

## T-Ball Division

The following rules override all other rules:

1. In T-Ball: All players on the roster will go through the batting order once each inning. This is regardless of whether or not there are all already 3 outs.
2. When the T alone is hit, it is neither a strike nor a ball. It does not count.
3. T-Ball has no umpires present. Coaches and/or Parents will look after the game.
4. No advancement of runners on an over throw to any base.
5. There shall be NO advancement of runners on an over throw and balls kept in the infield. Base runners advance 1 base only. On Balls hit to the out field, the batter and base runners can continue running until the ball is picked up by someone in the infield area at which time they can continue to the base they were running to and then they must stop.
6. **No Smoking.**

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## A-Ball Division

The following rules override all other rules:

1. Parent or Coach will pitch for his or her own team.
2. All players on the roster will go through the batting order once each inning. This is regardless of whether or not there are all already 3 outs.
3. Once on First Base runners can advance only on a hit.
4. In field fly rules do not apply in this league.
5. Batter can advance to first base after 10 balls are called.
6. No advancement of runners on an overthrow to any base.
7. On a ball hit out of the in field, the batter and base runners can continue running until the ball is thrown back into the in field and picked up by an in field player.
8. On above rule all base runners may continue to the base they were running to and then must stop.
9. A-Ball has no umpires present. Coaches and/or Parents will look after the game.
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## MITES DIVISION

The following rules override all other rules:

1. **Seven runs** scored or **3 outs** constitutes an inning. **Only 7 runs can be counted in an inning.**
2. You can have any number of batters in any inning, but once the seventh run is scored, the inning is over. If your team has less than 9 players the inning is over after three outs or you go through the batting order once.
3. No stealing home. Runners may advance home only on a hit, or a walk due to loaded bases.
4. Base runners may advance on the other bases at their own risk. A base runner can't steal the next base until the pitched ball crosses home plate. If the runner leaves prior to the ball crossing home plate he will be called out by the umpire. **The base coaches should be responsible to remind the runners not to leave until the ball crosses home plate.**
5. When pitching, the pitcher shall take a position with both feet firmly on the ground, and in contact with, but not off the side of the pitcher's plate. In the act of delivering the ball, **the pitcher shall take no more than one step forward**, toward the batter.
6. The pivot foot may remain in contact, or may push off and drag away from the pitching plate prior to the front foot touching the ground, as long as the pivot foot remains in contact with the ground.
7. In field fly rules do not apply in this league.
8. Mites pitcher can pitch 2 innings only in a game. **The innings must be consecutive.**
9. Windmill pitching is **not** allowed.
10. As the objective is to teach the children the basics of the game of softball, coaches must rotate their players so that each has the chance to play all infield and outfield positions except pitchers.
11. If both teams have 10 players the team in the field can use a rover who has to play in the outfield. So if 10 players are used, 4 players must be in

the outfield and 6 players in the infield. **The pitcher who starts the inning can be substituted but that person can not enter the same game as a pitcher.**

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13. There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** of abuse of officials by coaches, players or fans. It will be up to the umpire’s discretion to warn them once and if the abuse continues halt the game and ask them to leave the ball diamond area.

## PEEWEE DIVISION

The following rules override all other rules:

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2. You can have any number of batters in any inning, but once the seventh run scores or a third out, the inning is over.
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4. A base runner can't steal the next base until the pitched ball crosses home plate. If the runner leaves prior to the ball crossing home plate he will be called out by the umpire. **The base coaches should be responsible to remind the runners not to leave until the ball crosses home plate.**
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6. The pivot foot may remain in contact, or may push off and drag away from the pitching plate prior to the front foot touching the ground, as long as the pivot foot remains in contact with the ground.
7. In field fly rules do not apply in this league.
8. Peewee pitcher can pitch 2 innings only in a game. The innings must be consecutive.
9. NO Windmill pitching is allowed.
10. If both teams have 10 players the team in the field can use a rover who has to play in the outfield. So if 10 players are used, 4 players must be in the outfield and 6 players in the infield. **The pitcher who starts the inning can be substituted but that person can not enter the same game as a pitcher.**
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# RNWSA

## SOFTBALL INFORMATION AND RULES:

### Philosophy:

1. The area of the Association encompasses northwest Regina.
2. The Association provides no-cut, equal participation T-Ball/Softball. The basic objective of RNWSA is to provide an opportunity for children to participate in and enjoy a team sport.
3. The Association provides T-Ball and Softball programs in the following divisions:
  - T-Ball
  - A-Ball
  - Mites
  - Peewee
4. T-Ball/Softball is provided to teach the players the basic rules and **coaches will not** create an excessively competitive atmosphere in these, their fun years.
5. Coaches, assistant coaches and parents shall not criticize umpires and game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude amongst all fans and players.
6. As the objective is to teach the children the basics of the game of softball, coaches **must** rotate their players so that each has the chance to play all infield and outfield positions except pitchers.
7. All rules and general concepts of the game other than those specifically mentioned herein shall comply with the Official Rules of Softball as adopted by Softball Canada.
8. All catchers must wear a mask, chest protector and shin guards. All of these items are provided by the league. Helmets are also provided by the league and must be worn by both batters and base runners.
9. *A game shall consist of 2 or more innings for T-ball and A-ball and 4-5 innings for Mites and PeeWee.* If a game is complete and time is still available, the extra time may be utilized in exhibition play.
10. All players must use only those bats provided by the league; any personal bats brought by players will be made available to all players of both teams for use.
11. Under no circumstances shall players be allowed to wear screw-in cleats or metal spikes.
12. In T-Ball and A-Ball, all players present at the game may play in the field, even if one team has more players than the other. In T-Ball, each team will be limited to seven

