



Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Boys Softball Association  
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## **NOVICE HOUSE LEAGUE DIVISION**

### **Ages**

Our NOVICE division is designed for children who will be 5, 6 or 7 years old during the year of the present season.

### **Objective**

The Novice age group will be taught the basics of playing softball (fast pitch) with a number of changes made for this age group. The intent is for the children to learn but the season is most importantly about having fun and making friends.



### **The Game**

The children are placed as equally as possible onto teams of 9 to 11 players. The children will each have a turn batting in each inning. The coach soft tosses up to 5 pitches to each child at bat and they are encouraged to swing at each ball that is within the strike zone. If they are unable to connect with the live ball early in the season a T will be placed out so that they can hit off of the T. We do this so that the children also learn the fundamental rules of running the bases.



All of the children will have the opportunity to play each of the positions including the pitcher's role. In the pitcher's role they will stand next to the coach and will do all of the things that a pitcher would be expected to do except the throwing of pitches. There is no score kept in this division as we consider all of the children winners as they are out learning the game of softball.

### **The Season**

The season consists of 15 regular season games and 2 tournament week-ends. The children would play 1 or 2 games per week depending on the length of that year's season. Our NOVICE season will run from early May to mid July. We ask that the players be at the diamond around 6 p.m. so that they have time to warm up and practice before the start of the game at 6:30 p.m. The games run for approximately 1 ½ hrs.

The two tournament week-ends are our Friendship Tournament which is played in late May or early June and the children each receive a medallion for participating.

In the Year End Tournament they are given a trophy for participating throughout the season and learning the great game of softball.

**Come out and have fun playing the game of softball!**