

## Southeastern Girls Softball

### League Constitution and Rules

1. M.S.A rules apply unless otherwise specified.

2. Game Protests:

Any protest resulting from a regular season game (league sanctioned and scheduled), must be reported (by the community representative) both verbally and in writing to the league committee within forty eight hours of the incident. The official score card (signed by the umpire indicating that a protest was lodged in the game) must be submitted to the league committee with the written details of protest. The umpire's name and phone number, along with both coaches' names and phone numbers (for contact purposes) must be provided as well. All protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar amount. The amount to be refunded should the protest be upheld.

League committee decision is final

3. Regular season games:

All regular season games are to be completed one week prior to league (regional) tournament

Teams unable to play a scheduled game for legitimate reason i.e. bad weather Home team coach is responsible for contacting the visiting teams coach to re-schedule the game. A one hour minimum notice must be given by the home team coach in the event of a game cancellation.

Rescheduled game shall be at the home team's convenience; providing it does not overlap the visiting teams pre scheduled games in another community.

Rescheduled games should be played as soon as possible

4. All regular season games from Mites to Pee Wee will consist of six closed innings of six runs or three outs. The seventh inning shall be an open inning (no limit runs) or three outs. Bantam and Midget games are open innings - 3 outs

5. There is no 90minute game rule. Teams play until seven innings are completed. The umpire may call the game early (last inning) due to darkness or bad weather.

**\*\*player safety must be a priority for umpires and coaches\*\***

In the event that a game cannot be completed due to bad weather, darkness (full seven innings) the innings shall remain closed (six runs or three outs for mites to pee wee only). All regular season games ending in a tie shall remain a tie.

6. Any team unable to play a regular season scheduled game on a certain night due to a prior school or community event.

- It is that team's coach's responsibility to notify the opposing coach as soon as possible to reschedule the game.

7. In the event of bad weather four full innings shall constitute a complete game. Incomplete games will be re scheduled and replayed.

8. Teams are allowed to play a regular season game with a minimum of seven players with no automatic outs.
  - A fifteen minute grace period will be allowed for players arriving late
  - Game will be considered a forfeiture if late players do not show up within the allotted grace period
  - A team with seven players (minimum) may continue to play a game in progress with six players (due to player injury) with an automatic out for the injured player. The injured player may re-enter the game (if deemed able) and the automatic out shall be rescinded
9. All (regular season) game results must be called in to the league statistician by the home teams coach.
10. Coaches from both teams and the umpire shall meet before each game to discuss all issues concerning field conditions, ground rules, and to clarify any rule interpretations. The umpire's decision shall be final.
11. Any team losing a game by fifteen runs or more after four complete innings has the option to concede the game
12. Registration:

All players registered/rostered (through the member represented communities of Southeastern Girls Softball) must register with their home communities every year, and abide by their home communities registration rules and policies.

In the event that the players home community is unable to field a team (for a players age group, due to insufficient participants)- that communities representative will attempt to find a position for that player or players with another nearby community team at the Southeastern Girls Softball annual post registration meeting.

Any player(s) interested in playing for another community for the above listed reason must obtain a player release from their home community and get approval from the Southeastern Girls Softball League, before they will be allowed to play with another Southeastern Girls Softball team.

Teams belonging to member represented communities, playing softball within the Southeastern Girls Softball program and abiding by our constitutional rules, will be registered with Softball Manitoba as members of the Southeastern Girls Softball League.

In the event that a Southeastern Girls Softball League (member represented community) team have no other teams of their age group to compete against in the Southeastern Girls region that team may move up to the next highest age level within the Southeastern region or if accepted, that team may play in another region and still be considered a member of Southeastern Girls Softball for that year.

13. All teams in the Southeastern Girls Softball are automatically registered in the league tournament. Failure to participate may result in fines of twenty five dollars per game, up to a maximum fine of one hundred dollars per team being imposed.



14. Southeastern Girls softball league committee to decide if fines are warranted based on situation.
15. League bond is one hundred dollars. If lost, the bond amount must be reinstated prior to new season.
16. All league meetings must be attended by a representative from each community. Communities failing to attend will be fined fifty dollars.
17. Members elected the executive shall remain for minimum two year terms.
18. All Bantam and Midget games require a minimum level one umpire. Pee Wee, Squirt, and mites should have the same level umpire, if possible.
19. A safety base, helmets with face guards, ear protection, and chin straps are mandatory for batting and base running at all age levels.
20. Jill protectors are **strongly recommended for all players and are mandatory** for all catchers.
21. Teams can pick up players from younger age groups to field a team providing the younger player has the basic ability to play at the higher age level and that players parents have given written consent. In the event that the younger player is also playing with a team of their own age that teams schedule will take precedence and the players coach shall have final say as to the players' availability to play.
22. **Southeastern Girls Softball League will not tolerate any abusive conduct or foul language from coaches, players or parents prior to, during, or after a game while in the ball park.**

*This constitution and rules list has been created by the regional representatives of each community involved with Southeastern Girls Softball League. Our sincere desire is to provide a safe, fun, and fair environment for all players, coaches to realize their own level of excellence in the sport of softball. We also realize that there is always room for improvement and strongly encourage anyone (with ideas for further improving our game) to contact your community representative with your thoughts, ideas or join the Southeastern Girls Softball League yourselves!! We need good people!*