



# 2025 Handbook

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## **Winnipeg Minor Baseball Land Acknowledgement**

Winnipeg Minor Baseball (WMB) would like to acknowledge that we operate programs and services on Treaty 1 Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Metis. WMB respects the treaty that was made on this territory, acknowledges the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to learn and move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We welcome all nations to baseball activities, programs, and community with acceptance and through the spirit of sportsmanship and the game.

## **Message from the WMB Chair**

On behalf of the Winnipeg Minor Baseball Executive and its member Associations I would like to welcome everyone to the 2025 baseball season! We are excited to release this newly designed Winnipeg Minor Baseball handbook in time for the 2025 season to help coaches, players, parents, umpires and volunteers navigate their way through the season.

Whether you're stepping up to the plate for the first time or returning for another year of competition we are proud to have you as part of Winnipeg Minor Baseball. Our association continues to thrive because of the passion, dedication, and sportsmanship that each of you brings to the field.

This season, we look forward to building on our proud tradition of excellence both on and off the diamond. Our mission remains clear: to foster a positive environment where athletes can develop their skills, learn the value of teamwork, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

To the players, coaches, parents, umpires, volunteers, and community members who support us year-round—thank you. Your continued commitment makes everything we do possible.

Here's to a safe, fun, and unforgettable season ahead. Play hard, support one another, and most importantly—enjoy the game.

Dan Cox

Chair – Winnipeg Minor Baseball

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# BASEBALL MANITOBA LEAGUE BOUNDARIES



## BONIVITAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**NORTH:**

CNR main line to Lagimodière Blvd. South on Lagimodière to Fermor (Trans-Canada Highway #1).  
Fermor to the Red River Floodway.

**SOUTH:**

Lagimodière, Red River Floodway.

**EAST:**

Red River Floodway.

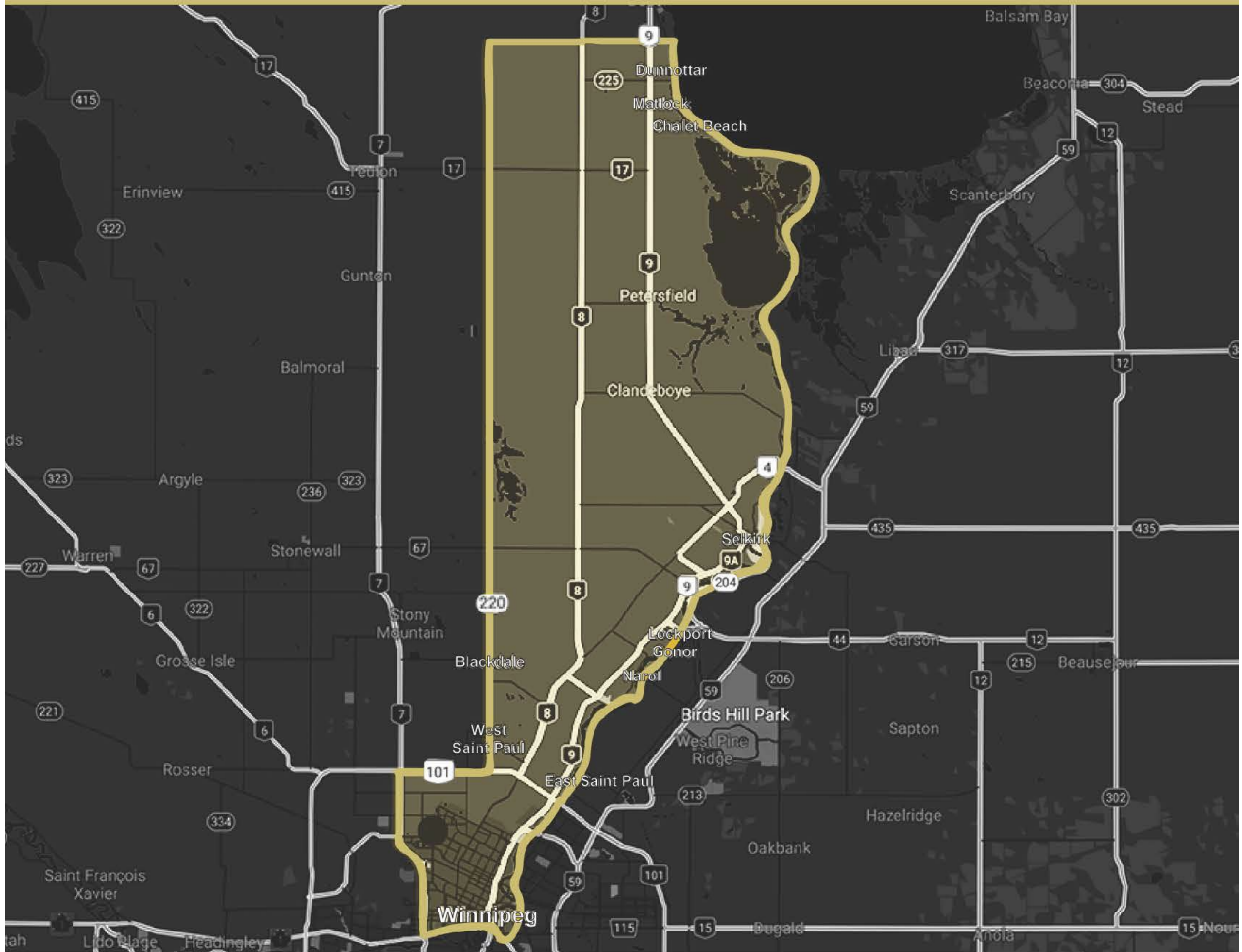
**WEST:**

Red River.

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# BASEBALL MANITOBA LEAGUE BOUNDARIES



## NORTH WINNIPEG MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**NORTH:**

Perimeter Highway and the RM of St. Andrews north border, to include the RM of West St. Paul, the RM of St. Andrews and the City of Selkirk.

