



# Waterloo Minor Girls Softball Association

## Houseleague Rules

### General Rules for All Divisions

Softball Canada's Official Guide and Rule Book will apply for all divisions, except as follows:

1. All players present for a game will be listed in the line-up and will bat in rotation. Free substitution of players in the field will be allowed. A player not present at the start of the game cannot be listed until she arrives. She will be listed at the end of the batting order when she does arrive.
2. No inning will start after 8:00 p.m. in May and 8:15 p.m. in June and July. The game continues until the inning has been completed. The score at the end of the last complete inning will stand regardless of the number of innings played.
3. Any number of **registered houseleague players from a younger division** may be substituted to avoid a forfeit. If a game is forfeited, every attempt should be made to play the game as an exhibition game by "borrowing" members from the opposing team or other mutually agreeable conditions. A forfeited game will be registered as a loss.
4. A player will be limited to playing a maximum of 4 innings per game in any given position. This rule will be tracked by the coaches and scorekeepers and umpires will be advised as soon as an infraction is noticed. There is no penalty for the first infraction, but once noticed, the player is to be immediately relieved and the coach warned not to repeat the infraction. After receiving a warning, if the infraction is repeated, the offending player will be removed from the game (i.e., will be removed from the lineup, but may remain with the team on the bench) and the offending coach will be ejected from the game (and must leave the park).

### Additional Rules for T-Ball

1. Game time remains at 6:30 p.m.; all coaches and players are expected to be at their diamonds at this time. The first half hour is reserved for practice. The actual game portion of the evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. No inning shall start after 7:45 p.m. throughout the season.
2. An inning will end when there has been an equal number of batters for both teams. If the teams have an unequal number of players present, the team with the greater number of players will have everyone bat in each inning and the team with the lesser number of players will have the same number of players bat as the team with the greater number of players and the first batter in the next inning will be the next player in the batting order.
3. The players on the defensive team will be made up of a normal infield. If the ball goes through the infield, the batter will be awarded a home run. If a defensive play is made and any baserunner is put out, said baserunner will go and sit on her team bench (i.e. outs actually stand as outs.) There shall be no more than six defensive players on the field at one time (pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, and shortstop). Players must rotate through the positions. For teams with less than six players in attendance, eliminate the catcher's position first.
4. No stealing is allowed. Runners must stay on base until the ball is hit. The runner is out for leading-off if she leaves the base before the ball is hit.
5. The pitcher must have both feet on the rubber until the ball is hit—then she may leave the rubber to catch or field the ball.
6. If the last batter is put out, the inning ends. If she gets a hit, the ball must be given to the PITCHER OR CATCHER to end the inning. The Pitcher or Catcher will touch home plate to end the inning.
7. One or two coaches are allowed on the playing field with the defensive team to direct and instruct players. They are not to interfere with play in any way.
8. The infield fly rule does not apply.