



## Mosquito Division - 2009

### General Information

<b>Start times:</b>	- 6:15 PM	<b>Curfew:</b>	- 8:15
		<b>Game Length</b>	-5 innings
		<b>Official Game</b>	- 2 ½ innings
		<b>Pitching Distance:</b>	- 44'
		<b>Distance Between Bases:</b>	- 65'

### Timing

1. Utilizing the 15 min. grace period shall have no effect upon the official start time; however, in the case of a rain delay or equipment problem, the start time shall be determined by the plate umpire. The latter is, or shall designate, the official timekeeper.
2. All games shall be five [5] innings long, although two and a half [2 1/2] innings shall constitute a game if the dead ball time is reached. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes and the final score for games halted due to curfew will revert to the last complete inning.
3. The final score for games halted due to curfew will revert to the last complete inning. When a player is batting and curfew is reached, he/she must be allowed to complete their at bat. The plate umpire will be expected to announce "last batter" well in advance.

### Equipment

4. Shoes with metal cleats are not allowed. Wooden bats are permitted, but must be approved by the game umpire.

### Players

5. A team shall forfeit with fewer than seven [7] players after a fifteen [15] minute delay from the scheduled start time. If both teams cannot field a team, both teams shall forfeit the game.
6. Players may be called up from a lower house league division, but not from another team in the same division. Those players called up are not allowed to pitch.

7. All players must have equal playing time and no player may sit out twice unless all other players have sat out once. Players cannot play the same position more than twice except for the pitcher and the catcher. All players must be rotated between infield and outfield positions and must be allowed to experience all positions on the field. Each player must play an infield position and an outfield position at least one full inning per game. The only exception to this rule would be in a two inning "called game". No player may play an outfield position twice unless all other players have played it once.

8. Players shall bat in their proper rotation and the batting order cannot change after the game commences. Players who arrive late must be added to the bottom of the batting order. For play-off games, once a player misses batting for the 2nd time, they will not be permitted to play in that game.

9. New pitchers are permitted five [5] warm-up pitches; returning pitchers are permitted three [3] warm-up throws. Balks are not called.

10. Pitchers may pitch for a maximum of six [6] consecutive outs *or 70 pitches maximum (OBA Pitch count rule)*.

They may be changed at any time during the course of the game or inning; however, once a pitcher is removed from the mound he may not pitch again in that game.

11. Coaches will be permitted two [2] visits to the mound per inning to confer with their pitcher. The third [3rd] such visit in the inning will result in the pitcher being removed from the mound.

12. A mound visit occurs when any coach or manager:

- a. crosses the foul line
- b. has any communication with the pitcher and thus
- c. causes play to be delayed

13. No player may play in the pitcher's and catcher's positions within the same game (OBA Pitcher/Catcher rule)

**Play**

14. Pre-game infield warm ups are not permitted.

15. On a dropped 3rd strike, the batter is automatically out, but the ball is still alive for purposes of base runners.

16. The infield fly rule applies.

17. Lead-offs are not permitted, but stealing is permitted after the ball crosses the plate and until the ball is back in the pitcher's possession. There is no stealing home on a passed ball; however, should a defensive player make a play on the runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, the latter may attempt to run home. Each team is given one [1] warning for taking lead-offs. On the second offence the runner shall be called out.

18. On a walk, no batter may advance past 1st base until the next pitch has been delivered.
19. With two [2] outs and the catcher on base, he/she shall be replaced by the last player called out.
20. A pitcher must be substituted for if he hits any batters three times in one inning or any five batters during the game.
21. A batter may not advance past first base after receiving a base on balls until the next pitch is thrown.

### Scoring

21. The maximum number of runs scored in any one half inning shall be [5] five; however, the 4th inning [only] is an open inning and as many runs as is possible may be scored during that inning.
22. Should a team be leading by ten [10] runs after four [4] innings, they shall be awarded the win