

## **Township of Tyendinaga Mixed 3-Pitch League Rules**

1. Score sheets must be dated and clearly show the names of each player and score for both teams. The winning team is responsible for phoning in the scores to Liette at the end of each week (613-396-1944).
2. Rain out games: Liette will contact the team reps to cancel the games due to weather. Rain out games will not be rescheduled.
3. Teams will consist of nine players on the field (four in the out-field until the ball is hit): 4 girls, 5 guys.
4. Fielding position taken at the start of each inning must remain for the entire inning. Pitchers are not required to take a position in the field. They must however, take their turn in the batting order.
5. The batting order will alternate guy-girl or girl-guy.
6. Teams must have at least seven players to field a team. If a team is missing 1 or 2 players (GUYS OR GIRLS) an out will be counted in the batting order for each missing player. For example if a team is playing with 4 guys and 4 girls, an out will be taken for the missing guy player. Or if a team is playing with 5 guys and 3 girls, an out will be taken for the missing girl player. Each team must supply it's own catcher.
7. No more then 5 guys may be fielded at one time, but a team may play with more than 4 girls.
8. **FORFEIT FEE:** There will be a \$25.00 forfeit fee for any team that does not show up with enough players to field a team.
9. Teams will be allowed a 10-minute grace period to field a team. Late arrivals may be added to the end of the line up at any time.
10. The maximum number of players to bat in an inning will be twelve. The last batter must be announced. Final out may be a fly-out or line-out, otherwise the ball must come home.
11. Games will be 7 innings or time limit (50 minutes). No new inning to start after 45 minutes of play. The home team bats in the final inning.
12. The pitcher is on the batting team. 3 pitches. The batter is out if the ball hits the pitcher.
13. Three outs.

14. No sliding.
15. No metal cleats.
16. A ball hit over the fence is a home run; through the fence or under the fence is a double.
17. **HOME RUN RULE:** You are allowed 3 home runs per game per team to be hit by any player. Any batter after that if the first two pitches are hit out they are counted as a strike, if the third pitch is hit out, the batter is out.
18. A runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit. If she/he does, they are out.
19. A runner is out if he/she steps on home plate. She/he must cross a line extending from home plate to the backstop before the ball is caught. The runner's foot must be touching the line or the ground beyond. The person catching the ball must be touching home plate and in control of the ball for the runner to be out. **THE CATCHER MUST MAKE THE PLAY AT HOME.**
20. The base coaches will act as the umpire. 1<sup>st</sup> base coach will make the calls on 1<sup>st</sup> and home and the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach will make the calls on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base. If a coach is not in position to make the call after the ball is hit when the runner reaches first base they are out no questions asked.
21. Any foul ball that is caught is an out – THERE ARE NO HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.
22. **COMMITMENT LINE:** There will be a mark 15 feet from home plate to the baseline. Once a runner passes the line, she/he must continue toward home. If she/he has not passed the line, she/he can return to third base. The runner cannot be tagged out after she/he passes the commitment line.
23. No bunting or chopping down the ball.
24. A courtesy runner is allowed AFTER FIRST BASE IS REACHED – maximum three for either male or female, per game. Last male out runs for the last male and last female out runs for the last female.
25. When the ball is thrown to the pitcher, **IT MUST BE THROWN BY AN INFIELDER.**
26. When a person is up to bat, the infield players cannot move in past the pitcher until the ball is hit.