

Dodgers

**Lacombe Minor
Baseball Association
(LMBA)**

**Policies and Guidelines
Handbook**



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1. Refund Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

Refund requests prior to the registration deadlines are subject to a \$25.00 administration fee. Refund requests after the registration deadlines will only be granted where deemed appropriate by the LMBA Executive (eg. moving away, season ending injury, etc.). If a tryout fee has been built into the registration fee, the tryout fee is non-refundable once the tryouts have commenced. Refund requests that are approved will be refunded on a pro-rated basis.

2. Import Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

An import is defined by the LMBA as any player that comes from a community (physical address of residence), that has an established minor baseball association or has a community closer to them than Lacombe that has an established minor baseball association.

Rally Cap & Rookie – import policy is not applicable

Mosquito – 4 import players permitted

Pee Wee – 5 import players permitted

Bantam – 6 import players permitted

Midget – 7 import players permitted

The import policy is to ensure players with the LMBA as their home association are given the opportunity to play at the AA level in their community. However, the LMBA believes in also providing opportunities for players whose home association is not the LMBA, to play on a LMBA team when the opportunity does not exist in the player's home association.

Head Coaches can apply to the LMBA Executive (through the appropriate Division Director) if they would like to include more imports than stated above after the tryout process has been completed. The application must be in writing (email, letter) and justify the reason for wanting to increase the number of imports allowed for that season. The independent evaluators comments and evaluation sheets must also be included with the application to assist the LMBA Executive in making a decision.

“Grandfathered” Players – As the Import Policy is new for the 2019 season, players that were registered with the LMBA for the 2018 season will not be considered imports if they come from a community that has an established minor baseball association. They will be considered LMBA players until they choose to register in any future seasons with another association at which point they will no longer be considered an LMBA player.

3. Underage Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

Rally Cap division: Underage players are not allowed to register.

Rookie, Community A and Competitive AA levels in the Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget divisions: The LMBA accepts requests to move underage players up a division based on the following criteria:

- A. The individual must be a second / last year player (based on year of birth) in their age appropriate division.
- B. Underage players must register in their appropriate age division and then contact in writing (email) the Directors of **both** the division they are registered in and the one they would like to tryout for, informing these Directors of their request to move up / tryout in the higher division.
- C. If a player wants to be moved up to **Rookie** or a **Community A** team in the higher division, the Director of the higher division will contact the player after the registration deadline to let them know if there is room based on the number of players registered in the division. Moving a player up a division must not leave the team(s) in the player's age appropriate division with a short roster or the A division they are moving up to with too many players on the roster as per the Roster Size Guideline. This will be determined by the LMBA Executive on a per division basis.
- D. If the player wants to tryout for a **Competitive AA** team, they must **Evaluate On** the team based on the Roster Selection – Evaluated On / Coach Picks Policy. **They can not be a Coach Pick.** If the player does not make the Competitive AA team in the higher division, they will have the opportunity to play on a Community A team in the higher division if there's room on the roster or play in their age appropriate division. Moving a player up a division must not leave the team(s) in the player's age appropriate division with a short roster or the A division they are moving up to with too many players on the roster as per the Roster Size Guideline. This will be determined by the LMBA Executive on a per division basis.
- E. If it's determined at any point during the season that it's not in the best interest of the player (eg. safety, skill set, cognitive ability, emotional ability, etc.) to play in the higher division the player will be moved to a team in their age appropriate division for the remainder of the season.

4. Overage Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

The LMBA supports players requesting to play as an overage player **from the Mosquito to Rookie divisions** based on their skill /experience or other specific circumstances. The player will be evaluated at the A level evaluations to determine if their skill set would cause an unfair advantage or safety issue at the Rookie level. Moving a player down a division must not leave the team(s) in the player's age appropriate division with a short roster or the Rookie division they are moving down to with too many players on the roster as per the Roster Size Guideline. This will be determined by the LMBA Executive on a per division basis.

Other overage rules for male and female players in Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget are dictated by Baseball Alberta, please visit the Baseball Alberta website (www.baseballalberta.com) for further information.

5. Roster Size Guideline (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

The recommended minimum / maximum roster sizes aimed for by the LMBA are:

	<u>Min / Max</u>
Rally Cap:	6 / 7
Rookie:	8 / 9
Mosquito:	12 / 13
Pee Wee:	12 / 13
Bantam:	12 / 14
Midget:	12 / 15

Head Coaches can apply to the LMBA Executive (through the appropriate Division Director) if they would like to decrease / increase the minimum / maximum roster size for their team. The application must be in writing (email, letter) and justify the reason for wanting to decrease / increase the number of roster spots allowed for that season.

