



2025 GUELPH GATORS CLASSIC RULES

1. Softball Canada rules with ALL PWSA modifications will apply in all games, including medal games, unless where noted below.
2. Free substitutions will be allowed on defense only, all players must bat.
3. Teams must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
4. Complete team roster is to be submitted prior to or at time of registration at the tournament with the Tournament Convenor. No additional players can be added to the roster after the 1st pitch of the 1st game. If a player, or players are not playing in the first game, they may play in subsequent games if their name is on the roster prior to the first game.
5. If a team borrows a player from another team, the team must obtain a Letter of Permission from the team that the player is registered on. A copy of this Letter of Permission must also be sent to tournaments@guelphminorsoftball.ca 2 days before the tournament commences.
6. No infield practice on the diamond prior to games.
7. Home Team will be determined via coin toss pre-game during round robin games. Home team for medal games will be determined by Round Robin Results. Home team is the official scorekeeper. The winning team must report the score to the Tournament Convenor. **The home team is to confirm the score with the opposing team, and submit the score of their game to the Tournament table immediately following the completion of the game.**
8. Game Length will be regulation seven innings with the following exceptions:
9. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
 - a. The umpire keeps the official time and will provide the start time to each team after the first pitch.
 - b. Home team will not bat if ahead in the last inning
 - c. In Round Robin play, ties will stand at the end of regulation time.
10. **Mercy Rule** is in effect for all games, including medal games.
 - a. 15 runs ahead after 3 completed innings
 - b. 10 runs ahead after 5 completed innings
11. **Run Cap** is in effect for all Round Robin games. The run cap is 5 runs per inning, in innings 1 to 5. 6th and 7th innings are open. There is no run cap for the playoff round and medal games.
12. Teams will be awarded 2 points for a 'win' and 1 point for a 'tie' to determine final standings for the Round Robin. Ties in the standings will be broken by the following criteria, in order:
 - Head-to-head results
 - Least runs allowed
 - Coin toss
13. Playoff and Medal Games will be a maximum 7 complete innings with no new inning starting after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If the home team is ahead when time is called, the game will be stopped. If the game is tied, the international tie breaker will be in effect after 7 complete innings or when time is up. Home team will be the team with the higher seed after the round robin.
14. No protests will be allowed. Umpires' decision is final. Good sportsmanship is mandatory.
15. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Round robin games will feature a player of the game award for each team.
16. Tournament Convenor(s) have the right to alter the tournament format if necessary due to circumstances beyond their control (i.e. weather, time, etc.)
17. Player/Coach/ Parent/Spectator misconduct will not be tolerated. The Head Coach is responsible for their teams conduct players/coaches/parents and will be held accountable (up to ejection from the game).
18. Only the Head Coaches or Team Managers are permitted to approach the tournament convenors with any questions, issues, concerns, or complaints. This ensures that all communication remains respectful, organized, and efficient. Players, parents, and spectators must direct their concerns through their team's Head Coach or Team Manager.