**SOUTH:**

Assiniboine River.

**EAST:**

Lake Winnipeg and the Red River.

**WEST:**

St. James St./Century (Route 90) and the west borders of the RM of West St. Paul and the RM of St. Andrews.

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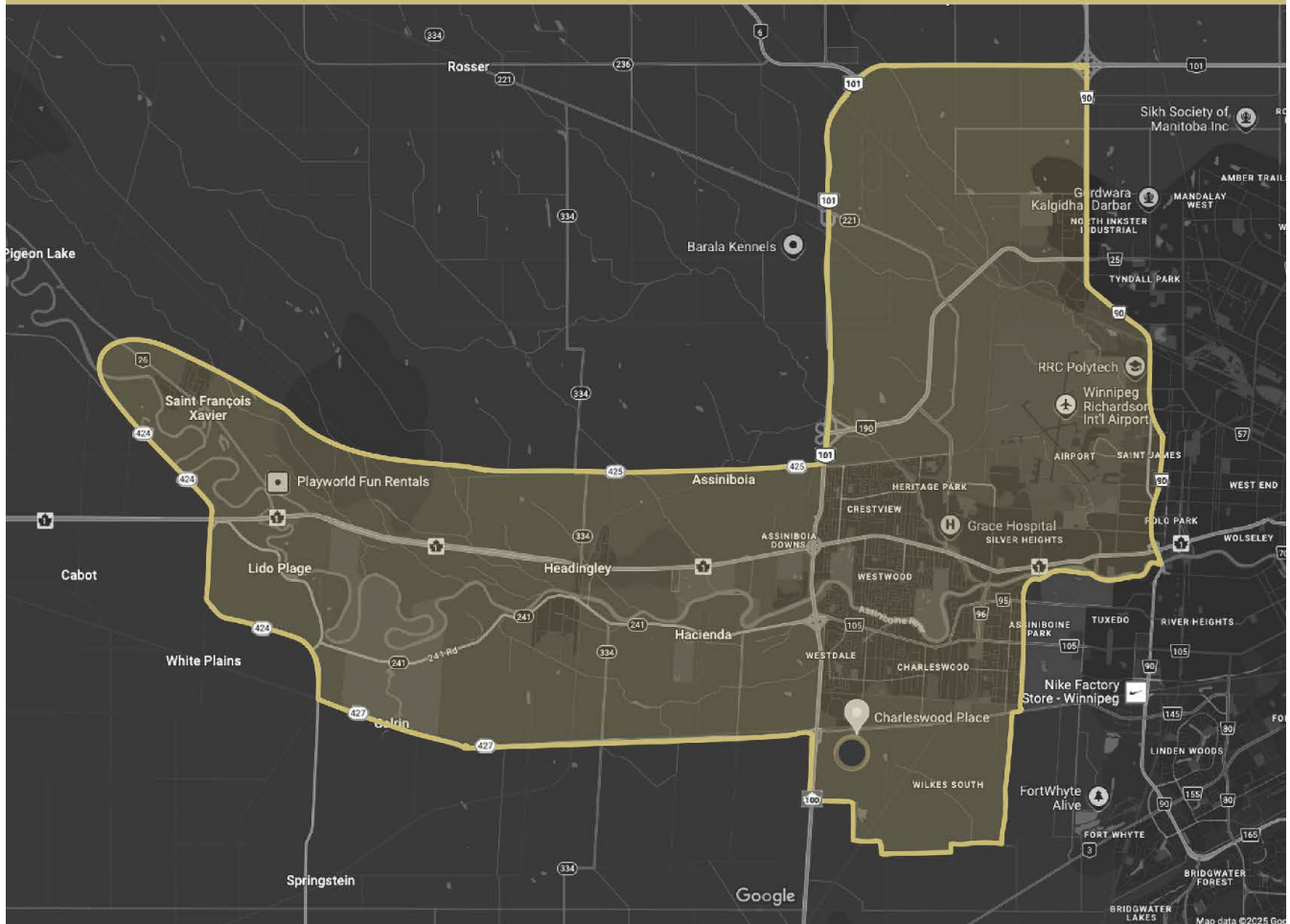


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# BASEBALL MANITOBA LEAGUE BOUNDARIES



## WEST WINNIPEG MINOR BASEBALL

### **NORTH:**

Highway 425 (and the road extending west of it) from St. Francis Xavier to the West Perimeter Highway; the North Perimeter Highway from Highway 6 to Route 90.

### **SOUTH:**

Highway 427 from Highway 424 to the West Perimeter Highway; the south boundary of the City of Winnipeg from the West Perimeter Highway to the east end of Loudoun Road/Four Mile Road; the Assiniboine River from the west boundary of Assiniboine Park to Route 90.

### **EAST:**

Route 90 from the North Perimeter Highway to the Assiniboine River; the western boundary of Assiniboine Park/Assiniboine Forest from the Assiniboine River to Four Mile Road (the south boundary of the City of Winnipeg).