6. Roster Selection – Evaluated On / Coach Picks Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

This policy is applicable to the Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget divisions at the Competitive AA level.

Rosters of 12 or less players will require 9 players to be selected (Evaluated On) by the independent evaluators based on the evaluation process and rankings. The remaining 3 roster spots will be selected by the Head Coach (Coach Picks) from the remaining players that evaluated in spots 10 – 15 as per the independent evaluators.

Rosters of 13 will require 10 players to be selected (Evaluated On) by the independent evaluators based on the evaluation process and rankings. The remaining 3 roster spots will be selected by the Head Coach (Coach Picks) from the remaining players that evaluated in spots 11 – 16 as per the independent evaluators.

Rosters of 14 will require 11 players to be selected (Evaluated On) by the independent evaluators based on the evaluation process and rankings. The remaining 3 roster spots will be selected by the Head Coach (Coach Picks) from the remaining players that evaluated in spots 12 – 17 as per the independent evaluators.

Rosters of 15 will require 12 players to be selected (Evaluated On) by the independent evaluators based on the evaluation process and rankings. The remaining 3 roster spots will be selected by the Head Coach (Coach Picks) from the remaining players that evaluated in spots 13 – 18 as per the independent evaluators.

7. Player Transfers Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

Players requesting a transfer from the LMBA to another minor baseball association must follow the Player Transfer Guidelines (<http://www.baseballalberta.com/content/transfer-guidelines>) as per Baseball Alberta.

The LMBA will not consider a transfer request until the registration deadline for the division of the transfer request has been reached. At that time the LMBA Executive will review the number of registered players in the applicable division and determine if releasing the player(s) will be detrimental to the LMBA. For example, if 10 players are registered, and 2 of those players want to transfer to another association (offering the same level) which would then leave only 8 players registered and not enough for a team, the transfer forms would not be signed releasing the player(s) to another minor baseball association. The ability / skill set of the player will also be taken into consideration when the LMBA Executive considers the request.

8. Uniform & Apparel Policy (Last Updated: January 30th, 2019)

The LMBA Executive has developed the Uniform & Apparel Policy to assist all of our teams in taking advantage of bulk order pricing, consistent apparel selection, consistent colours, etc.

Rally Cap & Rookie Divisions:

In the Rally Cap and Rookie divisions, the LMBA will provide each team with a set of t-shirts and hats that each player and coach will get to keep. Players are required to wear jogging pants or baseball pants. Shorts are not allowed for the safety of the players in case they slide or dive.

Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam & Mosquito Divisions:

The following requirements are for all **players and coaches** at the Community A and Competitive AA levels:

Baseball Pants:

At the Community A level all players and coaches are required to wear **gray** baseball pants when playing games.

At the Competitive AA level all players and coaches are required to wear **white** baseball pants when playing games.

Players and coaches can wear either the long or short style pants. If they choose to wear the short style pants they will be required to wear royal blue socks or white socks with royal blue stirrups.

Socks:

Players and coaches are required to wear **royal blue** socks or **white socks with royal blue stirrups** when playing games.

Belt:

Players and coaches are required to wear a **royal blue** belt with their baseball pants when playing games.

Short & Long Sleeve Shirts:

Players and coaches that prefer to wear either a short or long sleeve shirt under their uniform when playing games, it must be **royal blue**.

Jersey:

The LMBA is responsible for providing a set of jerseys to each team (players and coaches) at the Community A and Competitive AA levels. No other jerseys are to be used by LMBA teams unless approved by the LMBA Executive.

8. Uniform & Apparel Policy (continued)

Hats:

Players and coaches are required to wear a **royal blue** hat with the current season's approved logo as determined by the LMBA Executive.

At the Community A and Competitive AA levels all players and coaches will be responsible for providing / purchasing their own royal blue hat with the approved current season's logo. The hat can be an adjustable, flex-fit or pro-fit model. The approved current season's logo will be on the logo'd apparel (see Logo'd Apparel Availability) hats being offered that season.

Logo'd Apparel Availability:

The LMBA will work with local businesses each season to provide a variety of apparel choices with Dodgers Baseball logos. These will include jackets, hats, shorts, short and long sleeve shirts, etc. Players and coaches are not required to purchase any of the apparel with logos, they are able to purchase non logo'd apparel as long as it meets the criteria listed in the Uniform & Apparel Policy. For example, a player may choose to purchase a logo'd t-shirt through the business that the LMBA has contracted to provide logo'd apparel or they may choose to purchase a blank royal blue t-shirt from any business.

The LMBA will communicate via email when the logo'd apparel is available and how members can go about ordering items. This option allows parents / guardians, siblings, grandparents, etc. to also order logo'd Dodgers apparel.