

TEAM INFORMATION PACKAGE SHOWCASE GOLD

JULY 6 - 12, 2026

**SOFTBALL CITY
CLOVERDALE ATHLETIC PARK
NORTH DELTA COMMUNITY PARK**



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INFORMATION ABOUT ACCREDITATION

Welcome to the Canada Cup International Softball Championship!

For entry into the 2026 Canada Cup International Softball Championship, accreditation must be used to enter Softball City, Cloverdale Athletic Park and North Delta Community Park.

We ask for your cooperation and understanding in honouring the entry procedures in place.

Note: Please do not expect out gate volunteers to make exceptions outside of the system already approved.

Canada Cup International Softball Championship gate volunteers have been very clearly instructed to deny entry to accredited individuals not able to display their accreditation.

Accreditation for the 2026 Canada Cup will be completed entirely online.

Following the Coaches Meeting, once all roster additions and removals have been finalized, each team will be issued the appropriate number of player and coach accreditation passes based on their approved roster.

The passes will be sent electronically to the team's primary contact listed in Exposure. The primary contact will be responsible for transferring each pass to the appropriate player or coach individually.

Please note that once a pass has been transferred to an individual, it cannot be transferred again. Teams are encouraged to ensure that all roster information and recipient email addresses are correct before completing the transfer process. Ticket sharing and distributing of your accreditation will result in a \$300 CAD charge directly to your team.

Please direct other Gate entry questions to:

Maria Winter - Gates/Ticket Supervisor
778.991.0169

Please direct any Showpass questions to:

SBC Office - Canada Cup Administration
604-531-3220
info@canadacup.com

These are the **ONLY** people with authority to address questions and concerns regarding discrepancies in accreditation access.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THIS EVENT. PLEASE TREAT THEM WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT. Disrespectful conduct to our gates volunteers in this matter will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. It is essential to assist us with putting on a high-calibre tournament that does so much good for our sport.



BAT GIRLS

The Canada Cup International Softball Championship batgirls are selected from our minor softball community and are very excited to be joining your teams for the 2026 Canada Cup. Please ensure that your batgirl wears a batting helmet with a cage whenever they are on the field of play. We ask that you invite these batgirls to be a part of your team during this tournament. Please include them in your team photo and other team functions, when possible. It is a great honour and excellent experience for our young batgirls, and we ask that you help them make the most of it.

GAME CHANGER STREAMING

We request that Youth teams DO NOT stream any of their games through their own Game Changer Streaming on Diamond #1 and #2 at Softball City.

We will allow you to stream your games on all the other diamonds at Softball City with the camera to the right or left of the scorebooth.

TEAM MUSIC / SPEAKERS

While we appreciate how much the athletes enjoy their own music, we ask that no team use a speaker at Softball City. They may bring them to Cloverdale and North Delta.

PARADE OF ATHLETES

The Parade of Athletes for the Showcase Select, and Futures Select division will take place on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5:00 pm** on Diamond #1 at Softball City. Please have your teams start marshalling in the outfield of Diamond #4 at Softball City at **4:30 pm**.

CONCESSIONS / FOOD & DRINK

There will be no outside food or drink allowed into Softball City. There is a restaurant, concession, and several food and beverage vendors at Softball City.

At Cloverdale Athletic Park, there will be a concession stand and limited vendors. Coolers are not permissible within the fenced perimeter at Cloverdale Athletic Park, and there will be a water refill station at the entry. There are picnic facilities available outside the fenced perimeter

At North Delta, there will be a concession stand and limited vendors. Coolers are not permissible, within the fenced perimeter, and there will be water available in the dugouts.



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RAIN POLICY

The Canada Cup International Softball Championship is committed to a 24-hour clock in the case of inclement weather. We reserve the right to re-schedule games, out of the originally posted order. During periods of inclement weather, all communication will be through Exposure and we encourage Managers and Coaches to check their communications regularly. Your team **MUST** be prepared to play at your originally scheduled game time or at any time on a 24-hour clock, as requested by the Host Committee.