### **WEST:**

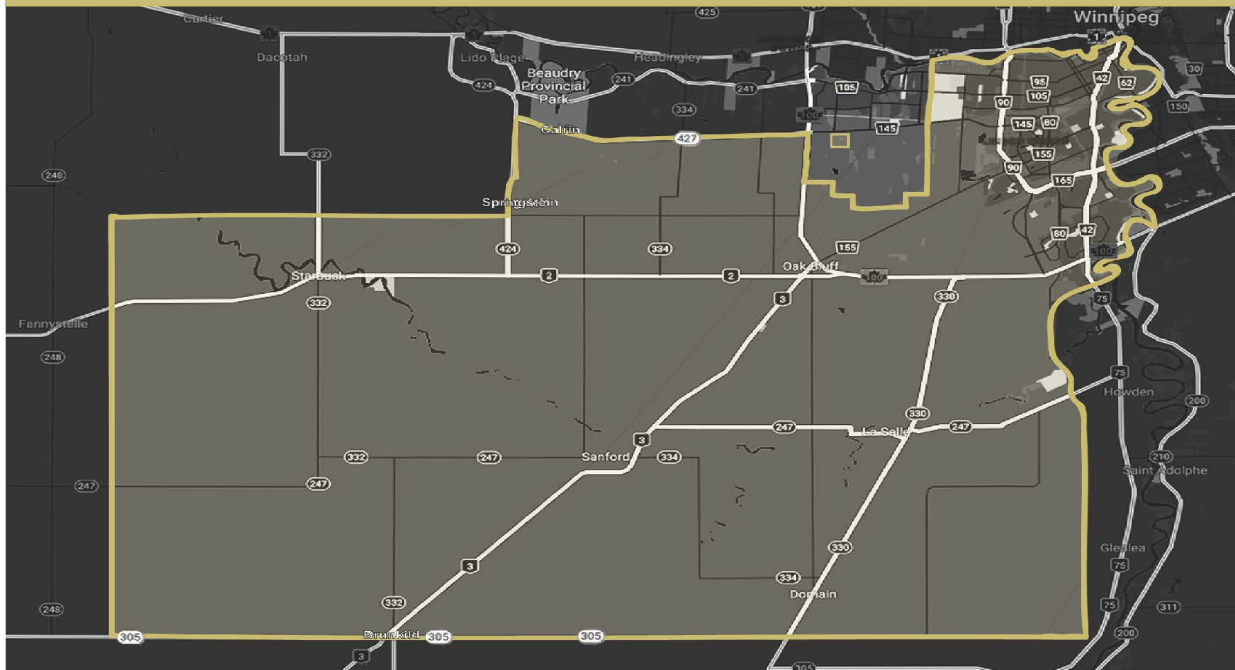
The West Perimeter Highway from Highway 6 to Highway 425; Highway 424 from northwest of St. Francis Xavier to Highway 427; the West Perimeter Highway from Highway 427 to the south boundary of the City of Winnipeg.

**NOTE:** The Charleswood Place baseball complex is NOT a part of West Winnipeg Minor Baseball. Charleswood Place, including any park expansion, is part of Winnipeg South Minor Baseball

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## BASEBALL MANITOBA LEAGUE BOUNDARIES



## WINNIPEG SOUTH MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Everything highlighted in gold is included in the Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association, including this symbol  which represents Charleswood Place.

### **NORTH:**

RM of Macdonald line and Assiniboine River, includes Charleswood Place.

### **SOUTH:**

RM of Macdonald line, to include Oak Bluff, Sanford, and LaSalle.

### **EAST:**

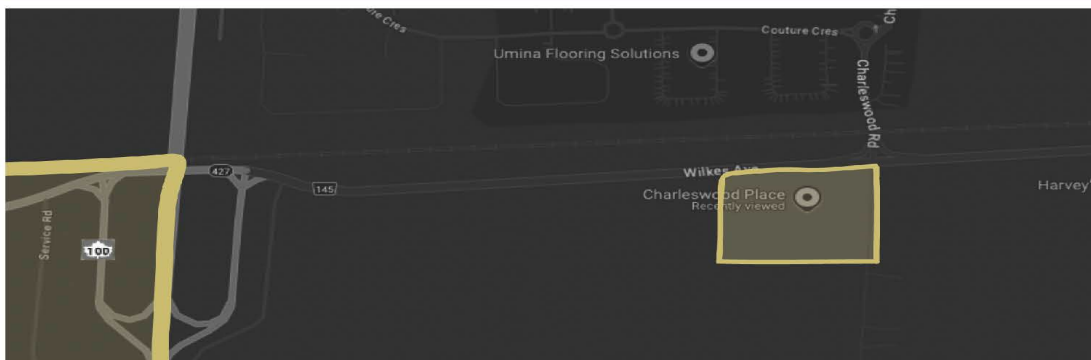
Red River and south of St Norbert to the RM of Ritchot line to the RM of Macdonald line to include St. Norbert.

### **WEST:**

Perimeter Highway and RM of Macdonald line.

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## CHARLESWOOD PLACE - A CLOSER LOOK



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## **2025 Dates to Remember**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| • Start of the 'A' and 'AA' Regular Season    | May 5        |
| • Respect in Sport Deadline (all coaches)     | May 15       |
| • Roster Deadline 'A' and 'AA' teams          | May 15       |
| • Wayne Tucker Tournament                     | May 23 – 25  |
| • 11U Monster Mania (Little Mountain)         | May 24       |
| • 'A' WMB Regional Playoffs                   | June 21 – 25 |
| • Zone 1 'A' Provincials (All age groups)     | July 4 – 6   |
| ○ 11U A – Garden City                         |              |
| ○ 13U A – East Selkirk                        |              |
| ○ 15U A – Bonivital                           |              |
| ○ 18U A – West Winnipeg                       |              |
| • Provincial 9U Grand Slam Jamboree           | TBD          |
| • 'AA' WMB Regional Playoffs (All age groups) | July 11 – 13 |
| ○ 11U AA – Bonivital                          |              |
| ○ 13U / 15U AA – East St Paul                 |              |
| ○ 18U AA – Winnipeg South                     |              |
| • 18UAA Provincials – Location TBD            | July 18 – 20 |
| • AA Provincials                              | July 25 – 27 |
| ○ 11U AA – Winkler                            |              |
| ○ 13U AA – Portage                            |              |
| ○ 15U AA – Brandon                            |              |
| • Prospects Showcase (Location TBD)           | July 25 – 27 |

## Past WMB Champions

\*\*\* Starting in the 2023 season the 'A' WMB Championships officially became recognized as the Baseball Manitoba Zone 1 'A' Provincial Championships \*\*\*

