

SASKATOON MINOR BASEBALL QUINN STEVENSON MEMORIAL MIDGET AA TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT RULES

June 2-4, 2017

1. Teams have been placed in four pools of three or four. Due to time constraints ties will not be broken. 2 points for a win - 1 point for a tie - 0 points for a loss.
2. S.B.A. tie-breaking procedures will be used to determine the standings if teams are tied after round-robin play **except that tie-breaking games will not be played.**
3. The last-named team is the HOME team except where it is indicated on the game schedule that a coin toss will determine HOME team. The HOME team occupies the third base bench.
4. **Everybody bats with unlimited defensive substitution** will be played. However, if both coaches agree, matching batting line-ups with unlimited defensive substitution may be played.
5. To keep games on time, infield or outfield warm-ups may be shortened or limited if it second or third game day for either team.
6. In each game:
 - (a) Scorekeeping and pitch count is being done by Saskatoon teams.
 - (b) Team line-ups are to be given to the scorekeeper 15 minutes before the start of a game (please provide your own line-up cards). **Players' last names and numbers are required.** Players will bat in the order listed.
 - (c) Coaches must inform the scorekeeper of each pitching change at the time that the change is made.
 - (d) Scorekeepers will record the number of pitches pitched by each pitcher on the game result sheet. Scorekeepers are to return this sheet, fully completed, and place it in the binder on the tournament table at the diamond.
 - (e) **Coaches should sign the game record sheet at the end of the game to verify that the score and the pitcher's pitches are recorded are correctly.** If this is not done, the game record sheet will be considered correct and may not be disputed later.
7. SBA pitching rules will be followed:
 - (a) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
 - (b) Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
 - (c) Pitcher cannot pitch on 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined pitch count does not exceed 40 pitches.
 - (d) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

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| 1 - 40 pitches | no rest required |
| 41 - 55 pitches | 1 day rest |
| 56 - 70 pitches | 2 days rest |
| 71 - 85 pitches | 3 days rest |
| 86 - 105 pitches | 4 days rest |
| 105 pitches | maximum pitches that may be thrown on one day |
 - (d) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
 - (e) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
 - (f) Intentional Walks will be included in pitch count totals.
8. **ALL GAMES WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN INNINGS** but a game will be ruled complete
 - (a) if five innings have been played and two hours have elapsed (i.e. **a new inning will not be commenced**

two hours after the official starting time of the game.)

- (b) if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after five complete innings or any complete inning after that.
NOTE: If the HOME team is leading by 10 or more runs after the VISITING team has completed its bat in the 5th or a subsequent inning, the game will be ruled complete and the HOME team will not bat.
- (c) if a game exceeds the **time limit of two hours, 10 minutes** and at least five complete innings have been played. When this time limit has been reached, the umpire will stop the game once the Home team has completed it's at-bat in the current inning.

The time limits will normally be counted from the scheduled starting time of the game. However, if the tournament is running behind schedule, the starting time (for the purpose of the time limitation rules) will be the time **MIDWAY** between the scheduled starting time and the actual starting time of the game.

The umpires will determine the starting time for the purpose of time limitations and must announce this time at the plate meeting to the coaches and to the scorekeeper before game start. **The scorekeeper will record this time in the scorebook.**

- 9. If five or more innings have not been played and the game time limit has been reached, the game will continue until five innings have been completed. If after these five innings the game is tied, the game will be ruled as completed and end in a tie.
- 10. If a game is tied **after seven innings, due to time restraints, the game will be considered a tie.** The exception are playoff games. For tied playoff games, **the last 2 outs will be placed on 1st and 2nd base, inning starts with 0 outs** – international rules.
- 11. **All equipment must be kept off the playing area and the entrance to the player's bench.** Equipment should be stored in or behind the player's bench/dugouts.
- 12. There will be no **Protest Committee.** Coaches, in consultation with the umpires, are expected to resolve any disputes arising from rule interpretation. Coaches are also reminded that a judgement call by an umpire may not be disputed.
- 13. **DRESS. No shorts, thongs or sandals are permitted on the field.** Coaches are expected to follow the SBA dress code for provincial play. This code requires that the coaching staff must be dressed in either team uniform or identifiable clothing such as wind pants, golf shirt and team cap, and all members of the coaching staff shall be dressed in the same manner. Coaches inappropriately dressed will be asked to leave the field and will not be allowed to return to the field until their dress meets the code. Failure for coaches to leave the field when requested will result in forfeit of the game (6-0 score, 5 defensive innings) by the offending team.
- 14. All players and coaches are expected to follow the "CODE OF CONDUCT" and the "SAFETY REGULATIONS" outlined in the S.B.A. Annual Handbook. Any action deemed unsportsmanlike shall be grounds for ejection. This includes continued challenging of umpiring decisions.
Key safety regulations are:
 - batting helmets with two earflaps must be worn by any member of the batting team when on the field.
 - ALL** persons receiving warm-up throws in the crouched position must wear a protective mask.
 - "skullcaps" for catchers are permitted, although the one-piece helmet/face mask is preferred.
- 15. Except as amended here, the rules in the Baseball Canada Rule Book and the SBA Handbook (latest editions) will apply.
- 16. Home team will supply a case of baseballs at the start of the tournament. They can be brought to the concession area of Cairns.
- 17. No Aluminium Bats, ALL WOOD BATS only!
- 18. No courtesy runner for the Catcher is permitted.
- 19. **Draw summary and game results will be posted at Cairns/Leakos fields.**
- 20. Tournament organizer – **Craig Stevenson** (639-317-8498)