(7) in fielders, (regular positions plus an additional shortstop between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>). **In A-ball, each team will be limited to six (6) in fielders in regular positions.**

13. In A-Ball coaches, assistant coaches or parents from the batter's team will do all the pitching. A player may play in infield adjacent to the adult pitcher to act as the pitcher.
14. All players of the team shall be listed in the batting order prior to the start of the game, and all players shall bat in that sequence. This means that all players bat in rotation, whether or not they play in the field. When the offensive team comes to bat, they will begin batting at the place in the batting order where the last out occurred in the previous inning. A later player shall be added to the bottom of the batting order. **ALL CHILDREN SHOULD PLAY AT SOME TIME. EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY AT LEAST TWO (2) INNINGS PER GAME.**
15. In T-Ball, a ball is considered fair when the ball is hit off the tee and lands in fair territory. The ball must be hit far enough to land beyond the arc, which is marked on the infield between the baselines. The arc is marked at a distance of nine (9) feet from the front of home plate. A hit is considered valid if the ball travels the required 9-foot distance, even though the batter may have struck the tee simultaneously with the ball. When the batting tee alone is hit, the umpire will call a strike even though the ball may have ended outside the 9-foot arc. A batted ball which does not travel the required 9-foot distance shall be considered a foul ball, with the batter being out if the ball is caught before the ball touches the ground. If the ball is not caught, it shall be considered a dead ball and base runners may advance.
16. A strike-out occurs when a third strike is called, or when a batter swings and misses on a third strike or when a third strike has been tipped by the batter and the ball is caught by the catcher before it hits the ground. The batter is also out and may not become a base runner on a called third strike, which is not caught by the catcher for all divisions, *except Peewee*. In T-Ball a strike-out occurs when the batter misses the ball or hits only the tee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
17. An offensive team shall be considered OUT when the defensive team has made three outs.
18. A pitcher may not pitch more than 2 consecutive innings in the Mites and Pee Wee Divisions.
19. When a pitcher has been substituted in a game, he may not return to pitch in that game. He may, however, be used in unlimited substitution at any of the other positions.
20. *Lead Off Rule* – Any base runner who leads off before the ball crosses home plate will be called out.
21. *Overthrow* – All overthrows which result in the **ball outside** the playing area will entitle the base runner to advance a **maximum of one base**, in addition to the base to which the runner was advancing at the time the overthrow is made, and **the play then becomes dead** until the umpire calls the resumption of play

22. A batter will be called out for throwing a bat. This rule is at the discretion of the umpire in what he feels is a throwing motion. A batter who throws the **bat will be given one warning** by the umpire. If a second time occurs the batter will be called out. **At the umpires discretion.**
23. In T-Ball and A-Ball only, base runners can advance **ONLY ON A HIT**. For other divisions the runner may advance at the risk of being put out.
24. T-Ball – In order to avoid injury, the catcher shall stand to the right and 4 feet behind the umpire when the ball is being batted. After a ball is hit the catcher may take position at home plate.
25. T-Ball – The TEE-BASE shall be located directly behind home plate. Players should be told they must touch home plate in order to score a run, and not the Tee-Base.
26. T-Ball – Pitchers and fielders must not be any closer than the pitcher’s mound (26’) to the batter when the ball is hit. A violation of this rule on a fair hit entitles the batter to advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base if he or she was put out on the hit, which entitles all other base runners to advance one base, regardless of which base they occupy.
27. A minimum of seven (7) registered players is required for playing an official game. Any team not having 7 players will forfeit the game, but will be allowed to practice, or play for recreation (if the team borrows players from the other team). *Under no circumstances will unregistered players be allowed to play or practice with any RNWSA team.* The assigned umpire will stay at the teams request.
28. If a regulation team has not taken the field within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time, the game will be called and the time can be used for practice. The umpire should be advised if you want them to stay.
29. The *Playing Area* shall consist of a direct line extending from each side of the backstop, or everything inside a fenced area.
30. Diamond Dimensions:

	BETWEEN BASES	BETWEEN HOME & 2 <sup>ND</sup>	PITCHING DISTANCE	BALL SIZE
T-BALL	40'	56'	26'	11"
A-BALL	45'	64'	26'	11"
MITES	45'	64'	28'	11"
SQUIRTS - BOYS	50'	71'	33'	11"
SQUIRTS – GIRLS	50'	71'	31'	11"
PEEWEE - BOYS	55'	78'	38'	11"
PEEWEE – GIRLS	55'	78'	35'	11"

BANTAM/MIDGET	60'	86'	40'	12"
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31. *Pitching Delivery* – **Windmill pitching is not allowed.**
32. *Score Sheets* are to be signed by each coach and turned into the umpire by each coach upon completion of each game.
33. Persistent problems involving a player, coach or umpire should be referred to the League Executive by reporting the matter to the Division Commissioner.
34. If a coach knows in advance he will be unable to field a team or he will not be showing up because of threatening rain, he is asked to notify the other coach as well as the Commissioner. An umpire will be assigned to a diamond unless he is notified of the cancellation.
35. Coaches are requested to keep their players and spectators well back of the baselines, behind the backstop areas, and well back from the batter to avoid injuries. LET'S HAVE "NO" INJURIES THIS YEAR.
36. Practice diamonds are available and may be obtained by contacting the Division Commissioner. Rescheduling rained out games or changing times or dates for Games shall be the responsibility of the coaches involved.

PLEASE NOTE: The Division Commissioner must be informed of all such changes.

37. Tournament Games will be played on the dates specified by the league. (weather permitting) or during the following week (if possible). Awards will be presented to all teams. Schedules for play-offs will be handed out to coaches by the Division Commissioners.
38. First team on ball schedule is home team or a coin may be tossed and the first team on the schedule will make the call on the coin toss.