

MOOSE MOUNTAIN MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COACHES:

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL AGE CATEGORIES (updated Apr 2020)

1. Games start at 6:00 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by the two teams that an alternate time be arranged. Games shall start no later than 6:30. If a game is delayed past the 6:30 limit, it may be played under protest.
2. Home team provided umpires and balls.
3. A \$250 fine will be received if the league fees are not paid before / at post season meeting. Home team must fax or send completed score sheets to the league statistician within 48 hours of completion of a game. A fine of \$10 / sheet will be received for late or incomplete score sheets. Any / all fees must be paid before towns will be able to register with the league next year.
4. Metal cleats can be worn by Bantams and older age groups. Umpires are to be made aware of this ruling and in the event the player not complying with the ruling the game may be played under protest.
5. Game cancelled due to weather: Home team gives visiting team 3 dates within 10 days of the cancelled game the visiting team picks one date and plays. If game is cancelled the home team must phone or fax the score sheet in to the MMMBA statistician indicating the game was cancelled. The make up game must also be faxed in.
6. ALL PLAYERS must bat in the regular rotation with NO exception. If a player is injured during the game to the point where he misses his turn in the batting order, he shall be out for the remainder of the game and will not be re-entered at any time.
7. Teams wanting to use overage players must receive permission from either the League Commissioner and / or the League Executive. The over age players can only be one year overage. Three overage players per team is the maximum allowed. Overage players can only be used to reach a maximum of 12 players in all age groups. No Exceptions. Overage players can play any position...maximum 2 innings / game and any number of over age players can pitch in a game to a maximum of a combined **SIX outs** per game. Pitch count rule still applies.
8. If a player has not arrived by the start of the game he is put on the bottom of the roster. If he has not arrived by the time he has batted he is just skipped until he arrives and the team does not take an out. The player is still eligible to play no matter what inning he arrives in.
9. In the event that a team forfeits 2 games, with a forfeit being a no show and not a weather event, and coaches must be notified by 3pm of the game day will not be eligible for the league playoff tournament and there are no points given for or against to any of the teams that they have played. (changed June 2017)
10. If you are playing with less than 9 players. You don't get penalized with an out every other inning. (Rule Changed at 2015 spring meeting.)
11. Players can not play across on two teams within their own age category, but can AP within their town of registration.
12. NO league rule changes are to be made outside the league annual meeting.
13. Pitch Count for Mosquito and up as per SBA rules have been adopted for this year.
14. If a player is registered on the roster, there is no minimum number of games to be played in order for the player to participate in the league finals.
15. Players cannot pitch then catch in the same day. ( April 2018 )

NO changes are to be made at the game level.

Sask. Base ball web site for all rules and forms : <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/> . You will find the Pitch Count forms as well as the Pitch Count Flip Board Numbers. You will need these for your Pitch Count Binder that must travel with your team to every game.

## 9 AND UNDER BASEBALL RULES

- Must use official hard balls(rule changed 2014)
- Bases to be placed 50' apart.
- A UPM 45 blue frame spring pitching machine will be used placed at a distance recommended by Sask Baseball of 40-42 ft. The speed will be determined by each coach prior to starting the game (rule change 2020).
- Games are 5 innings in length...the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> does not have to be played in the event that the home team is winning but it is encouraged and it is up to the team not the visiting team as to whether or not it will be played.
- Batters are allowed 3 swinging strikes or 5 pitches.
- An at bat can **NOT** end on a **FOUL BALL**(rule changed 2016).
- The batting order is from the top to the bottom and then repeated.
- 3 outs or six runs scored constitutes a half inning. ( rule changed 2016 )
- In the event that the adult pitcher is hit by the ball, the ball is dead and the pitch is thrown again (it is as if the pitch was never thrown).
- Base paths are 6 feet wide extending 3 feet on each side of the base line...should a runner run off the paths to avoid a tag, they will be considered out.
- A base runner hit by a batted 'fair' ball is out, the batter is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base...other runners may not advance.
- Bunting **is not** allowed.
- Sliding **is** allowed.
- The infield fly rule **is not** in effect at any time.
- Runners may tag up and advance on a fly ball caught in the outfield...not a fly ball caught in the infield.
- In the event that a batter bats out of order, there is **no** penalty. The batter that has been missed should bat as soon as possible and the team returns to the proper order as soon as possible.
- Overage players may play any one position a maximum of 2 innings (Moose Mountain rule adopted in '05)
- Base runners must keep contact with their base until the ball reaches the plate. In the event that they leave early they will be returned to their base or they may advance a maximum of one base ahead of the runner behind them...there is **no out** (same rules as Mosquito aged baseball as outlined in the SBA rulebook)
- Stealing **is not** allowed.
- The 'infield' will be considered a line from 2<sup>nd</sup> base extending indefinitely in the direction of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases running over top of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases...in other words to the fences or to an out of play marker.
- If a ball is hit to the outfield, the runners can continue to run until the ball crosses the "infield" line as above. (new rule June 2017)
- A ball that is thrown at 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base in an attempt to make a play on a base runner will also be considered 'in the infield' even in the event that it does not cross the line into the infield.
- No base runner can start advancing to a new base after the ball is in the infield.
- Allowed to have 10 defensive players plus a catcher on the field.
- 8 year olds are approved to play rally cap and are not considered an overage.(ruled 2016)

