

## **Saskatoon Minor Baseball 2017 AA Midget League Handbook**

The following rules govern league play at the AA level. With the exception of specific provisions mentioned in these rules, play will be in accordance with the current **Baseball Canada** and **S.B.A.** regulations.

### **A. Deadlines**

1. League fees are payable on receipt of invoice.
2. SBA Membership lists for out-of-town teams must be sent to the Minor Division Supervisor (baseballsaskatoon@shaw.ca) on or before May 15th.
3. SBA Provincial rosters must be forwarded to SBA, Regina directly by the teams themselves. Deadlines for registration, fees, and roster forms may be downloaded from the SBA website. If you don't check a category (AA, A, A2, etc.) on your provincial entry form, an SBA committee will use a ranking based on regular season and tournaments to place you in an appropriate category. If you would prefer, you can check a category based on population and existing rules. This new categorization format is a trial basis for this year.
4. The 2017 Quinn Stevenson Memorial Midget AA Baseball Tournament will be held on June 2-4, 2017. Saskatoon teams should register as soon as possible to ensure a spot in the tourney.
5. All teams are automatically entered in the League Championship tournament. Entry fees are included in the team registration fees.

### **B. General Information and Regulations**

1. See 2017 Midget AA League calendar in Appendix A.
2. The Field Conditions/WEATHER HOTLINE is on the Saskatoon Baseball website at [http://www.baseballsaskatoon/sbci/field\\_conditions.htm](http://www.baseballsaskatoon/sbci/field_conditions.htm). Also, follow *Baseball Saskatoon* on Twitter to get field condition/weather updates.
3. The decision to cancel games for out-of-town teams (excluding Martensville) due to poor weather will be made by 3:30 pm. However, because ground conditions can improve between that time and game time, a second decision regarding game cancellation may be made. The possibility of a revised decision will be indicated on the website and the revised decision will be posted by 5:30 pm. **This revised decision will affect games involving Saskatoon and Martensville teams. Out-of-town teams should consider a cancellation made at 3:30 pm as final.**
4. The HOME team will occupy the 3rd base side; the VISITING team will occupy the 1st base side.
5. Each team will be allowed a 10-minute infield, starting with the HOME team 25 minutes before game time and the VISITING team at 15 minutes before game time. Teams failing to start their infield on time will not be permitted to extend their designated time and delay start of the game.
6. Use of a courtesy runner for the catcher is permitted. The runner shall be the last player out.
7. The start time for games is 6:30 pm.
8. A team failing to field nine players by 20 minutes after the scheduled game start time will forfeit that game and have a score of 7-0 recorded against it. A practice game using the assigned umpire should be played instead.

9. No balls may be hit into any fence or the backstop during drills or warm-ups.
10. Only wood bats are allowed.
11. All games will be scheduled and played in Saskatoon. If out of town teams can agree to play a scheduled game each other at their fields rather than Saskatoon, or if an out of town team can find a Saskatoon team willing to come play a scheduled game at their field, please let myself or Geoff Hughes know as soon as possible (at least a week in advance). For out of town games, the Midget AA League will not be responsible for assignment of umpires, but to be willing pay the cost of umpires for up to the amount we get charged per game in Saskatoon.

### C. The Game

1. All games are 7 innings long with the following exceptions:
  - if a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 complete innings or any complete inning after that, the game will end; 10-run mercy rule is in effect for all games. **NOTE:** If the HOME team is leading by 10 runs after the VISITING team has completed its bat in the fifth or a subsequent inning, the game will be considered complete and the HOME team will not bat.
  - if the HOME team is ahead after the VISITING team has batted in the 7th inning.
  - when the HOME team scores the winning run in the bottom half of the 7th inning.
  - when coaches and umpires agree that light or poor weather poses a hazard to the players. Games ruled incomplete or cancelled due to weather or light conditions will not be rescheduled except for games in the League Championship tournaments.
  - if there is less than a 30 sec. interval between a lightning flash and the sound of thunder, games will be suspended until the storm has passed or the game is called.
2. Games will be played as "Everybody Bats" and with unlimited substitution and re-entry of players as per SBA regulations.
3. The HOME team of each game will provide sufficient game balls, a scorekeeper and the scorebook. The VISITING team will provide the pitch count forms and pitch count keeper and, if only a plate umpire is present, a base umpire.
4. After the game, the pitch count forms are to be returned to the teams for their records.
5. The official scorebook must show an accurate account of the pitching records and score for the game, plus the signatures of each team coach and registered umpire(s).
6. It is each team coach's responsibility to ensure that the pitching statistics and game score are correct before the scorebook is signed. By signing the scorebook, the coach is verifying that the scorebook is correct.
7. Each registered umpire must print and sign their name in the official scorebook to verify that he/she worked that game.
8. Each team is responsible for maintaining a pitching log book. This log book is to be presented to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to game time in order to identify eligible and ineligible pitchers for both teams.
9. The HOME team is responsible for entering the game score and the number of umpires working the game on the Saskatoon Minor Baseball website not later than 24 hours after finish of the game.
10. Each team is responsible for entering pitch counts for their pitchers on the Saskatoon Minor Baseball website (<http://www.busywebdesign.com/sbci/admin/index.html>) not later than 24 hours after finish of the game.

