches, parents, etc.) must wear an approved catchers helmet or face mask whenever catching a pitcher (before games, during games, between games, etc.). There will be no exceptions to this rule. If a team breaks this rule, the pitcher will be ineligible for the remainder of the current game (if during a game) or the next game (if before a game or between games)
- 16) All Pitchers must wear an approved face mask.
- 17) The home team is responsible for keeping score. Please see the convenor table in the pavilion (Mitchell) to report scores. Please report all scores to the convenor at each site (Cromarty, Sebringville, Fullarton)
- 18) **NO PROTESTS ALLOWED - Umpire's decision is final.**
- 19) Organizers of this tournament are not responsible or held liable for any injuries incurred.
- 20) No steel spikes allowed.
- 21) In play-off and championship games the home team will be the highest seed, no coin toss.

## U15 Division:

- 1) Softball Canada: and Huron Perth League rules apply, unless outlined below
  - **Unlimited defensive substitutions -- everyone bats.**
- 2) **Players may be added to the bottom of the line up without penalty; the opposing team must be advised of any players entering the game late.**
- 3) **Players may be removed from the line up due to injury/illness without penalty.**
- 4) **If a player is ejected from the game, their spot in the batting order will result in an automatic out.**
- 5) Courtesy runner (last out) available for catcher with 2 out (not mandatory)
- 6) Game length: 7 innings OR a 1 hour and 20-minute time limit. No dead stop, the inning will be played out even if it goes beyond 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- 7) Mercy Rule #1 – **Maximum of 5 runs per inning. (7th inning played open in division Championship games only.)**
- 8) Mercy Rule #2 – **15 runs after (2 1/2) or 3 innings; 7 runs after (4 1/2) or 5 innings.**
- 9) The home team is decided by coin toss.
- 10) Runners may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- 11) The ball is in play after a dropped third strike.
- 12) **If the home team is winning going into the bottom half of the last inning, the game is over and the home team will not take their last bat. If the home team is winning and is at bat when the 1hr 20 min time limit is reached; the game is over, and the inning is NOT finished.**
- 13) Ties will not be broken during round robin games. During playoff games, the international tie-breaker rule will be in effect starting with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning **OR** after time limit has expired (last available runner starts the extra inning at 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
- 14) There will be no time limit for the final championship game in each division, unless agreed to by both teams prior to the game. Mercy rules will apply in all playoff games.
- 15) To keep our time schedule, the tournament convener and umpire in chief may reduce the time limit by up to 15 minutes until games are back on schedule.
- 16) No infield practice will be allowed.
- 17) All catchers (players, coaches, parents, etc.) must wear an approved catcher's helmet or face mask whenever catching a pitcher (before games, during games, between games, etc.). There will be no exceptions to this rule. If a team breaks this rule, the pitcher will be ineligible for the remainder of the current game (if during a game) or the next game (if before a game or between games)
- 18) All Pitchers must wear an approved face mask.
- 19) The home team is responsible for keeping score. Please see the convenor table in the pavilion (Mitchell) to report scores. Please report all scores to the convenor at each site (Cromarty, Sebringville, Fullarton)
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- 22) No steel spikes allowed.
- 23) In play-off and championship games the home team will be the highest seed, no coin toss.

## U11 and U13 Divisions:

- 1) Softball Canada: and Huron Perth League rules apply, unless outlined below
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- 3) **Players may be removed from the line up due to injury/illness without penalty.**
- 4) **If a player is ejected from the game, their spot in the batting order will result in an automatic out.**
- 5) Courtesy runner (last out) available for catcher with 2 out (not mandatory)
- 6) Game Length: 1 hour and 15-minute time limit. No dead stop, the inning will be played out even if it goes beyond 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- 7) Mercy Rule #1 – **Maximum of 5 runs per inning. (7th inning played open in division championship game only)**
- 8) Mercy Rule #2 – **7 runs after (4 1/2) or 5 innings.**
- 9) Runners may steal after the ball crosses home plate.
- 10) Batter is out on a third strike dropped ball.
- 11) **In the U11 division**, advances will not be allowed on an overthrow; only one base stolen will be allowed per play; a runner on third base can only advance on a hit ball or when forced.
- 12) Time limit shall apply to **ALL** games including semi-final and final games.
- 13) The infield fly rule is **NOT** in effect for **U11 only.**
- 14) **If the home team is winning going into the bottom half of the last inning, the game is over, and the home team will not take their last bat. If the home team is winning and is at bat when the 1hr 15 min time limit is reached; the game is over, and the inning is NOT finished.**
- 15) Ties will not be broken during round robin games. During playoff games, the international tie-breaker rule will be in effect starting with the 8<sup>th</sup> inning **OR** after time limit has expired (last available runner starts the extra inning at 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
- 16) To keep our time schedule, the tournament convener and umpire in chief may reduce time limit by up to 15 minutes until games are back on schedule.
- 17) No infield practice will be allowed.
- 18) All catchers (players, coaches, parents, etc.) must wear an approved catcher's helmet or face mask whenever catching a pitcher (before games, during games, between games, etc.). There will be no exceptions to this rule. If a team breaks this rule, the pitcher will be ineligible for the remainder of the current game (if during a game) or the next game (if before a game or between games)
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**\*\*THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS THIS TOURNAMENT IS TO PLAY BALL & HAVE FUN! \*\***

DIVISION	PITCHING DISTANCE (in feet)	BASE LINE (in feet)
U21	43	60
U17	43	60
U15	40	60
U13	38	55
U11	35	45

**Rankings to be determined by the following 'tie-breaking' criteria:**

1) Points (3 for a win; 1 for a tie)				
2) Head to Head (NOT APPLICABLE if all teams in pool did not face each other)				
3) Fewest runs against				
4) Formula: (Runs for + Runs Against)/Runs Against - with higher number getting the higher rank				
5) Most Runs For				
6) Coin Toss				