

2002 North American Indigenous Games Sport Technical Package
Softball

DATE:

The Softball competition for 2002 North American Indigenous Games is scheduled for:

Adult Category: July 25 - July 27, 2002

Age Group Category: July 29 - August 4, 2002

COMPETITION VENUE:

The 2002 North American Indigenous Games will be held at the John Blumberg Sport Complex.

EVENT:

The 2002 North American Indigenous Games competition consists of male and female, bantam, midget, juvenile, junior and senior categories.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

See team format in NAIG Governing Rules

OFFICIALS:

All officials must be minimum Level 2 Canadian Amateur Softball Association (CASA) certification.

PARTICIPANTS:

Number of Competitors:

Each Province, Territory or State may enter a maximum of fifteen (15) players per bantam, midget, juvenile, junior and senior, in both male and female categories.

Number of Coaches:

Each Province, Territory and State may accredit two (2) coaches and one (1) manager per female and male bantam, midget, juvenile and junior teams. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as the participating team.

GENERAL RULES:

The Canadian Amateur Softball Association (CASA) Rules will be followed for the competition.

FIELD OF PLAY REQUIREMENTS/EQUIPMENT

Ball size and pitching distance between the home plate and pitcher's mound:

Male: Bantam: 13 and 14 year olds - ball size - 27.94 cm (11") pitching distance - 12.2m (40')
 Midget: 15 and 16 year olds - ball size - 30.48 cm (12") pitching distance - 12.8m (42')
 Juvenile, Junior Senior year olds - ball size - 30.48 (12") pitching distance - 14.0m (46')
Female: Bantam 13 and 14 year olds - ball size - 27.94 cm (11") pitching distance - 11.58m(38')
 Midget - Senior - ball size - 30.48 cm (12") pitching distance - 12.2m (40')

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Competitors must supply their own bats, helmets, gloves, and catchers must supply their own special additional equipment. All equipment must comply with the Canadian Amateur Softball Association (CASA).

COMPETITION RULES:

The teams will warm-up off the competition diamond and will be allowed only 10 minutes on the competition diamond prior to game time.

An entire game for the NAIG softball tournament shall consist of seven (7) innings for a maximum time of ninety (90) minutes.

The seven (7) run rule will be in effect anytime after the completion of 5 (or 4 1/2) innings of play. The umpire will award the game to the team with a lead of seven (7) or more runs any time after the trailing team has had five (5) turns at bat.

In the case of a tie game during the round robin play and/or play offs, the International tie breaking rule shall be followed: Starting at the top of the eighth (8) inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half-inning being placed on second base. The player who is running can be substituted in accordance with the substitution rules.

Final standings in the round robin play shall be established using the following criteria:

- a) Won/lost records. If still tied then:
- b) Winners of games between tied teams (note: In order to use these criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other in the qualifying round.) If still tied then;
- c) Difference plus or minus of total runs scored with a limit of 7 plus or minus per game allowed.
(Note: When using this criteria c) full team records of the entire team records of the entire qualifying round, and only 4,5,6 etc. Full innings in 4 1/2 5 1/2 6 1/2 etc.. Inning games are to be used.)
 - 1) If teams are still tied after c) then the least runs allowed in all games will be used. If still tied then:
 - 2) Total bases touched in all games will be used. If still tied, then;
 - 3) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

The above criteria ranking establishes the standing in the qualifying round. However if a tie exists for the last playoff position or where is represents the difference between one or two "lives", the rules and regulations of Canadian Amateur Softball Association (CASA) will be followed.