## **AABC Rules of Play**

# Alberta Summer Games Alberta Zone Championships Keith Jorgensen Memorial Tournament

## **Pitching Rules**

- Maximum pitches for any player in one day is 95.
- 1-30 pitches, in one day, no (0) calendar day is required.
- 31-45 pitches, in one day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- 46-60 pitches, in one day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- 61+ pitches, in one day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

Threshold Exception: If a pitcher reaches their threshold while facing a batter, they may continue to pitch until one of the following conditions occurs: a) batter reaches base; b) the batter is retired; c) the third out is made to complete the inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day (s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

#### Notes:

Under no circumstances shall a player pitch three (3) consecutive days.

A player cannot enter a game as a catcher unless they have thrown less than 30 pitches (threshold exception applies).

A player cannot enter a game as a pitcher unless they have caught three innings or less in that game. One pitch received constitutes an inning.

Once a player has been removed from the position of pitcher, they are not allowed to assume the pitching position again during a game.

A player may pitch in two games in a day, provided they did not throw more than 30 pitches in the first game (threshold exception applies). Pitch count will be cumulative for the day. Game 1 + Game 2 must be 95 or fewer total pitches.

No 'declaration' of last batter is required for any pitcher during a game.

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### Re-Entry Rule

A starter may be substituted and then re-enter the game once at any time. The substitute player removed for the starter (or another substitute) may not re-enter the game. If a player is ejected or injured following usage of the re-entry rule, and all substitutes have been in the game, the opposing manager will select the replacement player.

#### Extra Hitter

An extra hitter (10<sup>th</sup> batter) may be used by any team. The re-entry rule applies to the extra hitter if used.

## **Designated Hitter**

A designated hitter is permitted for the pitcher only. Designated hitter and extra hitter may both be used in a batting lineup.

## Courtesy Runner

A courtesy runner for the catcher is allowed when there are two out. The substitute runner is not presently in the game. If there are no substitutes, the runner may be the last out.

#### **Bats**

All bats must be wood or wood composite.

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#### 10-Run Mercy Rule

In effect after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead.

### Tied Game after 7 Innings

Use of the international tie-breaker. The player who was the last out in the previous inning, will assume the position as runner at second base to start the half inning. A substitution cannot be made until one pitch is thrown.

## Ties after Pool Play

Ties after tournament pool play will determine the winner in the following fashion:

- 1. The team with the best win-loss record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
- 2. If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored against per defensive innings for games between or among the original tied teams.
- 3. If still tied, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored by offensive inning, for games between or among the originally tied teams.
- 4. If the tie still continues, the team with the best defensive ratio of defensive runs per defensive innings, in all pool play, will place higher in the standings.
- 5. If still tied, then the best win-loss record against teams above them in the standings.

Coaches must wear the same type of uniform as their team, including baseball pants. No shorts or open toed shoes are permitted on the field of play.

Any other rule interpretations shall refer to the latest Baseball Canada Rulebook