**ROSA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES SUMMARY (v1.4)**

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| **Rule/Level** | **Mite** | **Squirt** | **Pee Wee** | **Boys Bantam-Midget** | **Girls Bantam** | **Girls 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 | 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) | 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 | 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 | **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 | 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) | **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  1 foot on pitching plate  No stepping back | 12 outs/game  2 feet on pitching plate No stepping back | 12 outs/game  1 foot 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 (Rule Sec 8-5a) | **Regular Rule Applies**  After ball released by pitcher (Rule Sec 8-5a) | **Regular Rule Applies**  After ball released by pitcher (Rule Sec 8-5a) | **Regular Rule Applies**  After ball released by pitcher (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 | **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) | **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 | Automatic Out - Dead Ball |
| **Dress Code**  Shirt  Caps (**Local Rule**)  Pants (**Local Rule**)  Jewellery  Chin Straps (**Loc. Rule**)  Pitching Mask  Batter Helmet Cage | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed  Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Required  Required | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed  Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Required  Required | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Required  Required | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed  Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Not Required  Not Required | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Not Required  Not Required | Numbers on back  Not Required  Shorts Not Allowed Umpire Discretion  Not Required  Not Required  Not Required |

Note: **SOFTBALL CANADA RULES** unless specifically indicated as a **Local Rule**.

**ROSA FASTPITCH SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES DISTANCES/SIZES (v1.4)**

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| **Distances/Sizes** | **Mite** | **Squirt** | **Pee Wee** | **Boys Bantam-Midget** | **Girls Bantam** | **Girls Midget** |
| Pitching (Male/Female)  Bases  Ball Size | 30' / 28'  45'  11" | 35' / 33'  55'  11" | 40' / 38'  60'  12" | 44'  60'  12" | 40'  60'  12" | 40'  60'  12" |

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