



Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Boys Softball Association

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Novice Rules

Distances: Pitching: 30 ft. Bases: 45 ft

ALL PLAYERS TO WEAR A BATTING HELMET WITH PROTECTIVE FACE GUARD

1. Every player that comes to the game shall be in the batting order. All players will play defense each inning. (1 rover, 1 catcher, 1 1st base, 1 2nd base, 1 short stop, 1 3rd base and the rest will be spread equally in the outfield.)
2. Each player must play at least one infield and one outfield per game and should play all positions throughout the season.
3. Each team will bat through the entire lineup each inning.
4. Each team will supply their own pitcher. The pitcher must be at least 18 years or older.
5. Each batter will be given a maximum of 5 pitches or 1 fair hit ball, whichever comes first. If after 4 pitches they have not hit the ball offer them to hit off the "T".
6. Any error in the batting order will be corrected by inserting the proper batter and starting a new pitch count.
7. Last batter must be announced and can only be put out by a caught fly ball, or the catcher/rover standing on home plate with the ball in his hand or glove.
8. The ball must be thrown to the catcher or the rover (not run in or thrown to the adult pitcher).
9. Once the rover has control of the ball in the circle the play will be declared dead and runners will be placed on the closest base.
10. The pitcher receives the ball from the rover only after the play has ceased.
11. No base stealing is allowed. The runner must wait till the ball is hit by the batter before leaving the base.
12. If the pitcher is hit by a batted ball or interferes with the play, the ball will be called dead and no pitch is declared, and the runners may not advance. Batter gets first base, and runner may only advance if forced too.



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14. The rover must wear a batting helmet with faceguard and must remain in the pitching circle (8-foot radius) until after the ball is hit.
15. A “safe line” will be used at home plate. The catcher may not tag the runner out. He must stand on home plate with control of the ball to get the out. The runner should not touch home plate.
16. First base double bag rule: the **runner** must touch **only the orange** bag, or they will be called out. The defense must touch only the white bag, or the runner will be safe.
17. The game will go till 7;15pm. The game is over at 7;30pm, even if it is the middle of the inning. Once school is done end of June innings can be finished.
18. No scores will be kept.
19. No infield fly.
20. [No umpires will be at games. Fun and learning is the objective of this division.](#)