



# 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The tournament rules are the same as the season rules with the exception of the following:

1. This is a modified double elimination tournament which means that there will only be one game played for the championship in each division. The 6:00 pm games are to be considered the Championship Game. A second game will not be played if the team from the loser's bracket defeats the team from the winner's bracket.
2. Game Length - 7 innings (last inning open); no new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes. Last inning must be called prior to 1 hour 15 minutes. There will be no time limit on finals (still 7 innings).
  - a. *Note: Teams may be travelling from another diamond and therefore, may be a few minutes late for the game. Please record the game start time to ensure a full 1 hour 15 minutes is allotted.*
3. Run differential doesn't matter - so if the home team is winning in the last inning, there is no need to play the bottom half of the inning.
4. Higher Seeded Team is **ALWAYS** home team (see bracket/schedule for seeding)
5. Substitutions - if required, teams are permitted to use substitute players within the following limitations:
  - a. Maximum four (4) substitutes, of which no more than two (2) can be male; and
  - b. Roster can be brought to a maximum of **10** players, of which no more than six (6) can be male; unless a team is short female players whereby (c) applies.
  - c. In a situation where a team is short female players, they are permitted to exceed the 10 player roster maximum with female substitute players only within the above restrictions. (for example, if a team has 7 male players and 3 female players, they are permitted to use 1 female substitute.) and;
  - d. Male substitute players must be from within your respective division for semis and finals (games 8, 9 and 10 for championship and games 9, 11 and 12 for consolation).
6. In the event of a tie, the game will revert back to the previous inning; semis and finals excluded. Semis and Final games will play extra innings following the league regular rules, with no mercy, until a winner is decided. See the playoff schedule for the games that this pertains to.
7. For games with paid umpires, they will be instructed to call the Infield Fly Rule as follows:
  - a. *INFIELD FLY is a fairly batted fly ball (not a line drive) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort when first and second, or when first, second and third bases are occupied*
8. All games which have a paid umpire – their ruling is final
9. All players, team reps and spectators must adhere to the guidelines laid out in the "Return to Play" document that can be found at <https://www.miltoncoedspl.ca/>