

## U13 Softball Rules 2023

### 11" softball

**Pitching distance 38 feet**

**Bases distance 55 feet**

- a) A team will be allowed to make unlimited defensive substitutions at any stage of the game except when the ball is in play.
- b) The in-field fly rule does not apply.
- c) A player may not pitch more than three innings during a single game (9 outs) and no more than two consecutive innings.
- d) If the catcher for the next inning is on the bases with two out, he/she can be substituted at any time with another runner to speed up the equipment change.
- e) The pitcher may use a windmill providing he/she can control the delivery of the ball to avoid injury to other players.
- f) Softball Canada pitching rule.
- g) No base runner may lead off until a pitched ball has crossed the plate. Players leaving early will be called out for a lead off.
- h) Base runners may only steal one base at a time. If there is an overthrow on an attempted steal at second, the runner may advance to third at their own risk. However, if there is an overthrow on an attempted steal at third, the player may not advance home (see j) below).
- i) A batter may only advance one base on an overthrown ball after a fair hit. If the defensive team tries to make a second (or third) attempt to put the player out at the next base, the player may advance another one base each time.
- j) A base runner from third may only score after a fair hit, or be forced home by a bases-loaded walk or batter hit by pitch. The base runner cannot steal home, score on an overthrow on an attempted steal, or score on a misplayed throw back to the pitcher.
- k) The batter is automatically out on a dropped third strike.
- l) Each team is limited to 5 runs in their half of the inning. (Exception: last inning. See m).
- m) In the last inning the following rule ("5 runs or deficit +1") applies:
  - i. If Visitors are behind by more than 5 runs, they are limited to run differential plus 1 run
  - ii. If Visitors are behind by fewer than 5 runs, 5 run maximum
  - iii. If Visitors are ahead, 5 run maximum
  - iv. If the Home team is behind, they are limited to the run differential plus 1
  - v. Any time the home team is ahead in the final inning, the game is over