



Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Boys Softball Association
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House League Rules

Softball Canada rules shall apply unless otherwise stated.

1. If you have any questions or concerns, contact a Convener, the President or UIC.
2. It is mandatory for all players in Novice, Mite, Squirt and Pee wee divisions to wear a batting helmet with face guard protection and chin strap when batting or running the bases. Also, it is recommended that players wear an athletic support (jock/Jill).
3. It is mandatory for pitchers in Mite, Squirt and Pee wee divisions to wear a defensive mask (or batting helmet with face guard protection & chin strap) when pitching.
4. All players must be registered with KWMBSA prior to participating in any game or practice.
5. Game time is 6:30pm. **Home Plate meeting is at 6:25**. Try to have your players there early so you can have a good warm up and practice. A 15-minute grace period is permitted if a team does not have enough players to start the game. **Note:** no warmups allowed after the grace period.
6. If a player does not play in a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular season games, the coach may consider dropping that player from the playoff roster. The coach must provide the dates to their convener, who along with the Rules Committee will make the final decision.
7. **Call-ups within House League:**
 - A team may call up other House League (not Rep) players if they have 8 or less regular players scheduled to attend a game to a maximum roster size of 9 players.
 - The Team may call up players from the division below (except for Mite, which may call up from Mite or Novice and Novice which can only call from other Novice teams).
 - The team the player is called up from must not be playing on the same night.
 - Call-up players must wear their own team shirts.
 - Call ups are considered regular players on the team and are rotated through the lineup and positioned as regular team players.
 - **Coaches are to record call ups used in the game on the back of the Umpire score card.**
8. All players must wear their team shirt (tucked in) and KWMBSA supplied hat (or no hat) at games. **No alterations to uniforms will be allowed**. All players must wear full length pants to all games and practices (no Capri pants allowed). Extra hats are available to purchase if misplaced lost or damaged.
9. Any base coach under the age of 18 must wear a batting helmet with face guard.



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10. Teams are not permitted to outfit their team in matching ball pants, socks etc.
11. Cancellation of games prior to game time because of bad weather or field conditions will be at the discretion of **Umpire-in-chief (UIC) or President**. The **UIC/President** will contact (call/email/message through App) the **coaches**. This decision will be made by approximately **4:00pm** or sooner if possible. Please plan or supply a number or email that will be checked upon inclement weather. **Umpires** may call a game on the field due to weather or safety at any time (Day Light Shortage, rain, lightening etc.). If a game is called on the field **both** teams must contact their convener/president to inform him/her of the situation.
12. If games are called due to lightning, all players, coaches, siblings etc. must leave Diamond!
13. If a player arrives after you have passed their name in the batting order, they must be added to the bottom of the batting order. You must inform the other team of the player's arrival. You must also inform the other team if a player is not there for his/her turn at bat.
14. A defensive player may not hinder or prevent a batter or runner from striking the ball or obtaining a base. An offensive player or team member may not impede, confuse or hinder a defensive player attempting to make a play.
15. **Home team** is responsible for securing the bases and **is to take the third base side benches unless during a tournament they are playing at same diamond back to back they can remain on same bench.**
16. Shaking hands between players, coaches and managers must take place at the end of each game. Umpires may eject players, coaches or managers for any unsportsmanlike like conduct. Ejection of a player will result in not playing in the next game. Ejection of a coach or manager will result in that person not being at the next two games. All ejections must be reported to the UIC, and further action may result if deemed necessary. All ejections must be reported on umpire score card.
17. No jewelry of any kind will be allowed. If you have questions comments or concerns contact the President. **A medical alert is not considered jewelry.**
18. **Smoking, use of alcohol, drugs or foul language is prohibited at the park.**
19. No pitch shall be thrown after 8:35pm. If the inning is not complete, revert back to previous complete inning for score. Exception to Rule: if Darkness hinders the game, the umpire can end the game before 8:35pm!
20. Please remember, as a coach you **ask** for time. Time is not in effect until the umpire calls "Time". **Do not walk out onto field until umpire calls time!**
21. **Both teams must make sure the umpire score card is filled out correctly before it is submitted to the concession stand.**
22. **No coaches or assistants' helpers and players may be on the field without proper footwear. No sandals or cros.**