

SOFTBALL P.E.I.

Rules for Provincial “Squirt” Championships

1. Five (5) innings per game.
2. Five (5) runs maximum per inning, except the last inning which is open.
3. All protective equipment **MUST** be worn, as per C.A.S.A. Rule Book **PLUS** there must be chin straps on helmets for all batters, on deck batters and base runners.
4. A team must have nine (9) players to start a game but may continue and/or finish a game with eight (8) players.
5. (a) All players on a team will bat and any nine (9) can play defense - no substitution notice will be required to be given to an umpire regarding these changes.
(b) Conferences between pitcher/batters and their coaches will be limited to two (2) per inning.
(c) If a player gets injured and cannot continue the game, they are simply missed when it is their turn to bat (they cannot return and play in the game later).
6. (a) Stealing 2nd and 3rd is allowed, stealing home is **NOT** allowed (any runner on 3rd base when ball becomes dead must then be batted in or forced home by a walk or hit batter).
 - i) If ball is overthrown at 3rd base, the runner may advance if it is a continuous play on a steal attempt.
 - ii) On a walk or hit batter the batter/runner is awarded first base only and they can **NOT** advance beyond first base as a result of this action until the next pitch.

(b) Dropped strike three ball is alive but batter is **OUT**.

(c) **NO BUNTING ALLOWED**.
8. Pitchers can pitch a maximum of ten (10) innings in the provincials If a pitcher appears in an inning that will constitute as an inning pitched.
9. Pitchers hitting batters (with pitched ball) is the responsibility of the home plate umpire.
10. Pitchers can pitch to a maximum ten (10) innings during the elimination round and another ten (10) innings during the play-off round in Softball P.E.I. Provincials.

No metal or hard plastic spikes are allowed in any division of minor softball (detachable cleats made of rubber which screw into the sole is allowed.