

2025 NATIVE WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT RULES



1. Absolutely NO ILLEGAL DRUGS, OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK is permitted at Okotoks On Deck, including consumption of alcohol in the parking lot. Violation of this rule will result in the suspension of the player(s) and/or team from the event.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct including foul language, umpire abuse, illegal physical contact or any action deemed inappropriate by the umpire will result in ejection of the OFFENDER AND THE COACH from the game.
3. Team rosters must be submitted to the tournament convener before the start of the playoff round. YOUR TOURNAMENT PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE DRAWBOARDS IN THE CLUBHOUSE BEFORE YOUR FIRST GAME. When asked, all players must provide either their First Nations Status Card or Metis Card or properly signed documents. NO PROTESTS
4. A team must have minimum of 10 players to start, throughout and complete a game. Event format is 7 males and 3 females. Team must have a minimum of 3 females on the field at all times. Teams may play with more than 3 females but never more than 7 males.
5. Teams wishing to use an extra hitter may do so provided they use an extra male and female hitter.
6. NSA Canada Softball Bat rules are in effect.
7. Time limit for games is 75 minutes with no new inning after 65 minutes.
8. Mercy rule is in effect....15 runs after (4) four innings, 10 runs after (5) or (6) innings.
9. **HOME-RUN RULE** (any ball clearly over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected)

Five (5) and one up

NOTE: The one up rule is in effect only after both teams have reached their home run limit. Once both teams have reached their home run limit, each team may hit an additional home run, however, no team may ever go more than one home run up on the other team. Any additional home runs above the one up will be scored as an out.

EXCEPTION: If the visiting team is even or up one home run on the home team in the bottom of the last inning or any extra innings, the home team may hit only one home run in that inning.

RULE 5 SEC 11

ANY BALL clearly over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected, exceeding a team's home run limit, will be scored as an out. **NOTE I:** Any batted ball that clearly goes over the fence in fair territory, regardless of being touched or deflected, shall be considered a home run against the team's home run total.

NOTE II: Once a home run has been declared by the home plate umpire all runners may proceed to their dugout and a run will be scored for each runner.

RULE 5 SEC 12

Any ball assisted over the fence by a defensive player in fair territory before striking the ground, shall not be included in the total of over the fence home runs. This is a four-base award.

NOTE: once a four-base award has been declared by the home plate umpire all runners may proceed to their dugout and a run will be scored for each runner.

10. Each team can use up to 3 courtesy runners per game
 - a) Courtesy runners may be anyone on the team's roster
 - b) Courtesy runners MUST be the same gender as the person being run for
 - c) If the courtesy runner is on base when they are due up to bat, they will be declared out as a batter and will remain on the base currently occupied
 - d) Courtesy runners may be replaced with another courtesy runner. This runner would count as an additional runner against the team's allotment
 - e) A substitute may be made for the ORIGINAL RUNNER to replace the courtesy runner.
11. **Temporary runner for the pitcher:** May be used for the pitcher if he/she is on base regardless of the number of outs at the time the request is made. Removable protection equipment is not required and the umpire will not count this as a courtesy runner but as a free temporary runner.

Note: A free temporary runner may be any legal player of the same gender and is not required to be in the lineup to run.

Note: In the case of a runner being put in for a temporary runner that would count as a substitution for the pitcher positions as you may not courtesy and the same applies for temporary runner.
12. Substitutions can be made at any time provided the change is male for male, female for female or female for male. Individual substituting into the game must then bat in order of the person they are replacing. SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE ANNOUNCED TO THE UMPIRE. Extra hitters may rotate in and out of the game (offense and defense) provided the batting order remains the same.
13. (5) five runs MAX per inning. Home team does not take bats if game is won at the bottom of any inning. Last inning is open.
14. No bunting is allowed (automatic out)
15. For Round robin play, the team with matching jerseys will get the choice of home or away. If both teams have matching jerseys then a coin toss will determine home team. Higher seeded undefeated team has the choice during the playoffs.
16. Any walk to a male batter followed by a female batter will result in the male batter advancing to 2nd base while the female batter must hit.
17. Strike mat is in effect. Scoring and commitment line in effect.
18. Round Robin games may end in a tie. During the playoffs games will be played out until the tie is broken. International rule (last available batter will start at 2nd base with 1 out) will be in effect for all extra inning games.
19. BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT THE RESULTS OF ALL GAMES TO THE DRAW BOARDS INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE.
20. Any rule not stated above will be as per the NSA Rule Book

