



# TOURNAMENT RULES

A promotional banner for the House League Select Provincial Championship. On the left, the Softball Ontario logo is repeated three times in a row. To its right, the text "HOUSE LEAGUE SELECT" is stacked above "PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says "PRESENTED BY" in red, followed by the KahunaVerse Sports logo, which is a red maple leaf above a black swoosh and the text "KAHUNAVVERSE SPORTS". The background of the banner is a collage of softball players in action, including a pitcher, a batter, and a fielder, all in various poses. The bottom of the banner has a black silhouette of a field.





## Appendix A – Rule Exceptions

Softball Ontario Female House League Select Provincial Championships – Rule Exceptions

### Playing Rules

None of the Minor Softball Rules for U12 will be in effect. Therefore, in all age divisions, Softball Canada Fast Pitch playing rules will apply with the following exceptions:

#### 3.0 Equipment

1. No metal cleats are allowed.
2. Approved protective cages on batting helmets are mandatory for batters, base runners, catchers and on deck batters.
3. In the U12, U14 and U16 Divisions, batters and base-runners must have chin straps on the helmet, which shall be worn properly under the chin.
4. U12- 11" Ball\ U14, U16- 12" Ball
5. Pitchers in the U12 and below categories are required to wear a protective face mask.

#### 4.0 Coaches, Players and Substitutions

1. Teams must have 9 players to start the game but can continue with 8 if an injury occurs. However, if a player ejection results in 8 remaining players then the game is forfeited.
2. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up provided you have not gone through the complete batting order.
3. Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed.
4. Replacement runner: the player designated to be the catcher in the next inning is the only player eligible to have a replacement runner. (when there is 2 outs)

#### 5.0 The Game

1. Home team will be decided by coin toss with the winner having the choice of being the home or visiting team.
2. In the U12 Girls through U16 Girls Divisions, if any team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs at the end of three innings (two and a half if home team) or any inning thereafter; or if any team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs at the end of five innings (four and a half if home team) or any inning thereafter, the game will be terminated.
3. Playing Time: No new inning will start after 90 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first. The plate umpire will keep the official time and will call the official start time with the first pitch.
4. The Home team, if leading, will be allowed to complete their at-bat in the final inning.

#### 7.0 Batting

1. All players will bat.
2. Where an injured player is removed from play, her place in the line-up is bypassed. Where a player is ejected from the game for any other reason, her place in the line-up is considered an automatic out.
3. A batter must declare before her at-bat that she will require a courtesy runner, and must reach first base before the runner comes in. The courtesy runner is the last person in the batting order who is not on base at the time of use.

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### **8.0 Batter-runner and Runner**

1. For U12 the dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect. The batter is out on a dropped third strike.

### **11.0 Protests**

1. No protests. All decisions rendered on the diamond are final.

### **12.0 Scoring**

1. If round robin games are played, the winning team is awarded 2 points and the losing team 0 points. Any game that ends in a tie will be declared a tie and each team will be awarded 1 point for that game.

2. Score cap of 5 runs per half inning.

3. Ties after the round robin will be broken in the following manner.

a. Head to head competition.

b. Least defensive runs allowed.

c. Plus or minus to a maximum of 7 (10 for U12) runs per game. Full innings only will be used.

d. Flip of a coin – if two teams flip will determine

If three teams, flips will eliminate one team – then refer back to A)

