*VARSITY FASTPITCH*

**SOFTBALL CANADA RULES WILL APPLY- WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:**

[**Softball Canada**](http://www.softball.ca/english/about/regulations/rulebook.html)

**A. Game Format:**

1. Pitching distance is 42 feet for boys and 40 feet for girls with baselines of 60 feet.

2. Games consist of 5 innings or one and half-hour duration.

3. Ten run mercy rule after three innings of play.

4. Helmets with face guard and chin straps must be worn by batters and base runners.

5. Catchers wear full equipment including throat protector.

6. Entry fee will be determined by the convenor to cover costs of game balls, umpires, and diamond rental.

7. International Tie Breaker rule will be in effect during games in the playoffs.

8. Official ball 12” (Worth Red Dot Optic Yellow) is the recommended ball by MHSAA.

9. Max 6 run score per inning.

10. Sub runner if catcher is on base with two outs (accommodates time for catcher to put equipment on).

11. Banners go out to the winning team.