

# Rules and Notes for Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association 11UA League (aka Regional) Playoffs 2019 2.0

1. League/Playoff Convenor is Christine Menzies Irwin. Playoffs are being hosted by Fort Garry.
2. A volunteer parent from either the Fort Garry Sox or Fort Garry Twins will be on-site at each Playoff Game to act as On-Site Convenor. They will arrive at least 30 minutes before each game and introduce themselves to each Head Coach. Their role is simply to be present and ensure the game proceeds smoothly: ensure the Umpires arrive, ensure the field is playable, ensure the Game Sheet is completed afterwards, etc.
3. Decisions about whether to cancel games due to weather or field conditions will be the responsibility of the Playoff Convenor, not the Home Team Head Coaches. Once a game begins, that responsibility switches to the Head Umpire. (Reminder: 11UA games are “official” once 4 innings have been played, or 3.5 if Home Team is leading.)
4. If rain puts the schedule behind some Pool Round games may need to be played at 8:30 am on Sunday morning.
5. Each team (Home and Visiting) will supply two game balls for each game: one new ball and one used playable ball.
6. Unless otherwise detailed in this document, the League Playoffs will continue to follow “**The Winnipeg Minor Baseball (W.M.B.) Rules & Regulations for All 11U and 13U A Divisions**”. The correct and most current version of this Rules document can be downloaded off the WSMB website, [www.winnipegsouth.net](http://www.winnipegsouth.net). The current version, as noted in the bottom left footnote on each page is the “Revised April 26, 2019” version. All Head Coaches should review this document and have it on hand at games for reference.
7. Game Sheets:
  - a. A Game Sheet must be filled-out and signed at the conclusion of each game by each Head Coach and the Umpires. Please note that once game sheets are signed by both coaches they are final, no changes to pitch count or defensives outs will be made after they are signed.
  - b. A copy of the Game Sheet will be emailed to all Head Coaches by the Playoff Convenor.
  - c. The version that is being used is the “WSMBA-Game-Sheet-2018.pdf”
  - d. The Home Team supplies the Game Sheet.
  - e. The official Scorekeeper (Home Team scorekeeper) fills out the Game Sheet at the end of the game, and then has each Head Coach and the two Umpires review it and sign it.
  - f. The Winning Team Coach or Scorekeeper submits the Game Sheet to the Playoff Convenor, Christine Menzies Irwin, by taking a photo (or photos if Umpires have written notes on the backside) and emailing (Christine\_menzies@hotmail.com) or texting (204-296-7434) the photo(s) to her.
  - g. The On-Site Convenor shall take the hard copy of the Game Sheet and submit it to the Playoff Convenor.

- h. Neither team updates the website with the score or pitch count. Christine will do that. (Once the Pool Round is complete Christine will calculate which teams advance to the Quarter Final games and will email all coaches.)
  - i. Defensive Outs must be recorded on the Game Sheet. This is the total number of Defensive Outs each team recorded which is a maximum of 3 per each defensive inning, or less than three if the other team scored the max. # of runs allowed in that inning. This is used for possible tie-breaking scenarios after Pool Round games are complete. (See below.) It is also important to note that in a mercy situation or a mathematical ending of a game the winning team is credited with all outs while the losing team is credited with only their actual outs.
8. Game Length:
- a. **Pool Round and Quarterfinal Games will be 5 inning games. In these games teams will be able to score a maximum of 8 runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.**
  - b. Semifinal Games and the Championship Games will be 6 innings. In these games teams will be able to score a maximum of 8 runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
  - c. The Mercy Rule from the regular WMB Rules still apply for 11UA WSMBA Playoffs: if a team is ahead by 8 runs after 4 innings, or after 3.5 innings for the Home Team, the game is over. (This does mean that if a team is ahead by exactly 8 runs after 4 innings the game is over, even noting that the losing team could score 8 runs in the 5<sup>th</sup>.)
  - d. As per regular WMB Rules, a new inning cannot be started once 2 hours have elapsed from the start of the game.
  - e. A game can also end in a **Mathematical Elimination, at any point after 4 innings, once one team takes a lead that is so large that the other team cannot catch up even if they were to score all of their allowed remaining runs. An example would be, in a 6 inning game, if the Away team is up by a score of 13 to 6 after 5 innings and in the top of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning the Away team scores 2 runs to make the score 15 to 6. The game should end at that point, when the 15<sup>th</sup> run scores, because there is no need to keep playing.**
9. Protests:
- a. In rare situations coaches may feel they need to play a game under “protest”. Games under protest must be made on the field to the Head Umpire and will not be accepted after the completion of the game once the games sheets have been signed by all parties. Protests will be taken forward to the Protest Committee which is: Playoff Convenor Christine Menzies Irwin, WSMBA Umpire in Chief Riley Nordman and Fort Garry Community Centre Baseball Convenor Stu MacRae.
  - b. **When a team protests the game will stop until the Protest Committee deals with the protest. The umpire will contact the committee and they will make a decision.**
  - c. **It is important to note that umpire judgement calls CANNOT be protested.**
10. All players attending a playoff game must play a minimum of 2 innings **in the field.**
11. Tie-breaking procedure after the Pool Round:
- a. To determine placing of teams in the same pool with the same playoff record we first look at the result of the head to head playoff game if applicable and then if needed runs allowed divided by defensive outs recorded.

12. The Home Team in the Pool Round and in the Medal Round is the team with the better record during the Regular Season.
13. Pool Round Extra Innings:
  - a. Games tied after 5 innings will remain tied. ~~play one extra inning, according to the Extra Inning Rule below. If game remains tied after the one extra inning, game is over and recorded as a tie. (For tie-breaking formulas in the Pool Round, only runs scored/allowed and defensive outs from the regular innings will be counted, and not from the Extra Inning.)~~
14. Medal Round (Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Finals) Extra Innings:
  - a. Games tied after 5 innings (Quarterfinals) or 6 innings (Semifinals, Finals) will play extra innings, according to the Extra Inning Rule below. The game will continue until one team wins.
15. Extra Inning Rule:
  - a. Each team will begin the Extra Inning with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> last batter from previous inning) and 1<sup>st</sup> (last batter from previous inning) and no outs.
  - b. Batting Order proceeds from the previous inning.

### **Helpful Reminders re: Pitch Count Regulations**

Please remember that the pitch counts continue from the Regular Season. If you have a game on June 18 or 19 please ensure that you are aware of the pitch counts and rest days for pitchers as your team may be playing games as early as Friday June 21.

The Rules below are taken from the Baseball Manitoba handbook  
<http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/handbook>, Pink Section, Appendix VII:

- 3.** Pitchers are permitted to have a maximum of 2 appearances (max. one per game) in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following the 1st appearance, (meaning, at 11UA, they have thrown more than 25 pitches in their 1<sup>st</sup> appearance) they cannot return to pitch in the same day.
- 5.** A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed: 11U: 25. If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 total exceeds 25, they require at least one days rest.
- 7.** Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. This rule allows a player to catch, and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.
- 8.** Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if their maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day. (e.g. 75 for a 11U pitcher)
- 11.** A pitcher who is removed from the mound during the game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game in another position.