

SOFTBALL (18.12)

Softball Canada Rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by the NBIAA (U19*). In this case the NBIAA rules will take precedence over any other rules.

Special Provision:

1. The distance from home base to the pitcher's plate shall be forty (43) feet.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The required minimum number of players dressed to start and continue a game must be nine (9). No more than eighteen (18) players shall be in uniform for any one game.
4. Number of Games Permitted - A team shall be limited to 18 games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 18 game limit.
5. All on deck batters, batters and base runners must have a batting helmet with an attached face mask.
6. All pitchers are required to wear an approved face mask/guard and it is recommended for all infielders.
7. For conference league play only, a tied game will be permitted for 1 point.
8. The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.
9. A request for an intentional walk can be made prior to or during the at-bat by the defensive coach or catcher to the umpire.
10. Scoring runs: The first 4 innings are capped at 5 runs per half inning of play, the last 3 innings are open.
11. The NBIAA game ball shall be the yellow 12 inches in circumference Rawlings Red Dot Hot Seam Fastpitch Softball.
 - U19 - Ball - 30.48 cm (12") Pitching - 13.1064 m (43') Baselines - 18.3 m (60')
Fences - Min - Max. - 61.0 m - 64.0 m (200' - 210')

10 Run Rule

A softball game shall end any time after five innings, or after four and one-half innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

Regional Play

No Regional Tournament is necessary when an interlocking schedule is used. Competition must decide the number one and two seed. In Regional league play (interlocking), the top two teams based on league standings would advance to the Provincials.

Regional/Provincial Format using one field :

Game 1: 10:00 A.M.	Host Conference #1	vs.	Guest Conference #2
Game 2: 12:00 P.M.	Guest Conference #1	vs.	Host Conference #2
Game 3: 2:30 P.M.	Winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2		

If two fields are used:

Game 1 and Game 2 at 10:00 A.M.
Game 3 at 2:00 P.M.

The NBIAA Championships will be held on the third Saturday in October.

These are recommended times, which may be adjusted for fields with lights.

The higher seed team will be the home team. Regional Tournaments or Regional play will be used to decide provincial participants. The **rain date** will be Sunday.