

# Cornwall Kinsmen Girls Softball Recreational Association Bylaws

*Please Note: Cornwall Kinsmen Girls Softball follow Softball Canada and Softball Ontario rules first and foremost. For clarification on rules not written here, please refer to those governing bodies. The bylaws written below are put into place to help our games only.*

## 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, the 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 jewelry can be worn, with the exception of medical alert bracelets. No nose rings, earrings or hoops that cannot be covered with tape. Team will be charge an out for 1<sup>st</sup> offence, player will be ejected on 2<sup>nd</sup> offence, in the same game.
4. All players are to be rotated equally to the best of the coach's 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. Each team may have a maximum of 3 non-players, over the age of 18, on the team bench at the same time. This includes the 2 individuals helping on the field.
9. Zero tolerance for abuse of game officials/umpire. Zero chances. Player or coach will be ejected from the game and will be required to appear before the executive committee for a hearing.
10. Players playing in select or rep level games/ tournaments, follow OSSTA or PWSA rules, which supersede these rules

## Mites division

- Minimum age 5 years old as of the start of ball season to 9 years old.
- Bases are 50 feet away.
- No player shall play the same infield position more than twice and outfield position more than once.
- 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 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.
- A runner can use the first base white bag only to avoid contact with the defensive player, or trying to advance to second base.
- Runners can only advance once the ball is hit.
- Ball must be hit to the outfield to advance more than one base. If the ball is hit to outfield, player can run until the ball leaves the hand of the outfielder.
- If pitcher (coach) is hit by a 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 1st 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.
- Players should play both infield and outfield in every game.
- 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.
- Official game consists of a minimum of 2 completed innings.
- An umpire will be present at all games.
- An executive committee member will be present at the first 2 games of the season.

## Squirts Division

- 10 to 12 years of age
- 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.
- No player can play one position more than 3 times per game, unless there is less than 9 players at game.
- All players should play outfield or sit out, for one inning, in every game.
- Outfielders must play on grass, in fair territory.
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- An on deck batter must be ready in circle at all times.
- Runners can only come off bag/base once ball crosses home plate.
- Runners cannot steal home plate.
- A runner can use the first base white bag only to avoid contact with the defensive player, or trying to advance to second base.
- Defensive player cannot block plate for any play at home.
- If the ball is hit to the outfield, the runner can advance as many bases as possible until offensive team returns the ball to the pitcher.
- In case of an overthrow by an infielder to another base, the runner will stay on last base attained or continue to the next base if already more than halfway to the next base.
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- Official game consists of a minimum of 3 completed innings.
- 1 umpire per game.

## Peewee Division

- Ages 13 and 14
- Pitching plate will be set at 38 feet
- Maximum 5 runs 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
- No player can play one position more than 3 times per game, unless there is less than 9 players at game.
- All players should play outfield or sit out, for one inning, in every game
- Outfielders must play on grass, in fair territory.
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- An on deck batter must be ready in circle at all times.
- Dropped 3rd strike rule in effect.
- Infield fly rule in effect.
- A runner can use the first base white bag only to avoid contact with the defensive player, or trying to advance to second base.
- Defensive player cannot block plate for any play at home.
- Runners can only come off bag/base once ball crosses home plate.
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- No new innings after 19:35/21:35, or 7 completed innings.
  - If the game isn't completed by 19:50 (for 18:00 games) or 21:50 (for 20:00 games), the final score will be reverted to the previous completed inning.
  - If the start of the game is delayed, for whatever reason, stop times must be adjusted accordingly to allow the game to complete enough innings to be considered official.
- The mercy rule is in effect.
  - 15 runs after 4 complete innings, 10 runs after 5 complete innings
- Official game consists of a minimum of 3 completed innings.
- 1 umpire per game.

## Bantam/Midget Division

- Ages 15-20 years old
- Pitching plate will be set at 40 feet.
- Maximum 7 runs 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.
- No player can play one position more than 4 times per game, unless there is less than 9 players at game.
- All players should play outfield or sit out, for one inning, in every game
- Outfielders must play on grass, in fair territory.
- Coaches must keep records of rotation of players, to be presented if challenged by other coaches, umpire or executive members.
- Dropped 3rd strike rule in effect.
- Infield fly rule in effect.
- A runner can use the first base white bag only to avoid contact with the defensive player, or trying to advance to second base.
- Defensive player cannot block plate for any play at home.
- An on deck batter must be ready in circle at all times.
- Runner can come off bag/base or steal, once the ball has left the pitcher's hand.
- A late player can enter the game at any time. Their name will be added to the bottom of the lineup.
- No new innings after 19:35/21:35, or 7 completed innings.
  - If the game isn't completed by 19:50 (for 18:00 games) or 21:50 (for 20:00 games), the final score will be reverted to the previous completed inning.
  - If the start of the game is delayed, for whatever reason, stop times must be adjusted accordingly to allow the game to complete enough innings to be considered official.
- The mercy rule is in effect.
  - 15 runs after 4 complete innings, 10 runs after 5 complete innings
- Official game consists of a minimum of 4 completed innings.
- 1 or 2 umpire system