

S M S A - 2012 SEASON - SOFTBALL RULES SUMMARY

Rule/Level	Mite	Squirt	Pee Wee	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)	Last inning not to be called prior to 1hr 25min after start	Last inning not to be called prior to 1hr 25min after start	Last inning not to be called prior to 1hr 25min after start	Last inning not to be called prior to 1hr 25min after start	Last inning not to be called prior to 1hr 25min after start
**Mercy Rule (Local Rule) when not playing last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning	5 runs/half inning except last inning
Last Inning (Local Rule)	5 runs or deficit + 1 Revert to previous inning score If called due to time limit	5 runs or deficit + 1 Revert to previous inning score, if called due to time limit	5 runs or deficit + 1 Revert to previous inning score, if called due to time limit.	5 runs or deficit + 1 Revert to previous inning score, if called due to time limit.	5 runs or deficit + 1 Revert to previous inning score, if called due to time limit.
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	Batter Automatically Out	Batter Automatically Out	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-1b)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-1b)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-1b)
Pitching/Substitution Max. Innings (Local Rule) Pitching Stance	2 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back (See Rule Sec 6-3)	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back (See Rule Sec 6-3)	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back (See Rule Sec 6-3)	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back (See Rule Sec 6-3)	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back (See Rule Sec 6-3)
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 8-5a)	Regular Rule Applies After ball released by pitcher (See Rule Sec 8-5a)	Regular Rule Applies After ball released by pitcher (See Rule Sec 8-5a)
Stealing Restrictions	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	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 1-52)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 1-52)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 1-52)
Runner Crashing into Player (See Rule Sec 8-9q)	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	Automatic Out	Automatic Out	Automatic Out	Automatic Out
Dress Code Shirt Pants (Local Rule) Batting Helmets Jewellery	Numbers on back Pants Only Strap & Cage attached (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Regular Shorts Not Allowed Strap attached (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Regular Shorts Not Allowed Strap attached (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Regular Shorts Not Allowed Strap attached (See Rule Sec 3-10)	Numbers on back Regular Shorts Not Allowed Strap attached (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'/30'	35'/35'	40'/38'	42'/40'	46'/40'
Bases	45'	55'	60'	60'	60'
Ball Size	11"	11"	12"	12"	12"

**** For the Home Team** (bottom of the last inning), standard softball/baseball rules apply i.e. if the Home Team is ahead, the game is over;

If not, the game continues until three outs OR until the Home Team is ahead OR time limit is reached.

For the Visiting Team (top of the last inning), if the deficit is less than 5 runs, the Visiting Team can score a maximum of 5 runs;

If not, the inning continues until three outs OR until the Visiting Team is ahead by 1 (one) run OR time limit is reached.