

## U15 Softball Rules 2023

### 12" softball

**Pitching distance 42 feet**

**Bases distance 60 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 infield fly rule is in effect.
- 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 applies.
- g) Softball Canada stealing rules applies - no base runner may lead off until a pitched ball has left the pitcher's hand. Players leaving early will be called out for a lead off.
- h) Softball Canada dropped third strike rule is in effect.
- i) Each team is limited to 5 runs in their half of the inning. (Exception: last inning. See j).
- j) 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