### 11U 'A'

2018 East St. Paul #2

2019 St. Andrews

2020 No event due to Covid 19

2021 No event due to Covid 19

2022 Fort Garry

2023 Macdonald Black

2024 South Winnipeg

### 13U 'A'

2018 Robert A. Steen

2019 Southdale

2020 No event due to Covid 19

2021 No event due to Covid 19

2022 Dakota #1

2023 Phoenix Flames

2024 Southdale

### 15U 'A'

2018 Park City West

2019 East St. Paul

2020 No event due to Covid 19

2021 Southdale / Red River Coyotes

2022 Greendell

2023 St. Andrews / Selkirk

2024 Dakota

### **18U 'A'**

2018 Park City West	2019 Park City West
2020 No event due to Covid 19	2021 Bonivital Grey Sox
2022 Carillon	2023 Brandon
2024 Bonivital Gold (Tier 1) Corydon (Tier 2)	

### **11U 'AA'**

2018	2019
2020 No event due to Covid 19	2021 Bonivital Red Sox
2022 Bonivital White Sox	2023 Macdonald Yankees
2024 Bonivital White Sox	

### **13U 'AA'**

2018	2019 Bonivital Red Sox
2020 No event due to Covid 19	2021 Charleswood Goldeyes
2022 Corydon Comets	2023 Red River Valley Pioneers (Red)
2024 Macdonald Yankees	

### **15U 'AA'**

2018	2019
2020 No event due to Covid 19	2021 Bonivital White Sox
2022 Charleswood Dodgers	2023 Charleswood Dodgers
2024 Charleswood Dodgers	

### **18U 'AA'**

2018	2019 North Winnipeg Marauders
2020 No event due to Covid 19	2021 Tuxedo Lightning
2022 Tuxedo Lightning	2023 Elmwood Giants
2024 Elmwood Giants	

## WMB General Rules

The Winnipeg Minor Baseball general rules govern Winnipeg Minor leagues and Winnipeg Minor playoffs and supersede the Baseball Manitoba rules, which supersede the Baseball Canada rules. All coaches, players, parents, officials and volunteers should read and understand the rules as presented.

Coaches, players, parents, officials and volunteers should also be aware of Baseball Manitoba's Policies covering code of conduct and ethics, discipline, disputes, social media, etc.

<https://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/content/Policies>

### 1. Code of Conduct

- A. AT NO time are Coaches, Managers, Players, or Scorekeepers allowed to smoke, vape, chew tobacco, or drink alcohol on the playing field, bench or within sight of any official during player warm-ups or during the game, as per a municipal bylaw. If an official smells alcohol or cannabis on these persons(s) before or during the game, they will be ejected and subject to suspension.
- B. Coaches must wear suitable clothing (no cut-offs, short pants, or muscle shirts) when on the playing field or bench during the game. Any coach refusing to wear appropriate clothing will be ejected from the game and subject to suspension.
- C. If a coach is ejected from the game, they must leave the playing area and not be able to coach or be seen by an umpire.
- D. Coaches are the designated representative of their team and must control or prevent any disrespectful or disruptive behavior by their players/parents/spectators which is directed toward an opponent, umpire, or a spectator.
- E. Umpire abuse, from coaches, players or parents will not be tolerated and subject to suspension.
- F. Disciplinary action by WMB against any coach, team, or player will follow the discipline penalty chart from section 9 of the Baseball Manitoba handbook.

- G. All submitted umpire ejection reports will be reviewed by the WMB Chair and WMB Umpire in Chief to determine if supplementary discipline is required. The suspended person and the League President of the offending team will be notified by WMB of any supplementary discipline.
- H. Any person suspended by WMB may appeal the suspension by filing a written appeal within 48 hours of suspension. A committee will be setup to hear the appeal. All appeal decisions are final.
- I. Any concerns or feedback regarding umpire conduct or performance must be submitted in writing to the WMB Umpire and Chief. The WMB Umpire in Chief will follow up with the umpire(s) in question and the League Umpire in Chief of the umpire(s) in question.

## 2. Player / Coach Registration

- A. All player, coaches and team managers must be registered through their local club or community and rostered on a Baseball Manitoba roster.
- B. All rostered coaches are to be fully certified per the Baseball Manitoba coaching requirements  
(<https://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/content/Coaching-Requirements>)

## 3. Temporary Players (T.P.) Rules

- A. T.P can be called up an unlimited number of times during the regular season.
- B. T.P cannot be used by more than one team in a league during the regular season. For WMB playoffs T.P can only be used by the same team they played for during the regular season.
- C. Teams are allowed to bring up to two (2) T.P. per game.
- D. T.P. are not allowed to pitch - **PENALTY: automatic default of the game and one game suspension for the offending coach.**
- E. All T.P. must be listed on game line up sheet and mark with a T.P. beside their name.
- F. All T.P. must be registered with Baseball Manitoba during the current baseball season.
- G. Teams may only call up from a lower division or from a lower age group
- H. Players registered with WABA for AAA are not eligible as T.P.

See “Winnipeg Minor Baseball T.P. Eligibility” chart below for eligible T.P. during WMB regular season.

TEAM	Eligible T.P. Teams
11U A	Grand Slam
11U AA	Grand Slam, 11U A
13U A	11U A
13U AA	11U A, 11U AA, 13U A
15U A	13U A, 13U AA
15U AA	13U A, 13U AA, 15U A
18U A	15U A, 15U AA
18U AA	15U A, 15U AA, 18U A

#### 4. Field Dimensions and Equipment Summary

	11U A	11U AA	13U	15U	18U
<b>Base Distance</b>	60 ft	70 ft	70 ft	80 ft	90 ft
<b>Home to 2<sup>nd</sup> Distance</b>	84 ft 10 ¼ in	99 ft	99 ft	113 ft 1 ½ in	127 ft 3 3/8 in
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	44 ft	44 ft	48 ft	54 ft	60 ft 6 in
<b>Recommended Ball (Rawlings)**</b>	65CC	65CC	80CC	80CC	80CC or ROML
<b>Cleats</b>	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Metal	Metal
<b>Chin Straps Mandatory</b>	No	No	No	No	No

\*\*RTDC, or any other practice balls are prohibited from play.

