



## 2022 First Nations Senior Softball & Fastpitch Tournament Official Rules & Regulations

1. All games will be played in accordance with Softball Canada as well as rules established by the tournament's Organizing Committee.

This tournament is sanctioned under the Eeyou Istchee Sports and Recreation Association (EISRA).

2. This tournament is open to all Native teams, and those who represent a community and not a region.

There will be **NO IMPORTS** allowed in all categories. Any team caught using an illegal player will automatically lose all its games in which the player in question took part in.

Any player having resided in a community for twelve (12) consecutive months will not be considered an import. However, any player can choose to play for their home community from which they are from and have a Band number or having previously resided in the community and having left due to educational, employment or legal reasons.

Any team concerned about the eligibility of a player must present the concern in writing to the Organizing Committee by August 19, 2022 for a formal review and decision by the EISRA.

3. The age categories will be as follows:
  - A. All categories are 18 and over (born in the year 2004 or sooner).
  - B. Each team is allowed two (2) minor players aged 16 and over (excluding those born in the year 2004). However, those who will turn 16 during the month of September are eligible. These players will need to provide ID's upon request by the Organizing Committee.

*Note : No player is allowed to play in more than one category/division, therefore must play for only one team. Any player who is caught infringing on this rule will be expelled for the remainder of the event, and could potentially be suspended for future EISRA sanctioned events. It is the teams' responsibility to manage their roster, and are also at risk of sanctions for using illegal players.*

All minor players must bring with them a parental consent form upon registration.

4. Each team is required to have seven (7) players on the field to start a game. NOTE: ANY EMPTY SLOTS IN THE BATTING ORDER (i.e. 7 players/2 empty slots) WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC OUTS. A coin flip will determine who will be the host and visiting team for





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the game. A maximum delay of fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time of the game will be allowed for teams to present themselves on the field. After this delay is reached, any team not present on the field will lose the game by default by a score of 10-0, resulting in 2 points allowed per inning. All teams should be present at the ball field thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled game.

### **There will be strict enforcement of the tournament schedule.**

5. All games will be played as follows:
  - a) Round Robin, quarter-finals & semi-finals 5 innings  
Finals 7 innings
  - b) All regular games will have a 90-minute time limit. No inning is to begin after 75 minutes has passed from the start of the game.
  - c) All playoff games will have a limit of 1:45, and no inning is to begin after 1:30 has passed from the start of the game.

It is strongly recommended for teams to present themselves at the field an hour before their scheduled game. It is also recommended to do their pre-game warm-ups on the side of the field so that their game can start once they step onto the field to avoid any delays to the schedule. When both teams are present, they can also request to begin their game earlier if the previous game has already finished.

6. All teams are guaranteed to play a minimum of three (3) games.
7. The scoresheet presented at the first game will serve as the official roster for the duration of the tournament. No player can be added at the conclusion of the first game. Each roster can have a maximum of 17 players.
8. Should there be a point differential of ten (10) points after three (3) complete innings in round-robin and quarter-final, the game will be stopped on the account of the 'mercy' rule. The same will be applicable after five (5) complete innings in the semi-final and final games.

\*\*\*NOTE: There will be a maximum of five (5) points scored per inning for all categories and will result in a switch in batting. However, the fifth (5th) inning (in round-robin & quarter-final games) will be an open inning, and the same will apply for the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning in semi-final and final games.





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### 9. STANDINGS :

a. The point system will be as follows:

**Win** **2 points**

**Loss** **0 point**

**Tie** **1 point**

b. Tie-breaker system will be determined according to the following:

1. Winner of the head-to-head game
2. Team with the most wins.
3. The highest points differential (+/-).
4. Team with the most points scored.
5. Team with the most points scored during their first game.
6. Team with the most points scored in the first inning of their first game.
7. Team having scored their first point the fastest (highest rank in the batting order).
8. Coin toss.

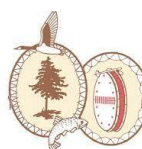
*Should there be a 3-way tie, rules 2 to 6 will apply.*

10. The CASA (Softball Canada) rules will apply for all forms/types of pitching for all categories.

### 11. EQUIPMENT :

- a) Only CASA (Softball Canada) approved equipment will be permitted during the event.
- b) Steel spikes are not permitted in all softball categories.
- c) Helmets must be worn at all times while batting and while on deck.

12. Any player, coach and/or manager caught under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be automatically expelled from the tournament.





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13. Any player caught fighting on or around any of the ball fields will be automatically expelled from the tournament and face possible further disciplinary action from the Organizing Committee.
14. Any player being disrespectful towards umpires, other players or caught attempting to injure will automatically be expelled for the remainder of the event and banned from future tournaments pending the conditions established by the Organizing Committee.
15. Any player, coach or team representative caught using social media where they are posting pictures or writing any negative comments towards the organizers, officials, C.R.E.E. Senior Hockey Rules opponents and the event will be subject to disciplinary measures that will be handed down by the organizing committee, which could result in suspension. There will be zero tolerance on the negative use of social media.
16. Any player having been expelled from the previous event relative to the rules #11, 12, 13 and 14 will not be permitted to participate in this event (2022) and possibly future events as well.
17. **\*\*\*ALL TEAMS MUST PAY THEIR INSCRIPTION FEE IN FULL BEFORE THE DEADLINE\*\*\***
18. **ABSOLUTELY NO PROTESTS.**

**THIS TOURNAMENT IS ORGANIZED IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND FAIR PLAY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!**

**HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!**

**THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED UNDER THE E.I.S.R.A.**

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