

# 2019 Junior Minors Softball Rules

QC Heat follows 2019 Little League Softball rules. The following rules are in addition to or a modification to Little League Softball rules.

- 1) Game Time:
  - a) A Junior Minors level game is 6 innings unless time limit is reached.
  - b) Official start of game time is determined by the umpire and time is kept by the umpire.
  - c) No new inning is allowed to start after 1 hour 25 minutes after start of game time. The start of an inning is at the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the previous inning.
  - d) ***If at 1 hour 50 minutes, the game is still going, the game will be called and the final score will revert back to the score at the previously completed inning.***
  - e) No game shall continue after 9:30 PM. If at 9:30 the game is called, the final score will revert back to the score at the previous completed inning.
- 2) Run Limit:
  - a) During the first 3 innings, the side is retired when the offensive team scores 5 runs or 3 outs are recorded.
  - b) No run limit will apply starting in the top of the fourth inning.
- 3) Batting Order:
  - a) Continuous batting order will be used.
  - b) If a batter receives a count of 3-0 or 3-1, the offensive coach will enter the game and underhand pitch the remaining strikes to the batter. These pitches need to be "Hit-able" in the judgment of the umpire. The coach must keep 1 foot in the pitcher's circle while pitching. Regular foul ball and base running rules apply. If the batted ball hits the pitching coach, it is a live ball. ***Stealing is NOT allowed while coach is pitching.***
- 4) Player Rotation:
  - a) Each player must play a full defensive inning in two of the first four innings.
  - b) Each player must be given the opportunity to play an infield position at least four innings during the regular season.
- 5) Pitching:
  - a) A player can pitch a maximum of **12** innings per week. (Sunday through Saturday)
  - b) If a player pitches in more than **6** inning(s) in a day one calendar day of rest is required. Delivery of a single pitch in an inning constitutes having pitched in 1 inning.
  - c) A player is allowed to pitch **12** innings in one calendar day.

## Responsibilities for Manager's and Coaches

- 1) Only the Manager/Head Coaches of the team may approach the umpire for clarification of a rule or questions. They must request and be granted time before approaching the umpire.
- 2) The Manager/Head Coach of a team is responsible for the conduct of the coaches, players and parents of his team.
- 3) The first Home team is responsible for ensuring the field is ready for play. The last Home team of the day is responsible for putting bases away and putting plugs back into base holes. Please keep the storage area organized and neat. Bases go on the shelves.
- 4) Both teams are responsible for leaving the dugouts clean and making sure the stands are cleaned. The city charges a fee every time they have to clean up after us.
- 5) All girls are to have their shirts completely tucked in or tied at the waist.
- 6) ***Both teams' Managers/Head Coaches are*** responsible to enter the official game score in their team wall.
- 7) Post season spring tournament seeds will be determined by the standings at the conclusion of the regular season. If there is a tie for a seed, head to head record will be the first tiebreaker followed by runs scored, and finally runs allowed.