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11U (Mosquito) Rules

BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook

1. Except for the rules in this rulebook, all Mosquito play is governed by the BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook. The rulebook can be found in electronic format at bcminorbaseball.org.

KMBA 11U Spring Season – Local Rules

Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires

2. The BC (Minor) Rule applies and is reproduced below.
3. In short, no one may approach an umpire to talk about any call made during the game, even if you are just seeking clarification.
4. All umpire decisions are final. No protests are allowed
5. Appealing check swings in accordance with the rules is permitted

Starting and Ending a Game

Line Up Cards

6. Coaches should arrive with a completed lineup card and provide a copy to the opposing coach and the umpire.

Score Keeper

7. Both teams use a scorekeeper. The home team will provide the official score keeper.

Minimum Players

8. A team may start the game with 8 players.
 - a. If, at 15 minutes past the schedule game time, a team has fewer than 8 players that team will forfeit the win and the score shall be recorded as 6-0.
 - b. Teams are encouraged to make use of the field time by playing an exhibition game and sharing players. (Pitch counts will apply).

Run Limits

9. First 2 innings: 2 runs Remaining innings: 4 runs
 - a. Except the last inning shall be Open.

Time Limit

10. The next inning after 1h45m from the official start time shall be declared open, but no new inning may start after 2 hours.
 - a. Note the official start time will be the start time as listed on the division schedule. Ex. Game is scheduled for 6pm but game starts at 6:04pm the official start time will still be 6pm for this rule.
 - b. This rule applies even if an open inning has yet to be declared.
 - c. Once the open inning is declared there will be no other innings after that.

Mercy Rule

11. The mercy rule of a 10-run lead is in effect.
 - d. If a team (home or away) leads by 10 or more runs after 4 complete innings played, the game shall end.
 - e. The game ends when the 10-run lead is reached, and not at the end of the inning. For example, if during the open inning the away team goes up by 10-runs, the game will end without completing the inning.

Rainouts

12. Rainouts will be called at the park.
 - f. Parents are to arrive at the park for the start time. The coaches and the umpire will decide if the game will be played or postponed.

Fair Play: Substitutions and Player Positions**Sitting out**

13. Coaches may not “sit” a player for two consecutive innings during a game. (The exception will be for reasons of injury, discipline, or late arrival, at which time coaches will inform the umpire and opposing coach of the situation)
 - a. Outfield Play - All players must play at least one inning in the outfield (based on a 6-inning game).

Equal Opportunity

14. Every effort should be made to give equal playing time over the course of the season and to give players the opportunity to try different positions.
15. All players who express an interest shall be given equal opportunity to pitch. Using a full team pitching rotation is essential to player development.
16. Every effort should be made to rotate the batting order throughout the season so that everyone gets a chance to bat near the top of the order and the bottom of the order.

The Batter

Batting Lineup

17. All players listed on the roster take their turns at bat.
18. Players batting out of order will be called out on appeal unless the mistake is caught before the batter becomes a runner. In this case, the correct batter may replace the incorrect batter but assume the count.

Safety

19. A player who throws a bat will receive 1 warning before being called out.
20. The player on-deck must be in the circle "behind the batter"
21. All helmets must have chinstraps

The Runner

Stealing

22. Runners are permitted to steal bases but cannot leave their base before a pitched ball has crossed home plate.
 - a. When a runner leaves early, the umpire will give the offending team a warning and return the runner to his original base. A second offence by any player on that team will result in the player being called out.
23. The following Rules will apply to the 1st two innings prior to the 3rd Sunday in May:
 - a. Runners may not advance to home on a wild pitch, passed ball, or throw back to the pitcher. In other words, they may only advance home on a ball in play.
 - b. When stealing 2nd or 3rd base, a runner may not continue to advance on an overthrow by a catcher to that base.
 - c. Runners must slide when there is a **play** at the plate. If there is no play being made on the runner then that player may touch home without sliding.

Pitching

Pitch Counts

24. Pitch Count rules always apply:
 - d. 1-25 Pitches = No Rest
 - e. 26-40 Pitches = 2 Night Rest
 - f. 41-55 Pitches = 3 Nights Rest
 - g. 56-65 Pitches = 4 Nights Rest
 - h. 66-75 Pitches = 5 Nights Rest
 - i. 75 Pitches Maximum in a Day
25. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game he may not later enter and pitch in that same game
26. Pitch counts must be kept by each team. It is recommended that they are recorded in the team's scorebook.

Pitches Between Innings

27. A pitcher will only be allowed 8 warm up pitches when they first enter the game. For any subsequent inning that this pitcher remains in the game they will only be given 5 warm up pitches between innings. If that pitcher is replaced at any point because of injury then the subsequent pitcher will be given as many pitches as required for them to warm up and pitch safely.