UNIFORM CONFLICT POLICY

The Home teams must wear dark colour jerseys and Away teams must wear light colour jerseys. The Games Supervisor has the discretion to call for a uniform change if they feel the colours will be too difficult to differentiate for spectators, the media, officials, or athletes. Please ensure you always have the ability to change.



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SECURITY

The Canada Cup Security Committee requests that you abide by the following precautions during the 2026 Canada Cup International Softball Championship:

- Park as directed and permitted. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle as vehicle break-ins, minor thefts and vandalism are among our greatest security concerns.
- Do not bring passports, plane tickets, or items of this kind to the park, unless they are in the possession of a team official. Your hotel will most likely have safety deposit boxes in which you may keep these items.
- Please remind your athletes to be aware of their surroundings and to travel in pairs or groups when possible.
- Issues involving overzealous fans must be brought to the immediate attention of a volunteer or security. Our experience has shown that incidents are best dealt with immediately and discreetly by our Canada Cup Host Committee.
- We ask that you remind your athletes and staff not to put themselves at risk should they observe a security related issue. Do not intervene. Summon assistance and observe from a safe distance.

PRE-GAME WARM-UP

Softball City

The area available for warm-up when playing at Softball City are the grass soccer fields, and one turf field listed below at South Surrey Athletic Park (SSAP).

Field #5, #6, #7, and #9 are available throughout the tournament. There are no cleats allowed on turf fields.

Warm-up fields are first come, first served.

Cloverdale Athletic Park

The area available for warm-up when playing at Cloverdale Athletic Park is the area outside of the perimeter field fence (Diamond 1 and the outfields outside of the fence). There is absolutely **NO** warm-up permitted on the artificial turf field at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

North Delta Community Park

The diamonds available for warm-up when playing at North Delta are Diamond #6 and Diamond #7, on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOME / AWAY

Home and Away will be determined by a coin toss 60 minutes prior to game time - when the coach/manager submits their lineup card.

BATTING PRACTICE

The Canada Cup International Softball Championship prohibits any form of batting practice inside the competition venues (inside the fenced perimeter at Softball City, Cloverdale Athletic Park, and North Delta). All batting practice (live batting, soft toss, wiffle balls, etc.) must be completed in the warm-up areas outside of the fences of the competition venues. Please use the above-mentioned warm-up areas for batting practice and warm-up.

PITCHER WARM-UP DURING GAMES

Pitcher warm-up will take place along the sideline, within the fenced diamond on which your team is playing. Warm-up catchers **MUST** wear a catcher's helmet, mask, and throat protector (a "goalie" style mask is permitted) and one spotter must be provided. The spotter must be standing and must be facing the field of play. No additional players or unattended equipment will be allowed.

LINE-UP CARDS / BALL CONTROL

60 minutes prior to game time, lineup cards must be submitted to the Games Supervisor in the Games Control area at each park. Only players on the official roster may be on the lineup card. Once lineups are submitted, teams will be given a new game ball. This ball must be presented to the umpire at the home plate conference prior to the start of the game.



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24-HOUR EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

KATHY WESTON
YOUTH TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
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Game Supervisor - Youth - Softball City
604.807.6041

DAN COATES
Game Supervisor- Youth - Cloverdale Athletic Park
604.617.0321

CHRIS ROPER
Game Supervisor - Youth - North Delta
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KELLY PALMER
Canada Cup Coordinator
604.531.3220 office
604.899.1750 cell

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Administrator
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HOSPITAL
Peach Arch Hospital (White Rock)
604.531.5512

Fire, Police, Emergency: 911



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ON-SITE MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Canada Cup International Softball Championship will always provide first response first aid at Softball City, Cloverdale Athletic Park, and North Delta.

Medical services available at Softball City: Advanced medical services are available starting 1.5 hours before the first game commences and closing after the final game of each day is completed.

