

AMENDED HOUSE RULES 2010

PEMBINA/STURGEON SOFTBALL LEAGUE

1. Level	Pitching Distance	Baselines	Ball Size
Mites	Coach	45 feet	11 inch
Squirts	35 feet	55 feet	11 inch
Pee Wee	38 feet	60 feet	12 inch
Bantam	40 feet	60 feet	12 inch
Midget	40 feet	60 feet	12 inch

2. OVERAGE PLAYERS

First year “over age” players are allowed, however, they cannot pitch or catch, or hit back to back. No more than 2 over age players may play at the same time. **NOTE:** if a club requires more than 2 over age players to allow them to field a team, all of these players are allowed to play together. Opposing coaches **MUST** be notified of all over age players attending the game. At the Bantam level only, 1st and 2nd year midget players will be allowed to drop to Bantam. (Overage players will be allowed to pitch/catch if both coaches fully agree, before the game – see amended rule #13).

3. BATTING

All players in the batting order take their turn at bat; Unlimited substitutions; and No player shall sit out 2 consecutive innings.

4. MAXIMUM RUN /INNINGS

In all categories: there is a 7 run maximum per inning; except: the last inning will be open. The last inning is not necessarily the 7th. It is the inning that is reached when the time allotted has expired. In this “last inning” each team must get 3 out to retire the batting order.

5. LENGTH OF GAMES

In all categories: there is a time limit of 1 ½ hours. All games start by 7:00 p.m. No new inning is to start after 8:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., you are to finish whatever inning you are in and the game is over. This rule applies to all regular season games, regardless whether the games are played on a weekday or on a weekend.

6. PASSED BALLS

In the **Squirts** category only, no player is allowed to come home on a passed ball. The only way they can score is on a hit or on a loaded bases walk. Please encourage the players to hit. Ask the umpire to expand the strike zone so that the players will have to hit.

7. NUMBER OF PLAYERS NEEDED TO PLAY A GAME

Seven

8. INFIELD FLY (DOES NOT APPLY TO MITES & SQUIRTS)

Less than 2 OUT, when 1st & 2nd bases, **OR** 1st, 2nd, & 3rd are occupied; if the batter hits a fly ball that is FAIR and can be fielded by any infielder with reasonable effort, the batter is OUT. This should be declared by the umpire at the time of the hit.

9. MITES only:

Coach pitched. Each batter has a **maximum of 6 pitches**; if no hit then batter is out.
NO stealing bases.

10. MITES & SQUIRTS:

No infield fly rule.

No running on 3rd strike if catcher misses/drops the ball.

Squirts play with 3 OUTs per inning.

Mites bat 9 batters per side, per inning or an agreed upon # with opposing coach before the game. Last batter cannot be walked and must run until tagged out OR forced out at Home.

A runner will not be called OUT for Lead-off, but shall return to base they led off from.

11. SQUIRTS only:

Can STEAL 2nd and 3rd base ONLY. Must be hit Home, or come in on a loaded bases walk.

12. COACHES

Please do not adjust, amend or modify any of the House Rules. These rules overrule any rule as found in the Official Rulebook.

13. ALL LEVELS:

Overage players can pitch or catch 2 innings per game by Gentlemen's Agreement if needed to field a team this year. Co-ed will be allowed this year due to shortage of players/teams for kids to play. Please ensure fair play and safety of kids. The aim is to keep them playing community ball.