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- 1- Waivers must be filled out and handed in (to the committee or to the umpire) prior to the first game.
- 2- The waiver is considered to be the team roster and is unlimited.
- 3- Pitching nets are MANDATORY.
- 4- If a thrown ball hits the net, ball is in play.
- 5- No metal cleats, no bunting, no stealing and no leading. Sliding is allowed at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base only. If you slide at 1<sup>st</sup> or home, you will be called out.
- 6- Infield fly rule is in effect. Runners advance at their own risk.
- 7- Safety bag is in effect for the runner. If there is a play at 1<sup>st</sup> base, the runner must touch the orange bag only.
- 8- The commitment line between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate is in effect. Once a runner crosses the commit line, they cannot run back to 3<sup>rd</sup> and they cannot be tagged out between the commit line and home plate.
- 9- Tagging-up is allowed at all bases.
- 10- Four (4) pitches to men and women, no strikes counted. If pitcher is hit by a batted ball, the batter is out, and base runners do not advance. A batted ball hitting the net is a dead ball, but still considered a pitch.
- 11- Defensive alignment is 10 players of which no more than seven (7) can be men.
- 12- Teams may bat as many rostered players as desired. However, the lineup must be set so that no more than three male players bat consecutively (this includes the turn from the bottom of the order back to the top).
- 13- Outfielders and rovers must remain on the grass until the batter makes contact.
- 14- Infielders must be one step behind the bag.
- 15- Balls thrown in from rovers or outfielders must first be thrown to an infielder before being thrown to opposing pitcher, or any base runner may try to advance at his/her own risk.
- 16- Maximum five (5) runs per inning. Last inning open in all round-robin and playoff games. Round-robin and quarter final games are five (5) innings. Semis and finals are seven (7) innings. Play out all round-robin games; run difference will break ties. Playoffs do not need to be played out.
- 17- Home team decided by coin toss for round-robin games. In playoff games, team finishing higher in standings will be home team. If tied, higher run difference will decide.
- 18- If a team has only two (2) women, the third woman in batting spot is an automatic out. If a team only has one (1) woman, they forfeit the game.
- 19- For a player to be eligible for playoff games, he/she must be on the team roster and have played in at least one round-robin game.
- 20- To be out at home, a defensive player must be on the plate with ball in hand.

- 21- The winning team gets 100 points plus their score. The losing team just gets their score. Ties are allowed in round-robin games. Each team gets 50 points plus their score. There are no ties in the playoffs. If a game is tied, the teams play extra innings.
- 22- A pinch runner is allowed from home plate. If you use a pinch runner in a game (last batter from the previous inning of the same gender), you must use a pinch runner for the rest of the game. Current pitcher is exempt from pinch running. Pinch runner must stop at first.
- 23- Once the ball goes back to the pitcher, no appeal of a play may be made.
- 24- For a base runner to be safe at home plate, any part of his/her body over the line ahead of the throw is OK. Base runner does not have to be completely over the line, he/she just has to break the plane.
- 25- Only coaches can question calls from the umpires. Any player who disagrees with a call needs to discuss with his/her coach. Any player arguing with an umpire will get ONE warning. A second offense will result in the player being kicked out of the game, and a subsequent offense will result in the player being kicked out of the tournament.
- 26- A player, if he/she wishes, can pitch only. However, he/she must be on the team roster. If a player decides to pitch only, it must be made clear at the beginning of the game, and he/she is not allowed to bat.
- 27- If a player hits, he/she must play at least two defensive innings.
- 28- Please note that only USSSA approved bats will be allowed in the tournament. If a bat is suspected as illegal, the coach can challenge and ask the umpire to check the bat. If it is found to be illegal, the team with the illegal bat forfeits the game. Bats need to be challenged during the game, not after the game is finished.
- 29- If a base runner is hit by a batted ball anywhere on the field (including while standing on a base) he/she is automatically out. If the runner is on 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base and is hit by a batted ball in foul territory, the runner is safe, and it is a foul ball.
- 30- If a batter is taking a pinch runner from home plate and the batter swings and misses, the pinch runner is not out if they begin to run. It counts as a pitch.
- 31- Every game has the +2 homerun rule. If a home run is hit when the differential is 2, the home run will be deemed an automatic out.
- 32- If a ball is thrown out of play from the infield, runners are awarded one base from their intended base
- 33- If a ball is thrown out of play from the outfield, runners are awarded TWO bases from their intended base.
- 34- Any rule not covered above will fall under the official Softball Quebec rules

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