



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Baseball Tournament**

### **Strathroy Hometown Festival**

### **Adult Co-ed & Men's 2-Pitch Tournament Rules**

1. Unbecoming conduct will not be tolerated by the Strathroy Hometown Festival Committee, umpires or opposing teams.
2. NO STEEL CLEATS for safety reasons.
3. There is to be NO SMOKING (Smoke Free Ontario Act) and NO ALCOHOL (Liquor License Act) on the sports fields and/or in the dugouts.
4. Home team is decided by the higher seed in elimination rounds.
5. Two pitches per batter.
6. For the Co-ed Division ten (10) players maximum allowed on the diamond. Teams must field four (4) females and four (4) males for a minimum of eight (8) players at a scheduled game time (plus five minute grace period). For the Men's Division a minimum of eight (8) players with a maximum of ten (10) players.
7. All players are to be used in the batting order and are to play a defensive position at least one inning.
8. The batting team must alternate males and females for the Co-ed Division.
9. Any player showing up late to a game may be added to the bottom of the batting order. This player must adhere to rule #7 and play at least one inning in the field.
10. All games will be fifty (50) minutes in length. If the home team is winning by more than seven (7) runs then they do not take their last bat. If they are losing or not winning by seven (7) runs they do take their last bat.
11. A game is an official (complete) game after 31 minutes have been played.
12. A pitcher hit anywhere on their person (including their clothing) by a batted ball and/or interfering in a play will result in the batter being called out.
13. Once a play becomes dead, the ball is to be thrown to the pitcher. The ball must be thrown to the pitcher by an infielder. If it is thrown in by an outfielder the pitcher does not have to catch it and the play can continue. Rovers are not considered to be infielders.
14. On plays at home plate a runner coming from third base must continue home after crossing the commitment line (unless they need to return to tag up on a fly ball) thereby creating a forced play. The runner must not touch home plate and if he/she does so is automatically out and the run does not count. There is to be NO tagging of the runners at home plate once they cross the commitment line. If the runner is tagged the runner will be called safe.
15. No lead offs are permitted. The runner must maintain contact with the base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
16. There is no stealing of bases nor is sliding into a base permitted.



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17. Pitchers must wait until the defensive team is ready before pitching.
18. No bunting is allowed. No chopping is allowed. A full level swing is required.
19. Any batted ball that does not pass the arc foul line will be considered a foul strike and count as a pitch.
20. THROWN BAT: Any player throwing their bat (intentionally or not) after hitting the ball, will constitute an automatic out.
21. SAFETY BASE: Batters running to first base must play the orange safety base UNLESS there is not going to be a play at first base. After the initial play, the runner must play the white bag at all times. The defensive team plays the white bag at all times. If a defensive player plays any part of the orange bag the runner will automatically be safe.
22. OVERTHROW: If the ball goes out of play by a throw, the base runner(s) would be awarded two (2) bases at the time of the throw: the base they were going to plus one additional base.
23. BALL OUT OF BOUNDS: If the ball goes out of bounds by any other means, the base runner(s) would be awarded two (2) bases at the time the ball leaves the playing field: the base they were going to plus one additional base.
24. INFIELD FLY RULE: An infield fly is a fair ball, not including a line drive, which can be caught by an infielder, with ordinary effort when first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, before two offensive players are out. Any fielder can catch an infield fly ball.
25. INJURIES: Any player sustaining an injury during a game may be removed from the game without penalty. She/he may be replaced with a substitute runner, which must be the last male/female out.
26. COURTESY RUNNER: Any player may use a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner must be called at the plate prior to batting except in the event of injury (see Rule #25). The courtesy runner must be the last (same sex) out UNLESS that person is batting next; in which case, you will use the second last out. Once a player uses a courtesy runner they must continue using one for the remainder of the game. The courtesy runner will substitute once the batter has gained possession of first base. In the event the batter hits a homerun they will not advance past first base. However, any base runners would score. There are no limits on the number of games a player can utilise a courtesy runner.
27. FOUL TIPS: There are no height restrictions on a foul tip. A caught foul tip will render the batter out.
28. EJECTIONS: Any player ejected from a game is automatically suspended for one additional game. In the original game, the player's name is not removed from the batting order and does constitute an automatic out. Umpire decisions on ejections are final.



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29. CO-ED DIVISION HOME RUN RULE: At Welch and York Diamond #1 there is a home run rule; only one over the fence hit per inning. All other over the fence hits during that inning will be an automatic double. There is NO home run rule at York Diamond #2
30. MEN'S DIVISION HOME RUN RULE: Plus two (2) home run rule in effect.

Any questions pertaining to the Co-ed and Men's Divisions 2-pitch rules, please contact our event organizing committee volunteers at [events@strathroyhometownfestival.com](mailto:events@strathroyhometownfestival.com)