**NOTE:** The login information for posting results etc. is

Username: baseball

Password: scores2web

11. The HOME team is responsible for returning the bases to the lock boxes after the game and ensuring that the box is locked.

#### **D. Pitching Regulations**

1. Pitch count rules as per SBA pitching regulations are in effect (Appendix B).
2. Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound, he/she may not pitch again in that game but may play in any other defensive position.
3. Pitching violations are to be reported to the Midget Division Coordinator who in turn will refer them to the Saskatoon Baseball Council Discipline Committee.
4. Pitch counts do not roll over and start at 0 for tournaments. You are expected (honor system) to allow proper rest for pitchers leading into tournaments.

#### **E. Defaulted Games**

In the event that a team must default a game due to lack of players and 48 hours notice is not given, that team may incur a fine of \$200. A second occurrence will result in suspension of that team from the league. It is the responsibility of a team to inform the Midget Division Coordinator if their opposition does not show up without proper notice. Not having enough players but showing up does not constitute a default.

Players (affiliates) may be used/borrowed from another team for a maximum of 5 regular season games (tournament play is not included) unless arrangements approved by league are in place; e.g., small team sizes dictating numerous pickups. In all circumstances, that player must be cleared by the coach of his regular team to play. The affiliate player is not allowed to play on a different team if his team is scheduled to play or is playing in regular league play that day. The affiliate player cannot pitch for the team he is picked up to play for. Coaches not complying with this policy will be disciplined by the Saskatoon Baseball Council Inc.

#### **F. Team Responsibilities**

1. Players will stay off the field until their pre-game warm-up.
2. No balls will be hit into the screen, and teams will clean out their dugout at the conclusion of their game.
3. Teams will pick up any garbage around the diamond after the game. Any damage or excessive clean-up costs at any facility will be directly billed to the team responsible.

#### **G. Discipline**

All players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Umpires have the full support of the league in discouraging the throwing of equipment, abusive or profane language, or any action deemed detrimental to the game. Abusive fans will be the responsibility of the team they are supporting, and team managers will be held responsible for maintaining control.

Any ejections from a game will be forwarded to the Midget Division Coordinator for review and possible further action.

## APPENDIX A

### MIDGET AA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Date	Event
May 2	Season Opening Day
May 20	NO PLAY - VICTORIA DAY weekend
June 3-5	Quinn Stevenson Memorial Midget AA Baseball Tournament
July 1	NO PLAY - Canada Day
July 4 (tentative)	Midget AA League Championship Tournament begins
??	Midget AA League season ends
??	Midget Provincial Tournaments

Posted at: [http://www.busybwebdesign.com/cgi-bin/sbci\\_calendar/csvread.pl?search=MDGT&order\\_by=STARTDATE&order=abc](http://www.busybwebdesign.com/cgi-bin/sbci_calendar/csvread.pl?search=MDGT&order_by=STARTDATE&order=abc)

**APPENDIX B**

**SASKATOON MINOR BASEBALL  
MIDGET DIVISION  
PITCH COUNT RULES - 2015**

<b>Pee Wee A, AA and AAA</b>											
<b>April 30 to end of season</b>	<b># of pitches</b>	<b>Rest</b>	<b>Maximum pitches</b>								
	1 - 40	None	41 - 55	1 day	56 - 70	2 days	71 - 85	3 days	85 - 105	4 days	105

**NOTE:** A rest day commences at 12:01 am following the day the pitcher was used i.e. the number of nights of sleep a player is required to have before pitching again is always **one more** than the number of days of rest.

The following rules are also in effect:

1. Pitchers may throw 3 consecutive days in a row provided the combined number of pitches thrown on the first two days does not exceed 35.
2. Pitchers may have 2 appearances on the same calendar day provided no more than 35 pitches are thrown in the first appearance and the total pitch count for the day does not exceed the maximum pitch limit. (An appearance is defined as one pitch or more thrown in a game.)
3. A pitcher who has reached his or her maximum pitch limit while facing a batter will be permitted to continue pitching until that batter reaches base or is put out.
4. Intentional walks will be included in pitch count totals.
5. Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, he/she cannot catch for the remainder of that day.
6. A player cannot pitch on 4 consecutive days even though 30 or less pitches were thrown on each of the previous days.

The scorekeeper is asked to advise the coach when a pitcher is within 5 pitches of the maximum allowed. Failure of a coach to remove that pitcher when the maximum pitch count is reached will result in the game being forfeited.