



Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Boys Softball Association
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Mite Rules

Distances: Pitching: 30 feet Bases: 45 feet

ALL PLAYERS TO WEAR A BATTING HELMET WITH PROTECTIVE FACE GUARD

1. The defensive team must use a 4th player in the outfield if available. This player must be in line with the other outfielders. (Left, left center, right center, right)
2. No stealing in Mite.
3. No infield fly/No Drop third strike (Batters are automatically out on strike 3 regardless of if the ball is caught by the catcher or not.)
4. One coach is permitted in the outfield for the purpose of positioning the players until the Friendship Tournament.
5. No new inning will start after 8pm. An inning that has started before 8pm should be completed or until the home team is ahead.
6. **A game will be considered complete after three innings or 1 hr of playing time in event of climate weather.**
7. **From start of season there will be practice before the game from 6pm to 6:30pm and the game will be played from 6:30pm until 8pm.**
8. **First base double bag rule: the runner must touch only the orange bag or he will be called out. The defense must touch only the white part of the bag, or the runner will be called safe.**
9. All team players who come to the game will be in the batting order. Late arrivals will be added to bottom of batting order.
10. No player shall sit two innings until everyone has sat one inning. No player shall sit three innings until all players have sat two innings. No player can sit two consecutive innings. Any player who starts an inning sitting can only be taken off the bench in the event of an injury/washroom breaks.
11. Each player must play at least one infield and one outfield per game and should play all positions throughout the season.



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14. A Player from opposing team pitches to the batter until there is 3 balls, at which time the coach (from the batting team) comes on the field to finish the count (whatever it may be). When the coach pitches, all coach pitched balls are strikes even if the batter does not swing; if that happens to be the 3rd strike the batter is out. All play is live (even if the ball hits the coach pitcher). Umpires make calls as per usual play. This will speed up the game and also give our umpires the training needed behind the plate and on the bases. **Pitching from the mound by players and coaches is encouraged at all times but will be enforced by the umpires after the Friendship Tournament.**
15. A pitcher may not pitch after 6 outs. (Strike outs, caught fly balls, tag out, force outs, all count as outs.) Except in case of injury, a pitcher who begins pitching to a batter must complete pitching to that batter.
16. A pitcher may have unlimited charged conferences.
17. If at the time of the second out the catcher is on base, he must be substituted by the last out or last available runner. (This gives time to get catching gear on). Time must be called by the Umpire.
18. Call ups – see General Rules. Calls up to be recorded on the back of the Umpire score card.
19. A game can start if both teams have a minimum of 6 players each. There are no automatic outs for players not on the line-up. **If one or both teams do not have the minimum number of players, the players present will be divided into 2 teams and a game will be played.** If one team does not have the minimum number of players, they forfeit the win to the other team. If both teams do not have the minimum number of players, the game will be considered a tie, and each team will get 1 point.
20. There will be a maximum of four runs per team per inning.
21. Scorekeepers should check the score with the other team at the end of each inning to verify the score. Any discrepancy must be clarified before the game will continue. At the end of the game the home teams score sheet will be considered correct and recorded on scorecard.
22. The plate umpire must sign the umpire score card and return it to the concession stand. Both teams must make sure the umpire score card is correct before the umpire submits it to the concession.