- Complete First Aid Station
- Assessment and cleansing of injuries
- Athletic taping
- Non-prescription pain medication
- Bandaging and taping supplies
- Ice
- Taping

* If any athlete needs transport by Ambulance, the fee must be paid by the team/team insurance.

* Specialty items available upon request (for a fee)

*** Emergency medical attention and off-site medical services will require pre-payment.**

Medical services available at Cloverdale Athletic Park: First Aid is available starting 45 minutes before the first game commences and closing after the final game of each day is completed.

- Complete First Aid Station
- Assessment and cleansing of injuries
- Non-prescription pain medication
- Ice

Medical services available at North Delta: First Aid is available starting 45 minutes before the first game commences and closing after the final game of each day is completed.

- Complete First Aid Station
- Assessment and cleansing of injuries
- Non-prescription pain medication
- Ice



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TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Thursday, July 2nd, 2026

Showcase Select Coaches Meeting	6:00pm	VIP Tent
Futures Select Coaches Meeting	7:30pm	VIP Tent

Friday, July 3rd, 2026

Select Tournament starts	8:00am	All Parks
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Saturday, July 4th, 2026

Team New Zealand Youth Clinic	9:00-11:30am	SunnySide Park
Select Parade of Athletes	5:00pm	Softball City

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Team Venezuela Youth Clinic	9:00-11:30am	SunnySide Park
Team Singapore Autograph Session	After 6:00pm Game	Softball City
Showcase Gold Coaches Meeting	6:00pm	VIP Tent
Futures Gold Coaches Meeting	7:30pm	VIP Tent

Monday, July 6th, 2026

Gold and Women's Tournament starts	8:00am	All Parks
Team American Samoa Youth Clinic	9:00-11:30am	SunnySide Park
Team Czechia Autograph Session	After 5:30pm Game	Softball City

Tuesday, July 7th, 2026

PRIDE DAY

TC Colorado Youth Clinic	9:00-11:30am	SunnySide Park
TC Colorado Autograph Session	After 3:00pm Game	Softball City
Team Venezuela Autograph Session	After 6:00pm Game	Softball City



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Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

Team Canada Youth Clinic	9:00-11:30am	SunnySide Park
Gold and Women's Parade of Athletes	5:00pm	Softball City
Team New Zealand Autograph Session	After 6:15pm Game	Softball City

Thursday, July 9th, 2026

VOLUNTEER + BLUE + 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OLYMPIC TEAM APPRECIATION NIGHT

Team Chinese Taipei Autograph Session	After 3:30pm Game	Softball City
Team Canada Autograph Session	After 6:00pm Game	Softball City

Friday, July 10th, 2026

SOFTBALL BC HALL OF FAME NIGHT

Team China Autograph Session	After 1:00pm Game	Softball City
Team Peru Autograph Session	After 3:00pm Game	Softball City

Saturday, July, 11th, 2026

Women's All-Star Awards	Following 6:00pm Game	Softball City
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Sunday, July 12th, 2026

CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Showcase and Futures Gold Final	3:30pm	Softball City
Women's Championship Final	7:00pm	Softball City



SHOWCASE GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Showcase GOLD Tournament Format

Round Robin play will be comprised of three (3) pools of seven (7) teams and one (1) pool of six (6) teams.

- After the completion of Round Robin play, the top 3 teams from each pool will be seeded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (based on the Canada Cup International Softball Championship Tie-Breaking Criteria*).
- The remainder of the teams will be seeded 16 through 30 (based on the Canada Cup International Softball Championship Seeding & Tie Breaker Criteria*).
- The 16th placed team overall will be placed in the championship bracket
- All sixteen (16) teams will continue into the single knock-out CANADA CUP SHOWCASE SELECT CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND.
- Teams 17th through 30th will play in a single knock out CANADA CUP SHOWCASE SELECT CONSOLATION ROUND
- Home and Away in playoffs will be determined by coin toss at the tournament table

