

ORSA Rules Summary 2016

Co-ed teams compete in the boys series

Pitching and baseline distances as set out in the Softball Canada rulebook

Teams must have 9 eligible players present to start a game. A team not having 9 players at the start of the game due to unforeseen circumstances may be allowed 30 minutes grace period. Upon arrival of the 9th player the game shall start immediately.

Replacement of incapacitated players on the roster is not allowed. Only players initially rostered are eligible for playdown games.

If a game is delayed due to weather teams must wait at least one hour in order to try and resume play.

All players must sign in at each game with name and number. Unsigned players will not be eligible to play. Players arriving late can sign in at any time with the convener

ORSA Rules that supercede Softball Canada Rulebook

Division	U10	U12	U14	U16
Game Length	7 innings (5 innings constitute an official game in the case of a weather interruption)			
Time Limit	No new inning to start after 90 minutes * note that a new inning is considered to have started as soon as the third out (or mercy rule run) of the previous inning is recorded			No time limit
	All ties to be broken by extra innings. No international tie breaker rule is to be used.			
Mercy Rules	15 runs after 5 or more innings			10 runs after 5 or more innings
	7 runs per inning	All innings are open		
Open Innings	7th and subsequent innings are open			All innings are open
2 Out Catcher Substitution	Catcher may be substituted from running the bases by the last available batter with 2 outs. This is optional.			
Uncaught Third Strike	Batter is out, ball remains alive		Batter may run on uncaught third strike, ball remains alive	
Equipment	All game equipment (bats, helmets, catchers equipment) are subject to inspection by the umpires at any time. Expect everything to be checked.			
	All batting helmets must have a cage which is firmly attached. All hardware must be intact - no missing or loose screws			
	Chin straps must be worn properly		Chin straps are optional but if worn should be worn properly	
	All bats must meet eligibility requirements. Damaged or uncertified bats will be removed from play. Warmup bats not eligible for play must be marked as such			
Substitutions	Free substitution - everyone bats. Players arriving late must sign convenors sheet are to be added to the bottom of the lineup. Injured players are removed from the lineup without penalty but cannot reenter the game.		Softball Canada 9 player lineup. Re-entry of starting players allowed per SC rules. DP is not allowed	Softball Canada 9 player lineup. Re-entry of starting players allowed per SC rules. DP is allowed.
Defensive Conference Rule	Softball Canada Rule 1-16, Rule 5-9(b): 5 conference per 7 inning game, 1 per each extra inning (not cumulative and no carryover from regulation) Any extra conference results in the pitcher at the time being declared an ineligible pitcher for the remainder of the game. The player may still play other positions A conference includes players leaving their positions to go to the dugout for instructions. It is not a charged conference if the coach/manager informs the plate umpire of a pitching change either before or after talking with the pitcher.			Softball Canada Rule 1-16, Rule 5-9(b) same as other groups except: - only 3 conferences per 7 inning game
Offensive Conference Rule	Softball Canada Rule 1-16, Rule 5-9(a): 1 conference per inning Umpire should not allow a second conference. If another conference occurs the coach/manager responsible for the conference is ejected from the game.			
Runners Leaving Bases	Runners may leave when ball crosses the plate		Runners may leave when ball is released from pitchers hand	
Infield Fly	Not in effect		In effect	

Home Team Responsibilities

1st game of 1st round must be "scheduled" 8 days before deadline or home team loses right to host first game. In further rounds 1st game to be "scheduled" no later than 4 days after deadline of previous round. If not, home team loses right to host 1st game.

Phone visiting club within 48 hours after completion of prior round. Failure to do so may result in loss of home game.

Notify the convener of the date, time and location of a home game. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of the game