

**GODERICH SEAHAWKS 1ST ANNUAL LIONS CENTENNIAL**  
**GIRLS FASTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**RULES**

1. Softball Canada and Huron Perth Fastball League Rules shall apply, unless outlined below.
  - (a) Unlimited substitutions and all players bat in the line up.
  - (b) Players may be added to the bottom of the line up without penalty. Players may be removed from the line up due to injury/illness without penalty.
  - (c) If a player is ejected from a game, their spot in the batting order will result in an automatic out.
2. In all round robin games, the home team shall be determined by a coin toss.
  - (a) Official Scorekeepers are not provided. The home team shall be the Official Scorekeeper for each game, and shall try to situate themselves near, or behind the backstop for communication purposes with the Plate Official.
  - (b) In U11 and U13 Elimination/Championship play, the higher seed will be the home team.
3. Two out courtesy runners for catcher available, but not mandatory.
4. No Infield warm up prior to games.
5. I respect that Coaches/Bench Staff have their usual post-game team meeting/discussion routines. However, proper etiquette (especially in tournament play or anytime another game is following) is to vacate your dugout ASAP, and have any post-game meetings/discussions at a different location away from the diamond to allow the next team to properly get prepared for their game. Please respect this request at all times during this tournament.
6. No Protests allowed. Umpire decisions are final. Goderich Minor Baseball Association has a strict zero tolerance policy with respect to abuse of Umpires/Game Officials. Any/All incidences of Umpire abuse will be dealt with immediately by the Tournament Convenor, and expulsion from the tournament may result.
7. Organizers of this tournament are not responsible or liable for any injuries that may result during tournament play.
8. Team rosters to be submitted to on-site Convenor prior to the first game. Please have rosters clearly indicating any carded P.W.S.A. and/or over-aged players, and these players must be made known during the ground rules prior to each game for the opposing team and Umpires.

**9. This is a House league tournament. Pitchers must not be over-aged, currently carded P.W.S.A., or NCAA Collegiate signed players.**

**10. Pitchers allowed 5 warm up pitches to start their outing, and 3 in between innings.**

**11. No metal spikes allowed.**

**12. U11 & U13 Divisions**

**(a) Pitchers allowed to pitch up to 12 outs per game. A pitcher may re-enter in a game to pitch provided they have not used up their 12 outs. No warm up pitches will be given if substitution occurs during an inning.**

**(b) No dropped 3rd strike rule in effect.**

**(c) No Infield Fly Rule in effect.**

**(d) Stealing: When the ball has crossed the plate.**

**(e) Pitching masks are mandatory.**

**\*\*\*U11 Only - No advancing on overthrows, and only 1 base stolen allowed per play. Runners on 3rd base may only advance on a batted ball or if forced due to a walk.**

**13. Time Limit/Game Length:**

**All divisions - 7 innings, or 1 hour 30 minutes with no new inning to start after 1 hour 15 minutes.**

**Championship Games - Full 1 hour 30 minutes**

**Note: In order to maintain timelines within the schedule, Tournament Convenor and Umpire In Chief may reduce time limits by up to 15 minutes until games are back on schedule. Every attempt will be made to avoid this.**

**14. Maximum runs per inning:**

**5 Runs per inning - All Divisions**

**No open innings!**

**15. Mercy Rule in effect:**

**a) 11 runs after 2 ½ / 3 innings or,**

**b) 8 runs after 4 ½ / 5 innings (or anytime thereafter).**

**The game ends immediately after the deciding run is scored.**

**16. Tied games:**

**U11 & U13 Pool games - Game is official as a tie with each team receiving 1 point in the pool standings.**

**\*\*\*All U21 division games & U11/U13 Elimination games - International Tiebreaker rule in effect after 7 innings/time limit - Last batter from previous inning begins their team at bat on 2nd base.**

**17. Pool Standings**

- a) Most points (3 points per win; 1 point per tie; loss = 0).
- b) Head to head winner.
- c) Runs for minus runs against.
- d) Fewest runs against.
- e) Most runs for.
- f) Coin toss.

**18. The most important rule of this tournament is that Players, Coaches, and Supporters have fun and enjoy watching the players do their very best!!**