Canada Cup Averaging Formula

Total points/ total games played x Six (6)



TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA & POOLS

Seeding and Tie-Breaking Criteria

- The team with the most wins shall be placed ahead.
- When two teams are tied, the head-to-head winner shall be placed ahead.
- When three or more teams are tied, the team with the best head-to-head record, amongst the tied teams only, will be placed ahead. If all tied teams have not played each other, move on to next tie-breaking criteria.
- If still tied, the team with least runs against will be placed ahead.
- If still tied, the team with the greatest runs for will be placed ahead.
- If a tie still exists between teams, a coin will be tossed.
- Please note: For three or more tied teams, once one team has been seeded based on the above criterium, the seeding of the remaining tied teams will continue from that point in the tie breaking formula.

Showcase SELECT Pools

<u>Pool A:</u>	<u>Pool B:</u>	<u>Pool C:</u>	<u>Pool D:</u>
Abbotsford Outlaws 2009	Cloverdale Fury 2010	Delta Inferno 2010	Fraser Valley Fusion 2009
Fraser Valley Fusion 2010	Richmond Islanders 2009	Ridge Meadows Pride 2009	Ridge Meadows Pride 2010
Surrey Storm U17	White Rock Renegades 2009	Calgary Adrenaline U17	Camrose Crossfire
Calgary Kaizen U17 Setter	Red Deer Rage U17A Argent	Red Deer Rage U17A Teskey	River City Hornets U17
Edmonton Warriors U17	Calgary Kaizen U17 Hunter	Lloydminster Liners U17	Macyk
River City Hornets U17 Wells	Sherwood Park Storm	Central Energy	St. Albert Angels
NW Crushers 16U	WA Acers 16U		Lucan-Ilderton Athletics U17
			New Level 16U Premier



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PLAYING RULES

Showcase Gold

1. Tournament rules will be W.B.S.C. 2026-2029 unless otherwise stated.
2. Roster Size: The Canada Cup International Softball Championship will be using an expanded roster of 20 players. This is an elite invitational tournament. There is no residency or citizenship rule in effect.

We request that final rosters be submitted at the Coaches Technical Meeting on **Sunday, July 5th, 2026**. No changes to the Official Roster will be accepted after this point.

PICKUPS: Pickups only from the same classification or lower, where classification includes age group (Showcase being lower age group than Futures) as well as level (Select being lower level than Gold)

SHOWCASE GOLD: players may play in more than one Canada Cup International Softball Championship only as it applies to the Women's Tournament. They may be on a Showcase Gold Roster, a Futures Gold Roster, or a Women's roster as well, subject to the age eligibility criteria and having no more than TWO previously rostered Showcase Select Players on a single Showcase or Futures Gold roster. Any Showcase or Futures Select players playing in more than one Canada Cup International Softball Championship must be registered on both rosters before the commencement of the tournament.

