

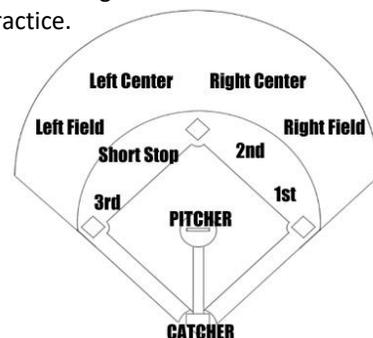
Mite Rules - 2020

These RULES are specific to SMAA GIRLS FASTBALL. All other rules are that of Softball Ontario.

- ❖ Pre-season practices: Tuesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 14th. 6pm-7:30pm
- ❖ Season begins Tuesday, May 19th and runs each Tuesday and Thursday until August 6th. 6pm-7:30pm
- ❖ Saturday, August 8th will be the final tournament, followed by lunch and awards.
- ❖ Picture night: Thursday, June 18th. 5:30pm. Diamond #5
- ❖ In the event that teams seem unfair, the convenor/executive may move a player to a different team. No players will be moved after Tuesday, May 26th.
- ❖ All players are to wear the proper uniform each **game and practice**. Sponsor Shirt, Ball Pants, Hat and proper footwear (rubber cleated shoes or running shoes). Players not wearing a proper uniform will not be allowed to participate.
- ❖ Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- ❖ Coaches and Permanent Dug Out Helpers are required to wear team shirts and proper footwear.
- ❖ Any other parents recruited to help out for a game must be wearing proper footwear on the diamond. No sandals.
- ❖ Bats, batting helmets and catchers gear will be supplied by the league. Players can use their own CSA approved gear.
- ❖ NO JEWELLERY. All jewellery must be removed. Players may cover stud earrings with tape.
- ❖ Executive, convenors, coaches and permanent dugout helpers must complete and pass a Police Background Check (paid by SMAA Girls Fastball). Police checks are good for 5 seasons.

Games:

- ❖ **NEW THIS SEASON:** A maximum of 4 coaches are permitted to participate on the diamond each game.
- ❖ Please be courteous to your coach by contacting them if you cannot make a game or practice.
- ❖ Coaches are to share the diamond for game warm ups and pre-season practices.
- ❖ Players showing up once the game has started will be permitted to join the game.
- ❖ 6:00pm – 6:30pm – practice/warm ups.
- ❖ 6:30pm – 7:30pm - game time.
- ❖ Inning is concluded when 3 outs have been recorded or 6 runs have been scored.
- ❖ No new inning after 7:20pm. No Curfew. Game ends after the final inning is played.
- ❖ Both coaches are to text or email the final score to the league convenor.
- ❖ Win = 2 Points Tie = 1 Point Lose = 0 Points Rainout = 1 Point



FIELDING

- ❖ A team may field a maximum of 10 players. Pitcher, Catcher, 4 Infielders and 4 Outfielders. **NO ROVER.**
- ❖ A minimum of 6 players is required to officially play a game. If 6 players are present, the teams coach will act as the catcher and the 6 players will take fielding positions. NOTE: The coach is not to make a play at the plate. The player in the position of pitcher is to cover the plate on a play.
- ❖ If a team is short players (5 or less), coaches are asked to even out the teams and play an exhibition game.
- ❖ The team with enough players will receive 2 points for the win and the team short players will receive 0 points.
- ❖ If both teams do not have enough players, both teams will receive 0 points.
- ❖ If there are 2 outs and your catcher is on base, the catcher must be replaced with a substitute runner so they can start putting on the catcher gear for the next inning. The substitute runner is to be the last player recorded out.
- ❖ The team on the field is permitted to have two coaches on the diamond to help out the fielders and the other teams base runners. Coaches are not permitted to interfere with the play, only to instruct, teach and cheer on the players. These coaches must have team uniforms, proper footwear and have completed a Police Background Check.

