

# Halton Hawks Girls

## Fastpitch May Classic 2026

### OFFICIAL 2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The tournament is governed by Softball Canada rules with all PWSA modifications.
2. **Teams must register at the diamond where they play their first game** 1/2 hour prior to the start of the first game.
3. Proof of age required, if requested. Automatic forfeit of game(s) if not available.
4. Complete team list (roster) is to be provided prior to or at time of registration. (uploaded through **tournament portal provided**) No additional players can be added to the roster after the 1st game. Note: 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 handed in prior to the first game.  
**\*\*\*Injury substitutions maybe added if a team is otherwise unable to field a team at the discretion and approval of tournament director\*\*\***
5. Must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. **The tournament director reserves the right to alter the scheduled times by more than 15 minutes, due to weather or cancellations.**
6. Home and visiting teams are to be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of all round robin games. Home team will be decided by the higher seed in all playoff games. In the case of medal games when 2 teams of the same seed face each other, a coin flip will determine the home team.
7. Home team is responsible to keep the official score which is to be turned in to the umpire at the end of each game by filling in the game card. Both teams should verify scores during regular intervals.
8. Games will be unlimited defensive substitution (everybody bats). As a May tournament all players listed on the tournament roster will play and bat. **If a player is not present at the start of a game, they may be added to the bottom of the lineup, up to and including any portion of the 3rd inning.**
9. Umpire time is official time. **Time will start immediately after the coach conference at home plate.**

10. No infield practice (on the infield skin between foul lines). **A team will be given 1 warning prior to coach suspension for the violating game.**

10.. A) Round Robin Games will be a maximum of 7 complete innings with no new inning starting after **85 minutes** . If the home team is ahead when time is called, the game will be stopped once the current batters at-bat is completed. **Ties will stand in Round Robin play.**

B) U11 games will have a 5 run max per inning, except the 7th inning or the last inning called by the umpires will be open.

C) Playoff games will be a maximum of 7 complete innings with no new inning starting after 1 hour and 40 minutes. If the home team is ahead when time is called, the game will be stopped once the current batters at-bat is completed. **If the game is tied, International tie breaker rules will be in effect after 7 complete innings or beginning with the next inning after time is up.**

D) Mercy rule of 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 7 runs after 5 will apply. (4 1/2 in the event the home team is leading). E) If the home team is leading the game and the game hits the no new inning time limit, the game is complete. The inning ends immediately following the completion of the current at-bat. The current score is final. F) Points awarded: Win – 2 points, Tie – 1 point, Loss – 0 points.

11. A) All U13/U15/U17 **medal** games to be 7 innings, no time limit, mercy rule in effect. For all U11 medal games, no new innings after 1 hour 35 minutes. B) International tie breaker in effect after 7 complete innings or beginning with the next new inning after U11 medal round time is up.

12. NO PROTESTS. Umpires decisions will be final.

13. In the event of a tie after the round robin play, ties will be broken by: A. Head-to-head play (if three or more teams tied, go to B)

B. Runs Against

C. Run Differential (max +/- 7 per game)

D. Runs For

E. Coin Toss

14. In divisions that will be seeded for medal play, rule 14 will apply for inter-division tiebreakers, and seeding rules will be provided for each division.

**15. THE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP CONDUCT RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. UMPIRE ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE LEAST. NOT ONLY DO OUR UMPIRES NOT NEED TO BE SUBJECT TO ABUSE, OUR YOUNG ATHLETES DO NOT NEED TO BE SUBJECT TO THIS BEHAVIOUR. SUCH VIOLATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE SITE CONVENORS AND ULTIMATELY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS CAN AND WILL BE ENFORCED FOR VIOLATIONS.**

## 16. Rainout & Field Closure Policy

- A. The tournament director/site convenor will attempt to adjust schedules as needed to maximize played games during rain or severe weather.
- B. If fields are closed for unsafe conditions, the following refund policy applies:
  - Tournament cancelled with 0 games attempted: 50% refund.
  - 1–2 games attempted : 25% refund.
  - 3 or more games attempted: no refund.
- C. The tournament director will make reasonable efforts to modify game times or formats to ensure minimum play.
- D. The umpire's decision that a field is unplayable for safety reasons is final.
- E. A game is considered complete after 3 full innings. If the home team is leading after 2½ innings, the game will be considered complete.