

## Women's Skins – Tournament Rules

All games shall be played under the Official Softball Playing Rules, except where otherwise provided in these rules:

1. A player may only register in one team and must only play in that team for which they are registered
2. Balls will be supplied by Softball ACT and are to be returned to the umpire post-game
3. Softball ACT has the right to refuse entry of any person or team without being required to provide a reason for refusal
4. All games will start and finish according to the fixtures unless otherwise advertised – games are timed by statisticians or Softball ACT, and a hooter MAY be used
5. First named team will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> base and field first
6. No protests are permitted
7. No innings will start with 10 mins to go. If an innings has started, it must be completed
8. There is no Run Ahead Rule
9. An innings cannot be declared unless at least 2 runs have been scored
10. Declarations of innings cannot be used in finals.
11. Where there are two outs and the catcher is on base, then any player on the team lineup may replace the catcher to expediate the game
12. Any Designated Runners must be identified prior to the start of the game, with their name appearing in position eleven, or the first substitute on the bench list. A DR can only run once per innings
13. The Hurry Up Rule shall apply – if a batter is not in the batters box within one minute after the innings is complete, it is a strike on the batter every 10 seconds. If the defensive team (including all nine players) is not on the diamond within one minute, a ball should be called on the batter every 10 seconds
14. Team Scorers are required, although Softball ACT will attempt to provide official tournament scorers where possible
15. Each team must keep track of their own scorecard, which is to be provided to the Umpires at the end of the game for confirmation and clearance
16. There is no alcohol permitted in team dugouts (Hawker Softball Centre is a licenced premise, with no external alcohol permitted)
17. Individuals ejected or reported shall incur penalties immediately and may face a tribunal to determine further action. Such a hearing will be conducted as soon as practicable, but before the next game in which the player is to take part. Decisions made under this part will be final with no appeals permitted.
18. In the event of adverse weather, Softball ACT will make a decision regarding suspensions, continuation and resumption of play
19. If 1 hour of play is conducted, the game shall count as 'played'
20. If less than 1 hour of play is conducted, the game shall be deemed a drawn game
21. Finals places are determined by money earned, not games won
22. If teams are tied, the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.
23. Finals will be played under the same rules as regulation games (ie timed)

24. If a Final is tied after the time is completed, a tie-break will occur.
25. All tournament prizemoney won by teams in direct deposit (paid post-tournament), or in canteen vouchers, depending on the preferences of each team.

**Please note:**

Softball ACT has every intention of ensuring this tournament proceeds. If there is inclement weather, teams may be asked to play late games, or early games on Sunday.

If the tournament is rained out, Softball ACT will not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by teams except for the tournament entry fee and will be the sole arbiter in determining any decision on refunding part payments.