## **APPENDIX I – Rules & Dimension Summary**

### **2024 BAT REGULATIONS**



Where non-wood bats are permitted, only approved "BBCOR" stamped aluminum bats in the 15U AAA and 18U categories will be permitted for use.

AGE/LEVEL	MAX DIFFERENTIAL	MAX DIAMETER	MAX LENGTH
11U	None	2 3/4	32"
13U & 14U Girls	-10	2 3/4	34"
15U & 16U Girls	-5	2 3/4	34"
15U AAA	-3	2 5/8	34"
18U	-3	2 5/8	35"
21U and SR Women	-5	2 3/4	35"

*Note: 15U A, AA, Tier 1, 2 and 3 players may use -5 (or -3) metal bats.*

*Note: Junior and Senior Players must use wood or wood composite bats.*

*Note: Wood or wood composite bats are allowed at all levels and there are no weight requirements for wood bats.*

- Maximum differential refers to the difference between the length of the bat (inches) and the weight of the bat (ounces). So, a bat that is 30 inches long and 20 ounces is a -10 bat.
- For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted. For 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships a max barrel of 2 3/4" with a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or USA Baseball Model and up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 13U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used.
- All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories 15U 'AAA' and above are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.
- The 17U Canada Cup Championship is a wood, or wood composite bat only championship.



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# WMB Gameplay Rules

## 5. Home Team Responsibilities (Before Game)

- A. Check to see if the field is playable no less than (2) hours before the game.
- B. If the field is NOT playable the Home Team Coach must do the following:
  - Call the Umpire Assignor in your Association to cancel the umpire(s).
  - Call the Visiting Team Coach at least 90 minutes before game time.
  - Email [scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com) with notice of rain out. (\*\*NOT APPLICABLE FOR LOCAL 11U A and 13U A leagues).
  - Contact the League Convenor within 24 hours.
- C. If the field is playable setup the diamond at least 45 minutes before game time.
- D. Home Team Coach has the authority to cancel the game up to the time that play begins, afterwards the umpire(s) has full authority to cancel the game.

## 6. Game Rescheduling

- A. The following are acceptable reasons for rescheduling a game:
  - Bad weather (rain, snow, excessive heat, air quality).
  - Diamond is unsafe or too wet to play on or poorly maintained.
  - Diamond double booked.
  - Either team is short of players (minimum 24 hours notice is required)
- B. Game Rescheduling Procedure for Home Team:
  - Regular game days for the specific age group and division should be looked at for scheduling as the preferred options.
  - Select three dates and confirm diamond availability and umpire availability for these dates.
  - Call the visiting team and confirm a date for the game from the three options.
  - Notify the league convenor via email of the rescheduled game.
  - Notify WMB via email at [scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com) with the following information:
    - i. Original Game Date / Time

- ii. Original Game Location
- iii. Rescheduled Game Date / Time
- iv. Reschedule Game Location
- Team must confirm a date and location for the rescheduled game within one week.
- Games that are not played by the completion of the regular season will be marked as a loss (0 points) for both teams at the end of the season.

## 7. Defaults and Forfeits

- A. **All team make the WMB playoffs;** therefore, teams may play with less than nine players at the start of a game (Regular Season and WMB playoffs only).
- B. The minimum safe number of players is seven (7) for any one team. If a team believes they will have less than seven players, the team should consider rescheduling.
- C. **Defaults: Occur when a team has less than seven players.** Defaults are scored as a 7-0 final score.
  - WMB encourages coaches to share players where possible in the event of a default so that an exhibition game can still be played.
  - The assigned umpires are not obligated to work and exhibition game.
- D. **Forfeits: When a team does not show up for a game without any prior reason.** Forfeits are scored as a 7-0 final score, and the League Convenor will decide if a game is to be recorded as an official forfeit.
- E. Teams with either three (3) defaults, or two (2) forfeits in a season will be disqualified from WMB playoffs.
- F. Teams may add a player to the bottom of the batting order when they arrive. Players may enter the field of play at the end of the half inning.
- G. There are no automatic outs for playing with less than nine players.
- H. Teams may still call up temporary players if desired according to the existing call up rules.

## 8. Double Headers

- A. Double header games shall be 5 innings in length.
- B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> game of double header will start no earlier than 30 minutes after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> game and no later than one hour after the completion of the first game, regardless of when the first game finished.

## 9. Game Length / Runs Rules

- A. The following charts outline the game length and run rules for WMB regular season and playoff games.

	11U A	13U A	15U A	18U A
<b>Innings Played</b>	6	7	7	7
<b>Official Game</b>	4 innings, or home team leading after 3 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings
<b>Max Runs per Inning</b>	4	5	5	6
<b>Last Inning</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Inning (8 run max)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (10 run max)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (10 run max)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (10 run max)
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	8 runs after 4 innings or 3 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead
<b>Time Limit **</b>	2 hours	2 hours	2 ¼ hours	2 ¼ hours

\*\*Any inning in progress at the time limit must be completed. Runs for and against between tied teams in standings is a potential tie breaker\*\*

	11U AA	13U AA	15U AA	18U AA
<b>Innings Played</b>	6	7	7	7
<b>Official Game</b>	4 innings, or home team leading after 3 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings	5 innings, or home team leading after 4 ½ innings
<b>Max Runs per Inning</b>	5	6	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Last Inning</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Inning (8 run max)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (10 run max)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (Unlimited)	7 <sup>th</sup> Inning (Unlimited)
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	10 runs after 4 innings or 3 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team ahead
<b>Time Limit **</b>	2 hours	2 ¼ hours	Unlimited	Unlimited

\*\*Any inning in progress at the time limit must be completed. Runs for and against between tied teams in standings is a potential tie breaker\*\*

- B. No extra innings during WMB regular season or playoff round robin games.
- C. The umpire has the discretion to call the game due to darkness. If a game is stopped before the completion of an inning, but after the game has reached official status, then the score reverts to the last completed inning.
- D. Games called due to weather or darkness, that have not completed enough innings to meet official game status, shall be considered suspended, and finished from the point of stop, at the next scheduled game between opponents or on a rescheduled day.
- E. Suspended games that have not completed one full inning are to be replayed from the start.
- F. The end time of a game is the sole discretion of the umpire(s) as they are the official timekeeper.

