

South Vancouver Island (SVI)  
Fastpitch Association

**OPERATING AND  
LEAGUE PLAY  
RULES**

2023

## **SECTION ONE - GAME TIMES & DURATION**

1. The Umpire will advise the coaches of the correct time allocated for the game at the plate meeting prior to commencement of the game. Weeknight games have a time limit of 1:45 with no new inning starting after 1:45. Weekend games have a time limit of 1:30 with no new inning starting after 1:30. If there is no game scheduled following and the coaches and Umpire all agree (at the start of the game) the time can be 1:45 with no new inning starting after 1:45.
2. Weeknight games prior to May will begin at 6pm. On and after May 1st, games will begin at 6:30pm on weeknights.

### Procedure for Postponement of Games:

1. To postpone a game for field conditions the Umpire will decide whether it is safe or unsafe to play, after all efforts tried to rectify the problem. Teams are to show up for game time as it is the Umpire who decides to postpone the game.
2. To postpone a game for other reasons, the coach must notify the other teams coach 48 hours before the scheduled game.
3. If either team fails to give proper notice of cancellation they are liable for the Umpires pay. A \$50 fine will be imposed by SVI on the offending park.

## **SECTION TWO – SCHEDULING and SCORING**

### District Playoffs and Provincial Championships:

Plays off dates with parks are preset at the beginning of the season. Each team is responsible to inform the District Minor Coordinator of their willingness to participate in SBBC Championships.

### Rep Team Roster Rule

Any team that rosters more than 3 players who rostered with Another District 1 Association(s) in the previous year is ineligible to participate in SVI league play. This rule does not apply if the team obtains a waiver from the Association(s) where the players played in the previous year. This rule will be effective in the 2024 season.

### Moving Reclassified Teams:

Teams wishing to change their classification or are reclassified after league schedules are posted will be responsible to set up their own games or keep the same schedule as exhibition.

### Mixed League Play – League or Exhibition:

“A” division teams are able to attend scheduling of the next older age “B” division (ie U13A in U15B League; U15A with U17B; and U17A with U19B) and schedule games with older age “B” division teams who are interested and willing to play. All “A” teams are to play by the appropriate “B” age division rules (ie U13A plays dropped third strike in U15B).

### Run Scoring:

Runs ahead rule – Follow the SBBC Handbook. **SVI league games will not end when the runs ahead rule is in effect if both teams want to play on.**

### SECTION THREE – INJURIES

#### Injuries:

The Softball BC injury form should be obtained from your park president at the start of the season and should be carried with you for all games and practices. If a player, coach, manager, Umpire or spectator is injured during a practice or game or en-route to a practice or game, it is the responsibility of the coach to record the following:

- A. Who was injured, name, address and phone number
- B. Nature of the injury
- C. Date, time and location
- D. Any witness, name, address and phone number
- E. What treatment was sought or first aid rendered

If an injury occurs, the coach must ensure the following receive a copy of the injury form:

- A. Softball BC
- B. Your Park President
- C. District One Minor Coordinator
- D. Keep one for your records

**Note:** That if the injury requires professional medical treatment, the form must be filled out.

The Softball Canada rule regarding injury is waived in minor ball. An injured player can be substituted for:

- 1. A player that has not yet been in the game
- 2. A player that has already played and has legally been subbed out.
- 3. A player that is no longer eligible to play-provided the player was not ejected by the umpire.

#### Blood:

A player whose uniform is soiled by blood may return to the game out of uniform (i.e. t-shirt, sweatpants) to finish the game.

### SECTION FOUR – SVI LEAGUE RULES

The Softball BC rules for each Category and Classification are to be adhered to unless specified differently in these rules.

U13A can pitch an 11” ball when playing with U15B league.

In the event that one team only has 8 players, the opposing team shall provide a 9th defensive player. This 9th player can be any player from the lending team; this player does not bat for the team they are lent to.

When playing 8 players (and one borrowed player) the batting line-up will be squeezed so that the 9th spot is not an automatic out.