

Cornwall Kinsmen Girls Softball Recreational Association Bylaws

General rules from Mites to Intermediate

1. Uniforms must be worn at all times to be eligible to play. All participants are required to wear black ball pants or league provided shorts, team jersey and red or white knee high ball socks (no longer supplied by league). Jersey cannot be covered up. If uniform is not available, player will have to sit out.
2. Each player must supply their own CSA approved batting helmet with face protection and functioning chin strap used for batting and running of bases. Helmets must be worn in dugout at all times.
3. No jewellery can be worn, with the exception of medical alert bracelets. No nose rings, earrings or hoops that cannot be covered with tape.
4. All players are to be rotated equally to the best of the coaches ability.
5. All divisions must have at least 7 players per team to officially play a game, with the exception of the Mites division.
6. The home team is responsible for score sheets, game balls and putting away bases at end of night.
7. The umpire in chief will call rain delays for evening games prior to 16:30. Plate umpires will call rain delays on the field after 16:30.
8. Zero tolerance for abuse of game officials/umpire. Zero chances. Player or coach will be ejected from game and will be required to appear before executive committee for a hearing.

Mites division

- Minimum age 5 years old as of start of ball season to 9 years old.
- No player shall play the same infield position more than twice and outfield position more than once.
- Official game consists of 2 completed innings.
- Bases are 50 feet away.
- Runners cannot advance bases on overthrows.
- For the regular season, players will receive 4 pitches from the coach. If batter is unsuccessful in hitting the pitched ball, the batter will have 2 attempts to hit the ball off a tee. Final game of the season and playoffs, batter will receive 5 pitches from coach.
- An umpire will be present at all games.
- An on deck batter must be ready in circle at all times.
- Only the catcher or pitcher's helper can stop the play at home plate on last batter.
- Runner will be called out if she steps on white portion of first base. Runner needs to touch orange bag unless going for extra bases.
- Runners can only advance once ball is hit.
- Ball must be hit to the outfield to advance more than one base. If ball is hit to outfield, player can run until ball leaves the hand of the outfielder.
- If pitcher (coach) is hit by the ball hit by the batter, the ball is considered dead and the pitch doesn't count.
- A player can enter the game at any time. Their name is to be added to the bottom of the batter's list.
- In case of an overthrow by an infielder to another base, play will stop and runner will return to previous base unless over half way to extra base.
- Tip foul must be at least 6 feet in height to be called out if caught.
- Infielder must throw to base to attempt an out with every hit.
- Maximum of 9 batters per inning or if less than 9 players, whole lineup.
- Only 9 players are allowed on the field at one time.
- Batting team can only have one coach pitching and a maximum of 2 coaches on the field, one each at 1st or 3rd. The defensive team is allowed a maximum of 2 coaches on the field.
- An executive committee member will be present at the first 3 games of the season.

Squirts Division

- 10 to 12 years of age
- Positions can only be played up to twice in one game if a minimum of 9 players at game.
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- Outfielders must play on grass.
- Players can touch the white bag at first only if advancing past on hit. Otherwise, orange bag must be used to run through.
- Runners can only come off bag once ball crosses home plate.
- Runners cannot steal home plate.
- If ball is hit to outfield, the runner can advance as many bases as possible until offensive team returns the ball to the pitcher.
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- In case of an overthrow by an infielder to another base, runner will stay on last base attained or continue to next base if already more than halfway to next base.
- Pitching plate will be set at 35 feet.
- Maximum 4 runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
- Pitchers will be evaluated on 6 outs to be replaced. If maximum runs per inning is achieved before 3 outs, pitcher will be credited with 3 outs. In other words, a complete inning counts as 3 outs, no matter what.
- Official game consists of 3 completed innings.
- A maximum of 3 coaches are allowed on the bench.
- 1 umpire per game.

Peewee Division

- Ages 13 and 14
- Pitching plate will be set at 38 feet
- No player can play one position more than 3 times per game.
- 5 run maximum per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
- Pitchers will be evaluated on 9 outs to be replaced. If maximum runs per inning is achieved before 3 outs, pitcher will be credited with 3 outs. In other words, a complete inning counts as 3 outs, no matter what
- Last inning will be an open inning. Open inning must start by 19:20 for 18:00 games or 21:20 for 20:00 games.
- Official game consists of 4 completed innings.
- Infield fly rule applies. The umpire's declaration of an infield fly means that the batter is out (and all force plays are removed) regardless of whether the ball is caught.
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- Outfielders must play on grass.
- Players can touch the white bag at first only if advancing past on hit. Otherwise, orange bag must be used to run through.
- Runners can only come off bag once ball crosses home plate.
- If ball is hit to outfield, the runner can advance as many bases as possible until offensive team returns the ball to the pitcher
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- In case of an overthrow by an infielder to another base, runner will stay on last base attained or continue to next base if already more than halfway to next base.
- A maximum of 3 coaches are allowed on the bench.
- 1 umpire per game.

Bantam/Midget Division

- Ages 15-16 (Bantam) and 17-19 (Midget) years old
- No player can play one position more than 4 times per game.
- Pitching plate will be set at 40 feet (Bantam) and 43 feet (Midget).
- 7 run maximum per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
- Pitchers will be evaluated on 12 outs to be replaced. If maximum runs per inning is achieved before 3 outs, pitcher will be credited with 3 outs. In other words, a complete inning counts as 3 outs, no matter what.
- Last inning will be an open inning. Open inning must start by 19:20 for 18:00 games or 21:20 for 20:00 games.
- Infield fly rule applies. The umpire's declaration of an infield fly means that the batter is out (and all force plays are removed) regardless of whether the ball is caught.
- Runner can lead off base or steal once ball has left the pitcher's hand.
- A maximum of 3 coaches are allowed on the bench.
- 1 or 2 umpire system
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- Outfielders must play on grass.
- Runners can touch the white bag at first base only if advancing past on hit. Otherwise, orange bag must be used to run through.
- If ball is hit to outfield, the runner can advance as many bases as possible until offensive team returns the ball to the pitcher.
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- In case of an overthrow by an infielder to another base, runner will stay on last base attained or continue to next base if already more than halfway to next base.
- Official game consists of 4 completed innings.