

# Annual SMGSA Girls Softball

## Tournament Rules & Regulations

- 1) PWSA playing rules will apply in all games, except where covered by these rules. Exception: all players bat in the batting line-up and there will be unlimited defensive substitutions. If a player is injured or becomes ill, she will be removed from the game and her spot in the batting order will be skipped without penalty to the team.
- 2) Each team may register 17 players, 3 coaches, 1 manager.
- 3) Proof of age for all players must be presented at least one half hour prior to their first game at the registration desk. PWSA registration sheets will be accepted. Out of province teams MUST present a travel permit to be filed with the tournament chair. Rosters can be emailed to Tournament Chairs.
- 4) Home team will be decided by a flip of the coin at home plate by the Plate Umpire in pool play only.
- 5) Teams must be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to posted game time.
- 6) Mite to Midget – A game is 7 innings with no inning to start after 1 hour & 30 minutes. If the home team is at bat or is about to bat and is ahead when the time limit runs out, the game becomes official at that point. Games can end in a tie.
- 7) Run ahead rule.
  - U13 and U15 all games are maximum 5 runs per inning with 6th and 7th innings open. Round Robin, Playoff and medal games are 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4.5 or 5 completed innings.
- 8) Points: 0 for a loss. 1 for a tie. 2 for a win.
- 9) Ties in the standings will be broken by the following criteria, in order:
  - head to head results
  - least runs against/defensive innings played
  - run differential ratio (runs for/offensive innings played divided by runs against/defensive innings played)
  - most runs for/offensive innings played
  - coin toss
- 10) The home team will be the games official scorekeeper. **TEAMS** are responsible for reporting the final score to the Tournament Registrar following completion of the game.
- 11) The home plate/base umpire is responsible for administering the game time limit. The official start time will be confirmed by the home plate/base umpire at the time of the first pitch.

- 12) In case of any dispute, the Umpire's decision will be final. The game will be decided on the field of play.
- 13) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the tournament format should unforeseen circumstances prevail.
- 14) All players bat and unlimited substitution is allowed on defense.
- 15) Any team who has borrowed a player from another team must obtain a Letter of Permission from the player's registered team. If they do not have this Letter of Permission, they will not be covered by insurance. A copy of this Letter of Permission must also be sent to the appropriate division convener and also to [info@ontariopwsa.com](mailto:info@ontariopwsa.com)
- 16) NO PROTESTS ALLOWED. Umpires' decision is final.
- 17) Good sportsmanship is mandatory.