

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES SUMMARY

Rule/Level	Mite	Squirt	Pee Wee	Boys Bantam-Midget	Girls 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)	No new inning after 8:10pm (or 1hr 40min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm or 9:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)	Last inning not to start before 7:55pm or 9:55pm (or 1hr 25min after start)
Mercy Rule (Local Rule)	5 runs/half inning including last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning	4 runs/half inning except last inning
Last Inning (Local Rule)	Home team bats in last inning regardless of score.	No Mercy Rule Knockout Rule Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over	No Mercy Rule Knockout Rule Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over	No Mercy Rule Knockout Rule Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over	No Mercy Rule Knockout Rule Home just has to win by 1 run then game is over
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 (See Rule Sec 8-1b)	Batter Automatically Out (Local Rule)	Batter Automatically Out (Local Rule)	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	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	3 innings/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back	12 outs/game 2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back
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	No stealing home on any exchange between pitcher & catcher (Local 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 8-2l)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-2l)	Regular Rule Applies (See Rule Sec 8-2l)
Throwing of Bat (Local Rule)	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball	Automatic Out - Dead Ball
Dress Code Shirt Caps (Local Rule) Pants (Local Rule) Jewellery Chin Straps (Local Rule)	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion Not Required	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion Not Required	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion Not Required	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion Not Required	Numbers on back Not Required Regular Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion Not Required
Note: SOFTBALL CANADA RULES unless specifically indicated as a Local Rule .					
Distances/Sizes	Mite	Squirt	Pee Wee	Boys Bantam-Midget	Girls Bantam-Midget
Pitching (Male/Female)	30' / 28'	35' / 33'	40' / 38'	42'	40'
Bases	45'	55'	60'	60'	60'
Ball Size	11"	11"	12"	12"	12"