PITCHING

- ❖ Coaches will be the pitchers. Pitcher must wear team uniform, proper footwear and pass a Background Check. No parent pitchers.
- ❖ Batters will receive 5 pitches. Failure to hit one of the 5 pitches will result in an out. 5th pitch foul is an out.
- ❖ Coaches are required to make a 3 bat length (approximately 6 feet) arc from the front of home, going from 3rd base foul line to 1st base foul line. Any ball that lands in this arc is a foul ball and the batter receives another pitch. If the ball lands in this area on the 5th pitch, the batter is out.
- ❖ No Walks in Mite Fastball.
- ❖ If the pitching coach gets hit by the pitch, the play is still LIVE.



**We are now on Instagram:
Sarnia Girls Fastball**

Batting and Base Running

- ❖ Bats must be Softball, Fastball, Fastpitch or Teeball bats. **Baseball/Hardball bats are NOT PERMITTED.** This information will be visible of the barrel of the bat. If you are not sure, please ask your coach or convenor.
- ❖ Any executive, coach, convenor or umpire may ask to inspect a bat. Illegal bats will be removed from the game.
- ❖ Batters must wear the proper batting helmet. **Helmet must be CSA Approved and have a cage and chin strap – These are Softball Ontario Rules.** Batters can wear a ball hat under the helmet for a better fit.
- ❖ Only the batter and on deck batter can be on the field swinging a bat. Other players must remain in the dugout.
- ❖ Double and triple deck batters should be ready to go with a helmet on.
- ❖ No infield fly rule.
- ❖ Base runners heading to first and remaining on first must step on the ORANGE part of the safety bag. If advancing to second, they are permitted to step on the WHITE portion of the bag. Players may be called out if they step on the wrong side of first base. COACHES: Please teach your players how to run to first base.
- ❖ No leading off and No stealing bases.
- ❖ Any ball that is over thrown back to the pitcher from the catcher while facing a batter is a dead ball.
- ❖ An overthrow to 1st or 3rd base or a ball that rolls into the dugout or under the fence is a dead ball and all runners must stay at the base they are on. If a base runner is halfway to the next base, they get that base.
- ❖ **Once an out fielder has made an attempt to through a ball to an infielder or pitcher, the play is over.**
- ❖ No Bunting in the Mite Division.
- ❖ The team up to bat is permitted to have 3 coaches on the diamond. 1st and 3rd base coaches and a coach pitcher. Each coach is permitted to help the runners, batters and fielders. Coaches are not permitted to interfere with the play, only to instruct, teach and cheer on the players. These coaches must have team uniforms, proper footwear and have completed a Police Background Check. The 4th coach is to remain in the dugout to get batters ready.

RAIN OUT AND EXTREME HEAT DAYS

- ❖ The Fastball Executive will inform coaches if a game has been cancelled due to thunderstorms, rain or extreme heat. In turn, coaches will contact the parents/guardians.
- ❖ Cancelled games will also be posted on sarniaminorathletic.com, Facebook and Instagram.
- ❖ The City of Sarnia SOMETIMES posts cancellations at: **www.city.sarnia.on.ca/community-notifications**
- ❖ In the event of a light rain without signs of lightning, the game will continue until the Umpire, Executive, Convenor or Coach decides to delay or cancel the game.

Other:

- ❖ Only the executive, convenor, coaches, dugout helpers, players and umpires are permitted in the dugout and on the diamond during a game.
- ❖ Players are to hustle on and off the field at all times.
- ❖ During a game, players are to remain in the dugout or on the diamond with the coaches and team. Players must ask a coach permission to leave the diamond.
- ❖ Players should bring water to each game.
- ❖ All players on the field are to be engaged and paying attention at all times.
- ❖ Executive, Umpires, Convenor and Coaches have the authority to move distracted players to a safer position or remove them from the field. SAFETY FIRST.
- ❖ If a parent or spectator is asked to leave the park because of unruly behavior, that teams coach will also be removed from the current game.
- ❖ If a player or coach is ejected from a game, this will result in a one game suspension. If a player or coach is ejected a second time, the player or coach will be suspended the remainder of the season and the player will receive no refund.
- ❖ All coaches and fans are encouraged to cheer on both teams.
- ❖ There is no smoking/vaping in Germain Park. Please keep your smoking away from the young athletes.
- ❖ There is no alcohol permitted in Germain Park.