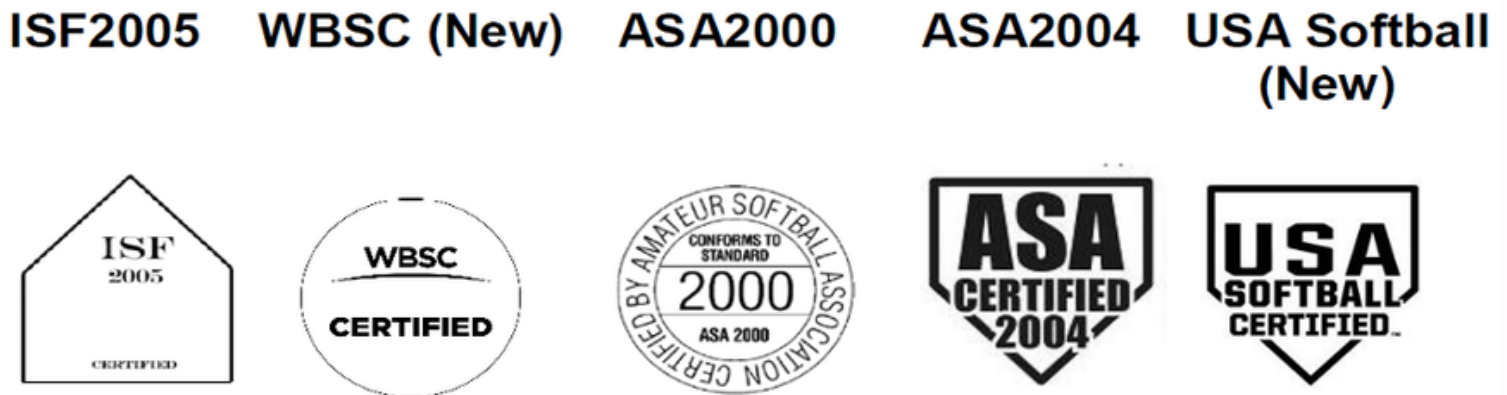
3. A Team who forfeits one game will forfeit the whole tournament, excluding technical forfeits for playing violations (ex. less than 9 players).
4. Eligibility and Age Restrictions: Eligible players MUST be born in 2009 or later. Players born in 2008 or earlier are NOT eligible to participate. Players must carry proof of age in the form of a passport, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other recognized government identification. Photocopies of proof of age documents are sufficient to meet this requirement. Teams may be asked to present this information to tournament officials.



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5. Any bat that meets current ASA or WBSC Bat Standards may be used. Any bat that appears on the WBSC Softball Approved Bat List and has a current ISF certification stamp (2005 only) or WBSC certification (shown below) will be accepted for play at Canada Cup.

Any bat that appears on the USA Softball Approved Bat List and has an ASA 2000 or 2004 certification stamp or USA Softball 2019 certification stamp (shown below) will also be accepted for play at Canada Cup.



6. The ball provided for the Canada Cup International Softball Championships will be considered the “official ball” of the Championships and will be exclusively used during all tournament games.

7. Five-minute infields will be allowed before each game -- time permitting. The Games Supervisor will notify teams if infields are discontinued. Nobody can use the infield while the Grounds Crew is working or during the plate conference.

8. Run ahead rule: 15 runs after 3 innings; or 10 runs after 4 innings; or 7 runs after 5 innings

9. One Foot in the Batting Box. Between pitches, the batter must keep one foot in the batter's box to not delay the game. The batter can leave the batter's box on a hit, walk, to get out of the way of a pitch, to avoid a runner, etc.

10. Teams must send a player or coach to warm up the pitcher between innings if the catcher is not ready. If not, the pitcher is limited to 1 pitch.

11. Batting practice will not be allowed in warm-ups on the field.
 12. No one, other than team members in uniform, coaches, and managers, will be allowed on the field.
 14. The line-up cards must be submitted to the Games Supervisor, at each individual park in the Games Control or Coin Flip area, 60 minutes before the scheduled time for the game and are official at that time. They must be signed (First Name and Surname) by the head coach.
- All players, including substitutes, must be properly listed with full names and uniform numbers. For the starting lineup, positions must also be identified. A player injured during the warm-up can be replaced in the original lineup by the coach/manager at the home conference, without incurring a substitution.
15. A request for clarification of a rule is not an official protest and can be made to the Umpires on the field at any point during a game.
 16. All protests will be managed prior to the next pitch. The protest committee shall consist of a Canada Cup Director, Youth Technical Director, Canada Cup Games Supervisor, Youth UIC, or their assignees. All decisions are final.
 17. The WBSC 2026 – 2029 Tie-Breaker rule will be used in all games played. In a tie breaker inning, if an incorrect runner is placed on second base, they shall be called out if a proper appeal is made by the defensive team after a pitch (legal or illegal) or play and is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base. If the offensive team places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.
 18. Uniforms: Light-coloured jerseys will be used for the Visiting Team and the Home Team will wear a contrasting or dark-coloured jersey. In the event of a conflict in the colours of uniforms, the Home Team will have the option. The Games Supervisor has the discretion to call for a uniform change if they feel the colours will be too difficult to differentiate for spectators, the media, or athletes. Both teams must have two (2) sets of uniforms at the park for every game.



