

DCSA 2026 RULES

Any questions regarding the rules, contact the executive – DCSA is affiliated with NSA Canada but has various house rules in place.

- All players must be on the DCSA roster and registered on the NSA players list
- Bases are 65 feet apart.
- Home team is responsible for measuring and placing bases and mat
- Pitchers must wear a mask
- Teams can use either 2'x3' mat or board for home plate. If teams do not agree to use the board instead of the mat, then the HOME team makes the decision
- Bats: Approved softball bats – NSA approved bats with Thumbprint
- Balls are provided by the DCSA.
- Each team provides a good ball to play the game
- No steel cleats are allowed
- \$50 default fine if notice is not given 3 days in advance
- Teams that have at least 7 players can pick up other players from the league to bring them up to 10 players to play the game without any default. (Can't pull players during playoffs)
- Cannot bat more than two males in a row – fixed batting order
- A player can be on two rosters – no scheduling privileges
- Games must be finished in 70 mins.
- Game clock starts when Umpire calls home team to take the field
- Umpire to check time after every inning, and once 50 minutes or more have passed then to automatically call last inning. This is not to be called prior to the 50 min mark. If close to 50 min mark – conference with both captains. Teams are responsible for finishing in the 70 min allotted for the game.
- Pitching distance is 50-60 feet – 6' to 12' arc pitch to be delivered
- NSA 2 out Pitcher Rule is NOT being used
- Mercy rule for playoff's only – 12 runs after 5 – Home team does not take their last bats if they are leading at the bottom of the last inning
- 4 Courtesy runners – male for male, female for female
- 4 home runs max per team – if both hit 4 then it goes to +1
- 6 runs max per inning except for the last inning being open
- If a male batter is walked with another male batter following, he is only awarded 1st base. When a male batter is walked with a female batter following, he is awarded 2nd base, the female batter must bat.
- Sliding is permitted (except at Home)
- No outfielder may make a force out at first base – no relays.
- No tagging at Home
- Games scores to be reported at www.dcsa.ca by the following Wednesday