## 10. Start of Game / Warmups

- A. The start time of a game is the sole discretion of the umpire(s) as they are the official timekeeper.
- B. Home team provides two (2) new and two (2) playable baseballs. A playable baseball is at the plate umpire's discretion.
- C. Warmups
  - The home team should begin warm up on the field no later than twenty-five (25) minutes before game time.
  - The away team should begin no later than fifteen (15) minutes before game time.
  - Warmups for each should be no longer than ten (10) minutes.
  - Teams should be ready for the umpire meeting five (5) minutes before the start of the game.
  - In the event another team is completing a game teams should attempt to warm up in an open area to permit the game to start on time.
- D. When a player or coach is warming up a pitcher:
  - The coach must wear at least a mask and any player must wear a mask/helmet combination in all warmup situations (Baseball Canada 2018 Rules Interpretations 1.17)

- E. All new pitchers will get six (6) warm up pitches and then four (4) pitches before each inning. If a team is slow coming onto the field an umpire can reduce the number of warmup pitches.
- F. A pitcher is not allowed to wear a white or grey long sleeved undershirt.

## 11. Batting (11U A thru 18U A)

- A. All players of a team are part of the continuous batting order for each game.
  - The batting order will be set by the coach at the beginning of the game and may not be changed.
  - The first nine (9) players listed on the lineup sheet do NOT have to be the starting nine (9) players that start on the field.
- B. Coaches can make unlimited substitutions on the field at any time.
- C. When a player leaves the game for any reason, including injury or illness etc., the players' spot in the batting order is skipped without an out being recorded. **The umpire and opposing coach must be informed immediately after the player leaves and before their turn at bat.** This player can re-enter the game.
- D. If a player is ejected, their spot in the batting order is skipped without an out being recorded. This player may NOT re-enter the game.
- E. An out is recorded if a player misses the at bat for no apparent reason. This player may continue to play.
- F. **No bunting at 11U A**

## 12. Batting (11U A Soft Toss)

- A. No walks will be issued at 11U A. After four (4) balls have been called by the umpire and all play has ceased:
  - The umpire will call time
  - A coach positioned outside the base lines will soft toss to the batter.
  - The strike count continues where it was at the time of the fourth ball (Example: if the count is four (4) and one (1) strike the batter may receive up to two (2) soft tosses.
  - Not swinging at a soft toss counts as a strike.
  - **A batter cannot strike out on a foul ball.**

- For safety during the soft toss, the player at the pitcher position will be on the pitching rubber or directly behind it.
- Alternatively, instead of soft tosses, the player may have one (1) swing at a ball on a tee (if available) with the tee placed by the coach over home plate, so the upright part of the tee is just in front of home plate.
- The furthest a batter can advance when hitting soft toss or off the tee is first base. Play is live and the hitter can still fly out or be thrown out.
- Any runners already on base may advance as normal on a soft toss hit at their own risk.
- Bunting the ball on a soft toss or off the tee is prohibited.

### 13. Batting (18U AA)

- A. All players are to be listed on the lineup sheet.
- B. Only the starting nine (9) players are to be included in the batting order
- C. The re-entry rule is in effect for the WMB regular season and playoffs. It cannot be used for an ejected player but can be used to replace an injured player. The last player removed from the game can re-enter for the injured player. The umpire must be informed of the injury. The injured player cannot re-enter the game.
- D. A designated hitter is listed as DH and the pitcher must be listed on the lineup sheet in the number ten (10) spot, or in the number eleven (11) spot if the EH is added.
- E. **Extra Hitter Rule:**
  - Prior to the beginning of each game, the coach may elect to add a tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) hitter to the batting order. The player will be indicated in the lineup as the “EH”. The EH cannot be added to the lineup once the game begins.
  - The EH will be treated as any other starter and cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. If a team starts with ten (10) players, the team must finish with ten (10) players. Penalty shall be a forfeit.
  - The EH may appear in any spot in the lineup.

- The EH will now be considered a defensive position and eligible to be switched between any defensive position provided he stays in the same spot he started in the batting order, and since the EH is a starting player, the re-entry rule would also apply to the EH position.
- The purpose of the EH is to replace a position player allowing the replaced player to come off the field to warm up for pitching.

## 14. Baserunning

- A. Courtesy runners are acceptable for the catcher when there are two outs. Courtesy runner should be the last recorded out.
- B. Contact rule for all players is in effect. Runners are instructed to avoid making contact with a fielder. Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Please refer to the Baseball Canada Contact Rule 6.01 (6.05) for details.
- C. Leadoff and Stealing Chart:

	11U A	11U AA	13U A
<b>Lead Offs</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Stealing</b>	Yes, after ball crosses the plate. <b>Limit 1 base</b> regardless of overthrows	Yes, after the ball crosses the plate	Yes <b>Limit 1 base</b> regardless of overthrows
<b>Stealing Home</b>	***No	***No	***No
<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike</b>	No	No	No
<b>Bunting</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Intentional Walks</b>	No	Yes	No

\*\*\*Runners at 3rd base must be batted home or forced by means of a bases loaded base on balls or hit by pitch. They cannot advance on a passed ball, wild pitch, or overthrow on a stolen base. If a runner reaches 3rd base by means of a batted ball they may continue home as a continuous part of the play. They do not have to stop at 3rd and wait for the next play. The intent of this rule is to promote hitting the runner home.

