



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.)

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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 5th 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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