



SBR Rockies Showdown 2025 Tournament Rules

May 23 to 25, 2025

1. **Respect:**
 - a. Coaches and players are encouraged to be courteous and respect the umpires' decisions and the opposing players' talents.
 - b. Umpires' decisions are final. Absolutely no protests.
2. **Warm-Up:** No infield warmups.
3. **Metal Cleats:** No metal cleats will be permitted for play in any division except for U17/19 A/B
4. **Home/Visitor:**
 - a. Round Robin Games – Home/Visitor status will be determined by coin toss at the plate meeting. The team designated as the home team on the tournament schedule will occupy the 3rd base bench/dugout.
 - b. Playoffs Games – The higher placing team from the round robin standings will be the home team and will occupy the 3rd base bench/dugout. There will be no reseeding of teams based on results of quarterfinal or semifinal games. Team rankings at the end of the round robin will determine home-away for all playoff and medal games.
5. **Line Up Cards:** Must be completed in full prior to the game starting. White copy goes to the plate umpire, one copy goes to the other team and one copy stays with your team.
6. **Substitution Rules:** Universal Substitution or ABC Rules in effect per the CMSA Rulebook (see Rules 10.3.1 and 10.3.2 of CMSA rulebook at page 29). You can find the rule book [here](#). Continuous batting order rule is in effect - everyone on the line-up card bats, in order, regardless of whether they are in the game defensively. If a game is postponed to the next morning for any reason, the game will resume from the point that the game stopped and be completed in accordance with the applicable run-ahead and time limit rules set out herein. If a player that is on the original lineup card is not there the next day when the game resumes, that player will be skipped over in the lineup without penalty. Eligible players that were not on the original lineup card but are available when the game resumes may be added to the bottom of the lineup card and may participate in the resumed game as soon as the next new inning begins (i.e. if a game is postponed prior to completion of a particular inning, new players available for the game when it resumes cannot participate offensively or defensively until that inning has been completed).
7. **Rosters and in-tournament pick-ups:** Players must be named on your roster unless receiving prior approval from the tournament committee in order to participate in a game; participation in a game by a player not on a team's official roster may result in the game being forfeited by the offending team and the player will be disqualified from playing further in the tournament (subject to the in-tournament pickup rule described in this paragraph). Players are not allowed to be on more than 1 team roster for the tournament. If a team is unable to field 8 players to start a game,



they may, subject to approval by a SBR Tournament Committee member or a Board member, pick-up one or more players named on another team's tournament roster provided that teams are not allowed to pick up players from higher divisions (Examples: C teams are not allowed to pick-up A/B players (regardless of age category); U11 teams are not allowed to pick-up U13 players).

8. Games:

- a. Pitchers will have a maximum number of innings per game they can pitch.
 - i. U11: one player can pitch a maximum of 3 innings.
 - ii. U13, U15: one player can pitch a maximum of 4 innings.
 - iii. U17/19: no inning limit for pitchers.
 - iv. Pitchers may pitch up to one additional inning in the event of extra innings.
- b. If a pitcher delivers a pitch to a batter in an inning, that inning will count as an inning pitched for said pitcher.
- c. All pitchers of all age categories must wear a protective face mask when pitching.
- d. It is strongly recommended that all infielders wear a mask as well (All players on SBR teams must always wear masks when playing an infield position).
- e. If the home team is ahead in any inning started after the "No New Inning" time, they will not take their bats.
- f. All games must start on time. Delay of game may result in a forfeit, at the discretion of the plate umpire.

9. Maximum Runs:

- a. U9, U11, and U13 – Maximum 4 runs per inning
- b. U15 Division 1, U17 & 19 C/D – Maximum 5 runs per inning, 7 runs per inning in Final Inning*
- c. U17/19 A – Maximum 10 runs per inning, (regular and Final Inning*)

10. Run Ahead Rules: (Same as Softball Canada)

- a. 15 or more runs after 3 complete innings of play
- b. 10 or more runs after 4 complete innings of play
- c. 7 or more runs after 5 complete innings of play
- d. The inning shall be completed if the home team is able to tie or take the lead in that inning based on the maximum runs that can be scored in that inning. If the game is out of reach in the top of the inning and the Home Team cannot tie or comeback, the game is over and the score reverts back to the score at the last completed inning.

11. Round Robin Game Time Limits:

- a. U9 games will be a maximum of 7 innings, or 75 minutes hard stop, with no new innings after 60 minutes after the start time.
- b. U11 games will be a maximum of 7 innings, or 80 minutes hard stop, with no new inning after 65 minutes after the start.
- c. U13+ round robin games will be a maximum of 7 innings. Game length is 70 minutes, plus one Final Inning* (see (11.h) below).
- d. The start time is determined by the Umpire, the umpire will confirm when the game is beyond the



- time to start a new inning based on the time of the last out.
- e. Umpire to monitor the scheduled start and finish. Once the game is at the hard stop time, where applicable, the umpire will call the game regardless of circumstances. The score will revert to the last completed inning. When the home team is leading while at bat in the final inning, the game is complete, and the home team will not “finish their at bat”.
 - f. In the interest of time, if your team has 2 outs and your catcher or pitcher of record (i.e. your catcher or pitcher at the end of your last completed defensive inning) is on base, please substitute the player furthest away from coming to bat as a courtesy runner so that your next defensive inning is not unduly delayed.
 - g. **ALL GAMES MUST START AND END ON TIME.**
 - h. ***Final Inning Pilot: Purpose a.) to remove the possibility of drawing out innings by pitching changes, mound visits etc. – the teams will play one more complete inning after the allotted time.**

Playoff Time Limits

- i. The following limits will apply for playoff games. These limits apply to all U9 and U11 games scheduled for Sunday.