	13U AA	15U A	18U A	18U AA
Lead Offs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing Home	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intentional Walks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## 15. Pitch Count Regulations

11U + 9 year olds	13U	15U	18U	22U	Rest required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-44	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	45-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Total Pitches Allowed in a Day

- A. In the interest of good sportsmanship and for the benefit of all players, an opposing coach, scorekeeper or other official should inform the opposing coach before an infraction occurs.
- B. Pitchers and managers shall follow the pitch count and rest rule guidelines of the Baseball Manitoba pitching chart - Refer to the supplied pitch count book or the **Baseball Manitoba handbook – Pink Section - APPENDIX VI – Pitch Count Rules for Pitch Count Regulations.**
- C. Age advanced rostered players must be identified before the game. These players are restricted to the number of pitches for their age group and not to the age group of their team. Thus, a 15U-aged player age advanced and rostered to 18U is restricted to the pitch count for 15U. (the exception is a Grand Slam player advanced to 11U who may pitch to the 11U limits)
- D. T.P. (temporary players also known as call-ups) are not allowed to pitch.
- E. Intentional Walks

- Only pitches thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals (New intentional walk rule excludes pitch count when a player is intentionally walked)
  - Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.
    - Example: if during a count of 2 balls - 0 strike, a team signals to the umpire that a batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for pitch count
- F. A pitcher who is removed from the mound during the game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game in another position or the game is suspended and resumed on another day.
- G. A coach who violates the pitch count regulations will be subject to a one-game suspension. Any subsequent violations will result in penalties as per disciplinary guidelines in the Baseball Manitoba Handbook
- H. All pitches, regardless of regular season, tournaments, or high school play, must be recorded in the Baseball Manitoba Pitch Count App.
- I. Pitchers are allowed to finish the batter even if their maximum pitch limit for any threshold is exceeded during the at bat. However, the coach must notify the umpire prior to the pitch count being exceeded. The pitch count then will be recorded as the maximum for that threshold limit. For example, a 15U player has 50 pitches. The coach can declare to the plate umpire and pitch counters for both teams that this is the final batter. He finishes with 54 pitches, but only 50 are recorded and that player is removed from pitching.

## 16. Baseball Manitoba Pitch Count App

- A. Baseball Manitoba has developed a Pitch Count App for 2025. Pitch Count books will NOT be available this year, as we fully transition to the App.
- B. The Baseball Manitoba Pitch Count app is a free tool for coaches. Use this mobile app to easily keep track of every pitch thrown in a game and view statistics from other Manitoba teams. To download the app search “Baseball Manitoba pitch count app” in the App Store for iPhone users and Google Play App Store for Android users.

- C. Teams may still use pitch count booklets to track pitches, but all teams are now required to submit their pitch counts through the app. Pitch count booklets are no longer being distributed but printable/downloadable pitch count forms are available at [www.baseballmanitoba.ca/forms](http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/forms).
- D. Home teams will be responsible for entry of pitch counts with verification from the visiting team. All team rosters will be automatically uploaded to the app by Baseball Manitoba from the RAMP registration system.
- E. The Baseball Manitoba website provides helpful tutorials for using the app, and more information will be provided to coaches.

## 17. On-Field Coaching (11U A Only)

- A. Only 1 defensive coach allowed on the field of play, positioned in shallow center field and to remain still while the pitch is being delivered and to remain still until the end of each play unless avoiding a ball in play or fielder attempting to make a play. Violation shall result in a warning for the first offense and for a subsequent offense, instruction to return to the bench for the remainder of the game, no substitute coach shall be allowed on the field for the remainder of the game.
- B. At all times each team must have at least one coach on the bench, if the team only has one coach, then that coach is not allowed on the field during defensive play.
- C. The on field defensive coach is prohibited from engaging the umpires in any manner; all interactions with the umpire during defensive situations must be respectfully addressed by the manager. Violation shall result in the ejection of the offending coach from the game.
- D. The on-field coach shall not physically assist / restrain a player or in any way impede or interfere with an active play. Violation for such actions will result in the coach being ejected from the game, time being called and the umpire placing runners where in their judgment the runner(s) would have reached if the play had been allowed to continue.
- E. The intent of allowing a coach on the field in defensive situations is to help with skill development and improve the pace of play by communicating expectations to players more efficiently. The on-field coach shall not delay the game in any manner. The umpire shall maintain pace of play and instruct coaches to return to their position in the outfield when necessary.

Coaches who in the judgment of the umpire persistently slow the pace of play shall be instructed to leave the field and return to the bench, no substitute coach shall be allowed to return to the field for the remainder of the game.

- F. Visits to the mound or off mound conferences with the pitcher shall be considered a visit to the mound and as per the regular rules of baseball, a subsequent visit to the mound by any coach shall result in the pitcher being removed from that position.

## 18. After the Game (11U A and 13U A)

- A. Please check with your local Association for score and pitch count reporting procedures for your local league.

## 19. After the Game (All other WMB age groups/categories)

- A. The game scores and pitch counts must be confirmed by both teams before leaving the diamond.
- B. Use the WMB - Game Sheet (available to download on the Winnipeg Minor Baseball website) to record the score and pitch counts and have both coaches sign before leaving the field.
- C. Umpire input and signatures only required should any ejections occur during the game.
- D. Within 24 hours the **home team** must email the following to [scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:scoreswpgminorbaseball@gmail.com) with a picture or pdf of the game sheet attached:
  - Game date/time/location
  - Age Group / Category (ie 11U AA)
  - Home Team Final Score
  - Away Team Final Score
- E. Per section 16 all pitch counts are to be entered in the Baseball Manitoba Pitch Count App and verified by the visiting team within 24 hours OR in the case of a team playing the next day entered and verified before the start of the next game. Any violations in pitch count entry may be considered a violation of the Pitch Count Regulations and subject to suspension by WMB.