Hit Batter

28. A pitcher who hits 2 batters must be replaced on the mound and may not pitch again in that game unless both coaches agree that safety is not an issue then that player may continue to pitch.

First-Year Players Must Pitch 1st Two Innings

29. During the 1st two innings:
- j. Except as noted in Appendix A, only a first-year play may pitch.
 - k. A first-year player is defined as a player who does not turn 11 during the calendar year. (Coaches are strongly encouraged to play a 1st year player at the catcher position in the first two innings of every game).
30. Any player may pitch in innings 3-6.

No Walks Prior to 3rd Sunday in May

31. Prior to 3rd Sunday in May there shall be no walks, rather:
- l. After ball 4, the batter's coach will give 2 underhand soft toss pitches from the baseline. If the batter is unable to put the soft toss pitches in play, the batter is called out. If a soft toss gets hit over the outfield fence it will be considered as a ground rule double.
 - m. This rule shall continue to apply to the 1st two innings after the 3rd Sunday in May.

Codes of Conduct

Coaches

32. KMBA Coaches shall
- n. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches
 - o. Be professional in manner and accept responsibility for actions by displaying high standards, while displaying control, respect, dignity and professionalism as an ambassador of KMBA
 - p. Promote competition, fair play, and fun with a goal of developing all the athletes

- q. Abide by all policies, rules, and codes of conduct imposed by KMBA and its governing bodies

Players

33. KMBA Players shall:

- r. Treat everyone with respect by:
 - i. Being generous in winning and graceful in losing
 - ii. Respecting and accepting with dignity the decisions of the umpires
 - iii. Being courteous to teammates, coaches, opponents, and spectators
- s. Exercise self-control at all times by:
 - iv. Refraining from unsportsmanlike gestures, talk, language, profanity, taunting, or teasing
 - v. Refraining from throwing equipment in disgust (bat, helmet, glove, or any object)
 - vi. Take proper care of equipment and uniforms, including setting up, taking down, and caring for equipment at games and practices.

Parents

34. KMBA Parents shall treat everyone with respect by:

- t. Cheering in a positive manner for all competitors
- u. Respecting the decisions of officials
- v. Being courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials
- w. Refraining from disrespectful conduct of any sort, including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting or other actions that demean any individual.
- x. Exercise self-control at all times
- y. Refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any park.

Important BC (Minor) Baseball Rules - Contact with Umpires

Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires

1. Before, during or after a game coaches or players may not approach an umpire for any reason except that they may:
 - a. attend the plate meeting;
 - b. request the Umpire to call "Time";
 - c. raise a safety concern;
 - d. approach the Umpire to make a substitution on defense or offence;
 - e. request the plate umpire to ask their partner for help on a half swing when the plate umpire calls the pitch a ball, but not when the pitch is called a strike. The

- plate Umpire will consult with the other umpire for a determination which will be final;
- f. approach the Umpire to protest a game based on an interpretation of the Rule of Baseball on terms as set out in this Rulebook. (No protests are allowed at 11U and younger divisions.)
 - g. shake the Umpires hands post game;
 - h. thank the umpires and or offer words of encouragement;
2. Coaches and/or Players at any time may NOT:
- a. Argue any Umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions. Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on BALLS AND STRIKES will not be permitted. The umpire shall immediately eject any manager, coach, player or team representative that continues to approach an umpire after his/her decision has been made;
 - b. harass or verbally abuse any official on the field of play before, during or after any game. Contravention will result will be the person being ejected from the game subject to further possible discipline by BCBA.
 - c. on a half swing, if the manager comes out to argue with first or third base umpire he can be ejected as he is now arguing over a called ball or strike.



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Appendix A

Exceptions to Rule 29 for the 2018 Season

The spirit of Rule 29 is to provide a comfortable development environment for inexperienced pitchers. To further the spirit and intent of this Rule, exceptions will be made that recognize there are 2nd year players who could benefit from pitching in the 1st two innings and there are 1st year players who are advanced enough they should pitch during innings 3-6.

After the evaluations are complete, KMBA will separately rank all mosquito players based on their pitching evaluation and provide coaches with a list at the draft. This list will identify:

1. 1st year players who shall NOT pitch in the 1st two innings;
2. 2nd year players who are PERMITTED to pitch in the 1st two innings.

To identify the players, KMBA will consider:

1. 1st year players who rank within or near the Top 24 of the division in pitching;
2. 2nd year players who rank within or near the Bottom 24 of the division in pitching; and
3. Other circumstances such as, but not limited to: balance of 1st and 2nd year players in the division and any unique player circumstances.