Age	Division	Inning Run Limit	Final Inning After	Final Inning Run Limit
9	All	4 Runs	65 Minutes	4 Runs
11	All	4 Runs	70 Minutes	5Runs
13	All	5 Runs	75 Minutes	7 Runs
U15 – U17 /19	C/D	6 Runs	80 Minutes	10 Runs
U17/19	A/B	Open	80 Minutes	Open

- j. For all playoff games, the teams will play the allotted time, plus a Final Inning after the Final Inning After time.
 - k. For all divisions, an inning will be completed if the third out of the bottom half of the inning is made before the “Final Inning After” time after the game start time. The Final Inning will be completed, regardless of timing.
 - l. All playoff rules may be changed to round robin rules before a game has commenced if needed due to rain delay, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
12. **U11, U13 - No dropped third strike, infield fly or charged conferences.**
 13. **Dugout Etiquette:** Upon completion of your games, please vacate the dugout immediately and have your team’s post-game talk off to the side of the diamond so that the teams playing after you can get prepared. We would also ask that you keep the dugouts neat and tidy for the next team to use.
 14. **Games Called by the Umpire:**
 - a. In the case of an umpire calling a game due to weather: provided that at least three innings have been completed, the game will be considered an official game.
 - b. If at least three innings have been completed (such that a game is considered an official



game) but a subsequent inning cannot be completed because of weather conditions or time limits, the final score will be the score recorded for the last complete inning played unless the home team has the lead while at bat and thus is declared the winner. If the home team has won the game, it is the score at completion of the game that is used in the Runs For and Against calculation for the tiebreaker.

- c. **Darkness:** If a game is played into the evening (due to a weather delay), it will be up to the umpire in conference (plate umpire) and the umpire in charge determine if the light is sufficient to continue playing. An SBR Tournament Committee member or a Board member will assist if an umpire has not been supplied for the game. The game is considered an official game if three innings have been completed.

- 15. **Tie Games:** For round robin games – games tied when a game is completed will be considered complete and the tie will NOT be played out. For play-off games – games tied at the completion of the allotted number of innings, or the time limit set out above must be played out to declare a winner.

For Quarter or Semifinal games for U11 and U13 teams, Extra innings will be played if necessary, with the first extra inning being a two-out inning with a 4-run limit, and any subsequent innings will be played as a one-out inning with a 4-run limit, with the player furthest away from batting starting as a baserunner at second base in all extra innings.

For Quarter or Semifinal games for U15 and U17-D, the first extra inning and any subsequent required inning will be played with a 7-run limit, with the player furthest away from batting starting as a baserunner at second base.

For first and second place games, for U11 and U13, the first extra inning and any subsequent required inning will be played as a 6-run limit inning with the player furthest away from batting starting as a baserunner at second base.

For first and second place games, for U15 and U17/19 teams, the first extra inning and any subsequent inning will be played as an open inning with the player furthest away from batting starting as a baserunner at second base.

- 16. **Points for Games:** Round Robin games – Win: 2 points, Tie – 1 point, Loss no points.

- 17. **Scoresheets:** BOTH teams are required to submit the final score:

- a. The physical score sheets must be dropped off after the game at the HQ of your age group or the tournament HQ at the Vista Heights diamonds (Vista Heights 1715 27 Ave NE) or Deerfoot Diamonds, the Industrial Park, or Glamorgan Diamonds where your game was played. Absolute Diamonds scorecards can be photographed and texted to 403.808.9729, and delivered to Industrial at a later time.

- 18. **Advancing to the Playoff Round:** If teams are tied in the standings at the completion of the



Round Robin games a tiebreaker game will NOT be played. Ties will be broken using the following method in order:

- a. Win – Loss Record in games played between tied teams.
- b. The difference between runs for and against in all games played.
- c. The lowest number of total runs allowed by the teams in all games played.
- d. The highest number of total runs scored by the teams in all games played.
- e. A coin toss.

Note: If more than 2 teams are tied once you declare a team placed in the tiebreaker rules you start again at the top for all remaining teams tied.

19. **Playoff Rounds:** Please check your draw carefully to determine when and where your team is playing. Teams will NOT be phoned to confirm details of your playoff games.

- a. Draws and Playoff draws will be posted on TeamSnap tournaments.

20. **Other Playing Rules:** The Calgary Minor Softball Rules shall apply unless altered by these rules. Any rule not covered in these rules or the Calgary Minor Softball rules shall be determined by following the Softball Canada Rulebook.

21. The Tournament Committee shall have final say on all unsettled disputes.

RAIN OUT OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT:

- EVERY effort will be made to complete the event!!!

Umpires shall wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the game start time to call the game due to weather.

Unless otherwise communicated, your team must go to the diamond and be prepared to play your scheduled games regardless of the weather conditions. Where possible, your team will be contacted where any rescheduling is known in advance. Only the Tournament Committee will cancel the Tournament due to weather conditions. All communication will be via the TeamSnap Tournament App. Team re-scheduling will occur within the TeamSnap Tournament App.

Tournament Refund Policy

In the event the tournament is cancelled after games have commenced of each age bracket are played, no refund will be issued.

At SBR Softball we govern ourselves by a [Mission Statement](#) which follows. We would ask that ALL teams and their spectators recognize and respect our Mission Statement in their play and attendance at our tournament.