## Zone 1 'A' Provincial Championships

### 20. 2025 Host Associations

A. The 2025 Zone 1 Provincial Championships hosts are as follows:

	<b>11U A</b>	<b>13U A</b>	<b>15U A</b>	<b>18U A</b>
<b>Host Association</b>	North Winnipeg	Red River Valley	Bonivital	West Winnipeg
<b>Event Location</b>	Garden City	East St Paul	Provencher	Optimist Park
<b>Dates</b>	July 4-6, 2025	July 4-6, 2025	July 4-6, 2025	July 4-6, 2025

### 21. Qualification

	<b>11U A</b>	<b>13U A</b>	<b>15U A</b>	<b>18U A</b>
<b>Teams Qualifying</b>	(2) per Association**	(2) per Association**	TBD***	TBD****

\*\*Each Association will hold a regional playoff to determine the two teams to attend from their Association.

\*\*\* Number of qualifying teams for 15U A is determined by the number of teams in the East and West divisions for any given season. Final qualifying numbers will be determined by pre-season coaches meeting.

\*\*\*\*Number of qualifying teams for 18U A is determined by the number of teams in the league for any given season. Final qualifying numbers will be determined by pre-season coaches meeting.

### 22. Player draft / call ups for Zone 1 'A' Provincials

- A. Teams are permitted to draft or call up from a lower division for Zone 1 'A' Provincials. Drafted players and Call-Ups must be identified prior to the Provincials.
- B. For the Zone 1 Provincials 13U A teams are NOT allowed to draft or call-up 11U AA players
- C. Players registered to play in WABA on AAA teams are not eligible for Draft or Call-up
- D. Drafting Players

- Teams who qualify for the Zone 1 Provincials may add (draft) up to two players from other teams within their league or division from eliminated teams.
- Coaches must send a list of up to five players, in order of preference, to the league convener immediately after all teams qualify
- Players are drafted from the list according to the seeding of teams with the first place team drafting first in each round.
- Players, who are requested in the draft, but decline are ineligible to be drafted by another team and will not play in the Zone 1 Provincials. Teams are subsequently awarded the next available player on their list

#### E. Player Call Ups

- Teams are allowed to add (call up) two players, or the amount needed to replace injured players, from a lower division only.
- Call ups (T.P.) are not allowed to pitch – same rules as the regular season

\*\*\*Please refer to the Baseball Manitoba “General Rule of Competition – ‘AA’ and ‘A’” provided to each coach before each Provincial event, to ensure all rules are known and followed.\*\*\*

## WMB AA Playoffs

### 23. 2025 Host Associations

A. The 2025 WMB AA Playoffs hosts are as follows:

	11U AA	13U AA	15U AA	18U AA
<b>Host Association</b>	Bonivital	Red River Valley	Red River Valley	Winnipeg South
<b>Event Location</b>	Winakwa	East St Paul	East St Paul	Charleswood Park
<b>Dates</b>	July 11-13, 2025	July 11-13, 2025	July 11-13, 2025	July 11-13, 2025

## 24. Qualification

	11U AA	13U AA	15U AA	18U AA
<b>Teams Qualifying</b>	Top 10 Teams	Top 10 Teams	Top 10 Teams	Top 10 Teams

- A. A maximum of ten (10) teams may qualify for the WMB AA playoffs. Teams are ranked in the standings by a point system in which three points are awarded for a win and one for a tie. If teams are tied in points at the end of the year the first tiebreaker is wins and the second is head-to-head games

## 25. Play-in Games

- A. In a single league of more than 10 teams, a play-in game(s) is played against the bottom ranked teams to form a WMB AA playoff draw of ten teams: 10th vs 11th in 11-team league, 9th vs 12th and 10th vs 11th in 12-team league, etc. Coaches of the home team are responsible to book their diamond and the umpires. Winning teams in playoff elimination games are ranked by their place in the standings.
- B. Any league that has an odd number of teams (i.e. 7 or 9) will have a play-in game to ensure an even number of teams form the WMB AA playoff draw for that age division.

## 26. Player draft / call ups for WMB AA Playoffs

- A. Teams are permitted to draft or call up from a lower division for WMB AA Playoffs. Drafted players and Call-Ups must be identified prior to the Provincials.
- B. Players registered to play in WABA on AAA teams are not eligible for Draft or Call-up
- C. Drafting Players
- Teams who qualify for WMB AA Playoffs may add (draft) up to two players from other teams within their league or division from eliminated teams (including teams eliminated via play-in game).
  - Coaches must send a list of up to five players, in order of preference, to the league convener immediately after all teams qualify
  - Players are drafted from the list according to the seeding of teams with the first place team drafting first in each round.

- Players, who are requested in the draft, but decline are ineligible to be drafted by another team and will not play in the WMB AA Playoffs. Teams are subsequently awarded the next available player on their list

#### D. Player Call-Ups

- Teams are allowed to add (call up) two players, or the amount needed to replace injured players, from a lower division only (i.e. 11U AA may call up from 11U A)
- These players are available only for WMB AA Playoffs but may be added to the team's roster by the drafting of these players for the AA provincials.
- Call ups (T.P.) are not allowed to pitch – same rules as the regular season.

#### E. Insufficient Number of Players to Start a Game

- When one team has 8 or fewer players at game time the following happens:
  - A 15-minute grace period is allowed.
  - Team that is short may bat first.
  - Any open place in the batting order when it comes will be an out.
  - If a team does not have 9 players when it takes the field, the game is a forfeit, and the team is disqualified from the playoffs.

#### F. Playoff Time Limits

- A new inning cannot start:

	11U AA	13U AA	15U AA	18U AA
Time Limit	2 hours	2 ¼ hours	2 ¼ hours	2 ¼ hours
	Any inning in progress at the time limit must be completed.			

- Should a game be tied after seven innings (6 innings for 11U AA), or once time limit expires, during **round robin play** the game shall end in a tie.
- All provincial qualifying and championship games will have no time limit and must be played until a winner is declared.