



2022 First Nations Minor Softball Festival Official Rules & Regulations

1. All games will be played in accordance with Softball Canada and Softball Quebec rules, along with the rules established by the Tournament Organizing Committee.
2. This tournament is open to Native communities only.
3. Communities with a population of less than one thousand (1000) are allowed a maximum of two (2) import players on their official line-up. **(NATIVE PLAYERS ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS)**. Communities with over one thousand population (1000) are not allowed imports.

It is recommended that in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play, all your local association players are given the opportunity to participate before imports are granted positions on teams.

Any player that has resided in a community at least **twelve (12) consecutive months** is not considered an import. However, the player may choose to play for his/her home community. Residency will be the only determining factor for eligibility. Players with a beneficiary will be considered import if they have not resided in the said community, unless they have resided for twelve (12) months.

Any other requests for review to this rule must be put in writing and sent to info@eisra.ca no later than **July 22, 2022, at 12:00 pm (noon)**. Final approval will be subject to a review by the EISRA Board and Tournament Committee, upon which proof of a valid address and other requirements may need to be reviewed.

4. ***Players may play for only one team***
A) all players on the roster will bat and change positions at any time between innings.
5. There must be at least seven (7) players on the field to start any game.

NOTE: ANY EMPTY SPOT IN THE BATTING ORDER (i.e. 7 players - 2 empty spots) SHALL BE AN AUTOMATIC OUT. A toss of a coin will decide which team is home or visiting. A maximum delay of fifteen (15) minutes after the set time shall be allowed for the teams to present themselves at the Ballfield. After the expiration of this delay, the game shall be defaulted (score for a default is 10-0, 2 runs per inning). All teams should be at the ballfield thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled game time.

Strict enforcement of the tournament's schedule shall be followed.

6. All games will be played as follows:
 - a) Round Robin & Quarter-Finals 5 innings
Semi Finals 5 innings
Finals 5 innings
 - b) Game duration:
U7 Tee-Ball Max = 60 minutes
U9 to U15 Max = 75 minutes
U17 & U19 Max = 90 minutes



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7. The roster presented for the first game shall be the official team list for the entire tournament. Each roster can have a maximum of 17 players.
8. All teams are guaranteed three (3) games.
9. If there is a ten (10) run difference in the score after three (3) complete innings of play in round robin and quarter-finals, the game is called on account of the mercy rule.

*****NOTE: A maximum of five (5) runs scored in an inning for all categories and teams will switch over (completes the at-bat). Furthermore, all fifth (5th) innings (regular games to playoffs) become an open inning (unlimited runs).**

10. STANDINGS:

Games will be determined as follows:

- a.

Win	2 points
Loss	0 points
Tie	1 point
- b. Tie-breakers in standings shall be as follows:
 1. The team that has beaten the one it is equal with will be ranked higher (head-to-head result)
 2. The difference between runs for and runs against for all games (+/-)
 3. The team with the most runs for all games
 4. The team with the most runs for the first game
 5. The team with the most runs in the first innings
 6. The team with the fastest run (highest in batting order to score) in the first inning

In case of a three-way tie, use 1 through 6.

11. CASA (Softball Canada) rules apply for all pitching in all categories.

****Orthodox pitch not permitted****

12. EQUIPMENT:

- a) Only approved CASA (Softball Canada) equipment shall be permitted.
- b) Steel spikes are prohibited in the Softball categories.
- c) Helmets must be worn while batting in softball & fastball and are strongly recommended while on base and on deck.



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13. No player, coach or manager shall be present at any ballfield under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The offending player, coach or manager will face expulsion from the tournament and possible further disciplinary action by the Organizing Committee.
14. Any player(s) found guilty of fighting on or around the ballfield (s) shall be ejected for the remainder of the tournament and possibly further EISRA events.
15. **CO-ED Categories** – Minimum of 3 girls on field **at all times.**
16. Any player disrespecting the umpire(s), other participants or found guilty of intent to injure will be expelled from the tournament and banned from participating in future tournaments upon the conditions set by the Tournament Organizing Committee.
17. **Any player and/or team making a farce or mockery at the event shall be expelled from the tournament upon the discretion of the Organizing Committee.**
18. Any player that was expelled from the previous year's tournament related to infractions in rule # 12, 13 14 & 15 the player **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLY FUTURE TOURNAMENTS**
19. **Absolutely no Protests**
20. *****EACH TEAM MUST PAY THEIR INSCRIPTION FEE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVENT SCHEDULE *****
21. **SUSPENSIONS AND INELIGIBILITY**

The Eeyou Istchee Sports & Recreation Association in conjunction with the tournament committee will also respect and support all suspensions and decisions taken by all local Cree and other native sports associations. A list of those affected players will be maintained by the Committee. Suspended players will not be allowed to participate in this event. If any team is found using suspended players (local and imports) they will automatically lose their games, lose their inscription fee, and be expelled from the tournament.

22. **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Any player, coach or team representative caught using social media where they are posting pictures or writing any negative comments towards the organizers, officials, the First Nations minor hockey festival 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.



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Organizing Committee Guidelines

The organizing committee shall not be responsible for any loss and/or damages to the participants' equipment or belongings.

Each player and/or coach must show their player's pass upon entering the arena. Failure to show your entry pass will result in paying the full regular admission rate. Teams will be issued players passes in accordance to their official roster.

The organizing committee reserves the right to expel any person and/or team not respecting these rules and/or conducting themselves disrespectfully, unlawfully, and/or deemed as unsafe towards any committee member, staff, participant, referee and/or the general public.

Any additional decisions taken collectively by the tournament organizing committee shall be final.

To all our Loyal Fans and Participants:

We are here to set an example for the youth that participate in this event. Therefore, it is imperative that all coaches, managers, spectators, parents, recreation directors and minor sports coordinators set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play. Everyone is asked to act in a professional and courteous manner. First Nations Minor Hockey Festival Organizers/Committee.

***** E.I.S.R.A Sanctioned Event *****

Good luck to all teams!!!