

2009 SEASON - SOFTBALL RULES SUMMARY

Rule/Level	Mite	Squirt	Pee Wee	Bantam	Girls Bantam-Midget
Game Length	7 innings - 2hr Time Limit	7 innings - 2hr Time Limit	7 innings - 2hr Time Limit	7 innings - 2hr Time Limit	7 innings - 2hr Time Limit
Time Limit (Local Rule)	No new inning after 8:10pm (or 1hr 40min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm or 9:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm or 9:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)
Mercy Rule (Local Rule)	5 runs/half inning including last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning
Last Inning (Local Rule)	Home team bats in last inning regardless of score.	No Mercy Rule Regular Rule Applies Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over	No Mercy Rule Regular Rule Applies Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over	5 runs or deficit +1 Revert to previous inning score, if called due to time limit.	No Mercy Rule Regular Rule Applies Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over
Players (Local Rules) Automatic Out Extra Outfielder Batting Order Substitution	7 minimum No Auto Out if < 9 players Not Allowed All Players Bat Unlimited	7 minimum No Auto Out if < 9 players Not Allowed All Players Bat Unlimited	7 minimum No Auto Out if < 9 players Not Allowed All Players Bat Unlimited	7 minimum No Auto Out if < 9 players Not Allowed All Players Bat Unlimited	7 minimum No Auto Out if < 9 players Not Allowed All Players Bat Unlimited
Dropped Third Strike (See Rule Sec 8-2b)	Regular Rule Applies Batter Automatically Out	Regular Rule Applies Batter Automatically Out	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-2b)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-2b)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-2b)
Pitching/Substitution Max. Innings (Local Rule) Pitching Stance	2 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back
Lead-Off	Not until ball crosses home plate (Local Rule)	Not until ball crosses home plate (Local Rule)	Regular Rule Applies After ball released by pitcher (See Rule Sec 8-3a)	Regular Rule Applies After ball released by pitcher (See Rule Sec 8-3a)	Regular Rule Applies After ball released by pitcher (See Rule Sec 8-3a)
Stealing Restrictions	No stealing home on any exchange between pitcher & catcher (Local Rule)	Regular Rule Applies No Restrictions other than Lead-Off Rule	Regular Rule Applies No Restrictions other than Lead-Off Rule	Regular Rule Applies No Restrictions other than Lead-Off Rule	Regular Rule Applies No Restrictions other than Lead-Off Rule
Infield Fly Rule	Not used (Local Rule)	Not used (Local Rule)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 1-44)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 1-44)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 1-44)
Runner Crashing into Player (See Rule Sec 8-8t)	If runner remains on their feet and deliberately crashes into the defensive player, the runner is declared out for interference. Note: If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected.				
Throwing of Bat (Local Rule)	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball
Dress Code Shirt Caps (Local Rule) Pants (Local Rule) Jewellery	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed (See Rule Sec 3-10)
Note: SOFTBALL CANADA RULES unless specifically indicated as a local rule.					
Distances/Sizes	Mite	Squirt	Pee Wee	Bantam	Midget
Pitching (Male/Female)	30'/28'	35'/35'	40'/38'	42'/40'	46'/40'
Bases	45'	55'	60'	60'	60'
Ball Size	11"	11"	12"	12"	12"