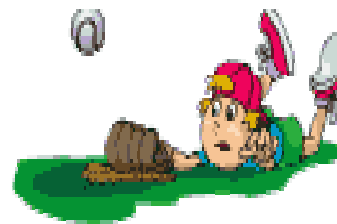


BMBA/SBMC/VMBA MOSQUITO INTERLOCK

2012 HOUSE LEAGUE RULES



A. **Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball**

B. **B.C. Minor Baseball Association Handbook**

1. It is the coaches' responsibility to check the out of bounds area of each field with the umpire prior to the start of a game.

2. Nine (9) players only play on the field.

3. **START OF GAME**

(a) All evening games start no later than 6:00 p.m.

(b) If a team cannot field eight (8) eligible players by the start of the third inning, then that team forfeits the game. Eligible players must be listed on the official game roster. Team coaches are to exchange rosters and provide a copy to the umpire prior to the start of the game.

(c) When fielding eight (8) players the 9th batter is out.

4. **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE**

(a) The batter is out.

(b) The ball is still alive with less than 3 out and base runners may advance at their own risk.

5. **LAST INNING**

(a) The 6th inning shall be an open inning and as many runs as possible may be scored.

(b) A new inning may not start within 10 minutes of dusk. Typically no inning shall start after 8:00 p.m.

(c) Score at the end of a game is final, as long as 4 complete innings have been played.

6. **PLAYER ARRIVING LATE**

(a) If a player arrives late at a game, he shall be eligible to play regardless of when he/she arrives if the player(s) are listed on the active game roster

7. **LEAD OFFS**

(a) If a base runner leads off before a pitch crosses home plate, then the base runner shall be called out no matter what the batter does.

(b) When the pitcher is in contact with the pitching rubber, with the ball in their possession, preparatory to the act of pitching, all base runners shall return to their bases and cannot leave until the pitched ball crossed the plate.

Note: When a runner is making a legitimate attempt to advance to the next base the pitcher cannot return to the count and stand in a position preparatory to pitching for the purpose of having the runner return to their previous base. The intent of this rule is to eliminate the game of "chicken" played by base runners at this level.

After a pitching, if the catcher has possession of the ball in fair territory, any runner between third and home who stops advancing must return to third base. If a runner does not return to third base and the catcher does not make a play or does not throw the ball back to his pitcher the umpire may call time. If the catcher chooses to make a play on a runner returning to third base the ball is alive and in play. The runner may advance.

8. **STEALING BASES**

(a) A runner may not advance until the ball has crossed through home plate.

(b) A base can be stolen on a pass ball, or any other throwing error.

9. SLIDE OR AVOID RULE
(a) A runner must slide into base to avoid contact with other players defending the base. A runner may be called out for failing to avoid contact or making a dangerous play
10. SLIDING
(a) A base runner may slide into base feet first. Head first slides are illegal. A player may dive back to the base to avoid being tagged on a pick play
11. SCORING
(a) The first two innings will be limited to Two (2) runs per inning
(b) The third inning will be limited to Three (3) runs
(c) Four (4) runs per inning in the 4th and 5th innings
(d) The 6th inning (or last inning, if the game is shortened due to lack of time) is open with unlimited scoring
(e) Mercy rule is in effect: If there is a difference of 10 runs or more by the end of 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead, then the game is over
(f) **The winning team is responsible for reporting the score on game day. Please report the score to mosquito@burnabyminorbaseball.com**
(g) **BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT THEIR RESPECTIVE PITCHERS COUNTS TO THE MOSQUITO DIRECTOR AT THE END OF EACH WEEK.**
12. PITCH COUNT RULES
(a) Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 90 pitches maximum in a week. Warm-up pitches, bullpen, no-pitch are NOT counted
(b) 1 – 30 pitches = no rest
31 - 50 pitches = 2 nights rest
51 - 70 pitches = 3 nights rest
70 pitches MAX FOR A DAY
(b) A pitcher will be substituted if 2 batters are hit by a pitched ball in one inning
(c) A pitcher will be substituted if 3 batters are hit by a pitched ball in one game
(d) A 9 year old or younger must pitch the first two innings.
(e) The week starts Monday(12:01am) and ends Sunday(11:59pm).
13. BUNTING.
Unlimited Bunting is allowed.
14. UMPIRES.
Once the rosters have submitted to the umpire he/she is in charge of the field. His/Her decision is final. Do not aggressively challenge the umpires' decision on the field.
Umpires may be young and inexperienced; if they are abused they may not choose to become older experienced umpires. Remember... good decisions come from common sense, common sense comes from experience. Experience comes through making decisions and not all of them will be right.

Violation of conduct by coaches or players will be reviewed, and may result in suspension or expulsion as determined by your local association