

Minor Division Tournament Rules and Guidelines

Softball Canada/O.A.S.A. Rules will be in effect.

All players and coaches must sign in prior to participating.

Be prepared to provide proof of player's date of birth upon request. Birth certificate, Health Card, driver's license, or passport are acceptable documents.

Teams must provide the tournament convenor with a contact number where they can be reached throughout the tournament to be advised of schedule changes that may be required due to weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the convenor.

Pre-game warm up on the infield will be at the discretion of the OASA tournament convenor.

Home team will be determined prior to the start of the game by a coin toss. The team that has travelled the farthest distance will call the toss. The winner of the toss will have the choice of first or third baseline player's bench unless teams are playing back to back and a team already at the first or third baseline bench will not be required to move.

Line up cards are required for all games and will be provided to a team rep by the convenor ½ hour prior to game time and must be submitted to the convenor at least 15 minutes prior to the game start time. Teams must be at the diamond and prepared to play up to ½ hour prior to the scheduled game time.

Equipment removed from the game by any umpire will be handed over to the tournament convenor for the duration of the tournament. It is the team's responsibility to collect any equipment upon their elimination from the tournament or at the conclusion of the tournament. The OASA is not responsible for equipment not picked up by the owning team.

The double base will be used at first for all OASA tournaments.

All protests during a game must be made at the time of the play in question (before the next pitch) to the plate Umpire and will be resolved by the tournament protest committee prior to the resumption of play. No protest fee is required during tournament play. There are no appeals to the decision of the protest committee.

International Tie Breaker applies to all games including championship games.

Bats will be checked by the umpires and OASA convenors prior to the team's first game. A destructible OASA approved sticker will be placed on all LEGAL bats. Bats must meet Softball Canada bat standards. Any player found using an illegal bat at any time during the tournament will be ejected from the game and suspended from play for the remainder of the tournament.

When any game is suspended during the tournament, the game shall be resumed at the exact point where the game was suspended, if the game is played on the scheduled tournament weekend. If the game is rescheduled for another date the game shall be replayed in its entirety from the beginning. This rescheduled game does not require a new coin flip. Completion of new line up cards will be required.

The OASA convenor has the authority to rule on player eligibility for the tournament. Disagreement with any ruling related to player eligibility may be appealed to the OASA following the event.

Any team withdrawing from an Elimination or Provincial tournament without OASA approval at any time shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Gorilla Gold pitching substance is allowed to be used by pitchers.

The catcher's mask must be worn by anyone warming up pitchers anywhere on or near the playing field. The Umpire will issue one warning to a team coach or manager of the offending team and thereafter any future violation of the safety rule by that team, shall result in the removal of the coach or manager from the game.

Teams will be allowed a 15 minute break between back to back games throughout the tournament.

No smoking is allowed on the player's bench or the playing field.

Teams advancing to Canadians, Eastern or Western Canadians will be required to have at least one coach on their roster that is NCCP certified as per each championships rules.