

## Manager/Coach Information (2023-05-05)

### Softball vs Baseball

**Softball** divisions are **U9** (formerly Mite), **U11** (formerly Squirt), **U13** (formerly Peewee), **U15** (formerly Bantam) and **U18** (formerly Midget). Our league has combined the U17 and U19 divisions into U18 to better meet our needs.

**Baseball** divisions are **9U** (formerly Rookie), **11U** (formerly Mosquito), **13U** (formerly Peewee), **15U** (formerly Bantam) and **18U** (formerly Midget). Note that the U is *before* the number for Softball and *after* the number for Baseball.

### Website

**Managers** should have received their **team login** from their association executive.

- Ensure you have an **accurate roster**, complete with jersey numbers, posted for your team.
- Ensure your **team staff** (manager/coaches) is listed. There should be **contact information** for at minimum the manager and one coach.
- **Home team enters game score** within 24 hours after the game. **Away team verifies** within 48 hours of the game.
- There is a **how to guide** posted under the **League Documents** menu tab.
- The **game locations** on the schedule have to be selected from the Ramp database. Almost none of our associations' diamonds/ball parks are listed in the database, so we have chosen whatever facility we can from your town to help make it clear which team is the home team. **PLEASE CONFIRM game location** with the home team manager.
- If your opponent does not have any manager or coach contact information posted, reach out to the association contact(s) listed under the **Associations** menu tab.

**Associations** - please update your diamond/ball park locations with Ramp support, as per the email sent to presidents on May 1. This will help for next year.

## **Schedule**

The schedules have had to be revised several times due to late entries/withdrawals. There was another change in teams on May 4, so some schedules that have already been posted may be changed over the next couple of days, and we are holding off posting the remaining games in the affected divisions until the schedules have been revised again. We will post an announcement when final schedules have been made and posted, hopefully this weekend.

**It is so important for players to register by their association's deadline** so that an accurate number of teams is entered into the league by the mid-April deadline. The league cannot provide a schedule while the teams are changing, and it is very burdensome on the league volunteers to have to spend hours and hours revising the schedules over and over.

**Any rescheduling of games** after the final schedules are posted **is the responsibility of the team managers.** Teams are permitted to reschedule games if both sides agree. You do not need permission from the league. Please attempt to reschedule rainouts.

Send info about rescheduled games to [games@LMBL.ca](mailto:games@LMBL.ca) to have it changed on the website calendar. Please include your DIVISION (U9, 13U, etc) and the names of the teams involved (e.g. Bonnyville Team 2 vs Elk Point). There are over 500 games and over 100 teams in the league!

**REMINDER for new managers** to check with **your association** for **rescheduling procedures** to avoid double booking diamonds and to ensure that your game diamond is prepped and an umpire is scheduled.

## **Game days**

**Managers should be in contact prior to the game to confirm the date and diamond location.**

If games are going to be cancelled due to rainouts, the away team should be notified by 4 pm so they can let their parents know before starting to travel. If your teams are closer together, you might be able to wait until 5 pm.

## **Rules**

League rules are posted under the **Rules** menu tab. The softball and baseball rules each begin with a set of general rules and then carry on to rules for specific divisions.

A modified NO WALKS rule has been implemented for **U11 and 11U**.

**U9/9U** have their own set of modified rules.

Our league rules take precedence over Baseball Alberta or Softball Alberta rules. Where there is no league rule, follow the BBA or SBA rules.

## **Communication**

Please check with your association executive or softball/baseball directors if you have questions. Many of the questions that have been sent to the league executive are things that have already been explained at the league meeting or in emails to the association presidents. It is the association presidents' responsibility to pass league information along to coaches/managers.