

BANTAM GIRLS SOFTBALL

(revised May 2023)

1. Bases - 60 feet.
 2. Pitching - 40 feet.
 3. Ball size - 12 inches.
 4. Time limit - 2 hours or 7 innings (notwithstanding park curfews). Last inning to be called after 1 1/2 hours of play
 5. Unlimited substitution.
 6. All players must play and bat in order of line-up.
 7. 9 players on the field.
 8. 5 runs or 3 outs - equals 1 inning.
 9. Batter may run on third strike if ball not caught.
 10. Pitchers can pitch 4 innings maximum.
 11. Pitching Rule – Pitcher must start with both feet on the rubber. Pitcher will step forward with the lead foot and drag the pivot foot behind them. One foot must be in contact with the ground or the pitching rubber at all times. The pitcher may take their pitching arm back past the hip before starting their windmill motion and still make two passes of the hip in their windmill motion. No hopping.
 12. Pitchers are required to wear a protective pitching mask while pitching. *new for 2018*
 13. No lead-offs.
 14. Stealing is allowed after ball leaves pitcher's hand.
 15. Infield fly rule applies.
 16. Home team supplies Umpires - Level 2 (adult) Umpire are encouraged behind the plate Level 1 in field.
 17. When Umpire declares last inning, it will constitute of either 3 outs per team or a maximum of 10 runs per team. If the run differential is larger than the 10 run maximum the game is called due to Mercy rule.
 18. A minimum of 8 players are required to make the game official. There will only be 3 former rep players who have played rep in the last two years allowed to play on one team together. Teams who play a game with more than 3 former rep players will forfeit the game.
 19. Forfeit rule - If a game is cancelled and the home team offers up 3 possible dates to reschedule the game, the visiting team will need to decide on one of these games or face forfeiting the missed game.
- The league encourages that all scheduled games to be played.** A point system will be in place. A team will be awarded 1 point for a loss, 2 points for a tie, and 3 points for a win. Total points will determine your ranking in the tournament.
- Coaches are responsible to notify the opposing team for a game cancellation within a reasonable amount of time. If coach fails to do so, charges to the centre may be incurred.