A coach must be neatly attired, including wearing suitable footwear, or be dressed in team uniform in accordance with the colour code of the team. If a coach chooses to wear a cap, it must conform to WBSC Rule 2.5.1a.

19. Caps, visors, and headbands are optional for female players, and players are free to choose which of these they wish to wear. Each must be of the same colour and style as the team uniform colours. Plastic or hard visors are not allowed.

20. A temporary runner is legal for a catcher and/or pitcher of record who is listed in the starting line-up in the top of the first inning or is the catcher and/or pitcher of record from the previous half inning who is on base with two (2) outs. The following provisions apply:

- a) the use of the temporary runner is optional for the offensive team.
- b) the temporary runner may be used any time after the second out occurs, and
- c) the temporary runner is the player scheduled to bat last who is not on base at the time the option is taken.

If an incorrect runner is used as a temporary runner, the runner shall be called out if a proper appeal is made by the defensive team after a pitch or play is made and the appeal is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base. If the offence places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.

21. Masks: All catchers must wear a mask, throat protector, chest protector, shin guards and helmet. A catcher (or other members of the defensive team) must wear a mask, throat protector and helmet while receiving warm-up pitches from the pitcher's plate, or in the warm-up area. If the person catching the pitch will not wear the mask, throat protector and helmet, they must be replaced by a person who will do so. A defensive player that wears a face mask has the option to wear a cap.

22. Designated Player and Flex Rule will be in effect.

23. A RUNNER MAY ADVANCE WITH JEOPARDY TO BE PUT OUT WHILE THE BALL IS LIVE after the release of the Pitch from the Pitcher's hand.



24. PITCHING REGULATIONS:

- The pitcher must have the pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and both feet within the 61.0 cm. (24 in.) length of the pitcher's plate. The hips must be in line with first and third bases.
- The pitcher must, after taking the signal, bring their whole body to a full and complete stop with the ball in both hands in front of the body. The stepping (non-pivot) foot must be stationary at the start and during pause. The stepping (non-pivot) foot can only move forward with the start of the pitch. Any backward movement of the stepping non-pivot foot during or after the pause is an illegal action. This position must be held for not less than two (2) seconds and not more than five (5) seconds before releasing the ball. Holding the ball in both hands to the side of the body is considered in front of the body.
- The pitch starts when one hand is taken off the ball, or the pitcher makes any motion that is part of the pitcher's wind up. The pitcher may not use a pitching motion in which, after being in the pitching position with the ball in both hands, they take a backward and forward swing and return the ball to both hands in front of the body.
- The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate prior to the start of the pitch. Lifting the pivot foot off the pitcher's plate and returning it to the plate, creating a rocking motion, is an illegal act.
- In the act of delivering the ball, the pitcher may take one step with the stepping (non-pivot) foot simultaneously with the release of the ball. The step must be forward toward the batter and within the 61.0 cm. (24 in.) length of the pitcher's plate. It is not a step if the pitcher slides either foot across the pitcher's plate, provided contact is maintained with the plate and there is no movement backward off the plate.
- The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate, push off and drag away from the pitcher's plate or be airborne prior to the stepping (non-pivot) foot touching the ground. The pitcher may leap from the pitcher's plate, land and with a continuous motion deliver the ball to the batter. The pivot foot may follow through with the pitcher's continuous action.
- The pitcher's push off to drag, leap or hop must start from the pitcher's plate. The pitcher must not crow hop or push off from any place other than the pitcher's plate.

25. 20-second clock will not be used.

26. Intentional Walk may be used -- no need to pitch to the batter.

* Rules are subject to change without notice



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