



## **SUMMARY of CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES**

### **Softball Alberta Provincial Playoffs**

*(The Softball Alberta Official Handbook shall be referenced where discrepancies between this summary and the Handbook exist.)*

## **U13 A**

### **1. Coaches:**

A **maximum** of 4 coaches/managers are allowed on the team bench.

Each team requires at least one coach to be fully certified in NCCP (Softball) - "Competition Introduction".

Fully certified means the coach has completed their *Foundations of Coaching Softball* modules, attended the *Competition Introduction* course, completed their *MED Online Evaluation* and has completed their *on-field practice evaluation*. **The certified coach of record must be in attendance at all games and on the team's bench during provincials.**

One coach must also be the same gender as the team and have *Foundations of Coaching Softball Part 1* PLUS either *Safe Sport Training* OR *Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation* complete on their NCCP transcript. **This coach must be in attendance at all games and on the team's bench during provincials.**

### **2. The Game:**

7 innings constitute a legal ball game, except if tied after 7 complete innings or expiry of time limit. If the game cannot be completed due to time expiry, rain, darkness, etc.; 5 innings or expiry of time limit constitutes a legal ball game.

- **Runs per Inning Rule** – A 5 run rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game. Once the 5<sup>th</sup> run is scored all other runners are stranded. They DO NOT start on base next inning.
- **Defensive infielders** - ALL infielders are required to wear an approved protective face mask/guard
- **Pitching Rule** – Pitchers can pitch a **maximum** of 4 innings per game. Should a pitcher throw 1 pitch (*excluding warm-up pitches*), this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is *not* in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is:
  - 1) the coach is ejected
  - 2) the player(s) is removed from the pitching position.At the time of the appeal, the non-offending team shall have the option of:
  - a) Allowing all plays to stand, or
  - b) Revert to the spot in the game when the violation occurred.

- **Third Strike** – The batter is **out** on the third strike, regardless if the ball is caught and the ball remains live.
- **Infield Fly Rule** – NOT in effect.
- **Designated Player Rule** – NOT in effect.

**STANDINGS AT COMPLETION OF THE QUALIFYING ROUND** - teams are ranked after the Round Robin games based on:

1. WIN / LOSS record (no tie games in round robin)
2. Games played against each other
3. Runs For/Against with a maximum per game being:

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