### RUNNERS AT 1<sup>ST</sup>

- \* may advance as many bases as possible if the ball is in the outfield
- \* may advance one base on an overthrow to 1<sup>st</sup>
- \* may advance one base on an infield hit

### RUNNERS AT 2<sup>ND</sup>

- \* may advance as many bases as possible if the ball is in the outfield
- \* may advance one base on an overthrow to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> provided 3<sup>rd</sup> is not occupied.
- \* may advance one base on an infield hit

#### RUNNER AT 3<sup>RD</sup>

- \* may advance if the ball has not returned to the infield
- \* may advance on an infield hit
- \* may not advance on a overthrow to any base including an attempt to tag them at 3<sup>rd</sup> base

### 11 and Under Rules

- Player can not steal home. Player can only be hit or walked home. (rule changed 2014)
- Players cannot pitch then catch in the same day ( April 2018 )
- Each batter will start with 1 strike / 1 ball against them (April 2019 Baseball Sask)
- Pitch Count Rule (all league games and final tournament)
- 6 inning games with 4 innings required to make a game official ( rule change fall 2019)
- 6 runs scored or 3 outs per inning per team:
  - Distance for bases is 60 feet
  - Distance for pitching is 44 feet (between point of home plate and front side of pitchers plate)

### 13 and Under Rules

- 6 run limit per inning
- 6 inning games with 4 innings required to make a game official
- Pitch Count Rule ( all league games and final tournament)
- Players cannot pitch then catch in the same day ( April 2018 )
- **Penalty for a Pitch Count Violation** - if caught during the game, then the coach will be ejected from the game, suspended for 2 games and the game will end in a forfeit by the offending team (April 2019)
- 6 runs scored or 3 outs per inning per team:
  - Distance for bases is 70 feet
  - Distance for pitching is 48 feet (between point of home plate and front side of pitchers plate)

### 15 and Under Rules

- 6 run limit per inning
- 7 inning games with 4 innings required to make a game official
- Pitch Count Rule (all league games and final tournament)
- Players cannot pitch then catch in the same day ( April 2018 )
- Distance for bases is 80 feet
- Distance for pitching is 54 feet (between point of home plate and front side of pitchers plate)
- Metal shoes are allowed
- Bat limitations – see Baseball Sask rules (max allowed -3 bat rule, 2 ¾” diam, wood or aluminum)
- **Penalty for a Pitch Count Violation** if caught during the game, then the coach will be ejected from the game, suspended for 2 games and the game will end in a forfeit by the offending team (April 2019)

### 18 and Under Rules

- Wooden bats must be used
- Metal shoes are allowed
- Pitch Count Rule ( all league games and final tournament)
- Players cannot pitch then catch in the same day ( April 2018 )
- 7 inning games with a mercy rule of 10 up after 5 innings
- Unlimited substitution rule re: batting and fielding

- Everyone bats.
- **Penalty for a Pitch Count Violation** - if caught during the game, then the coach will be ejected from the game, suspended for 2 games and the game will end in a forfeit by the offending team (April 2019)
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