



GEORGINA MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

HOUSE LEAGUE RULES – 2008

Mosquito Division

1. Distance between bases: 65 feet
Pitching machine distance: 44 feet
Official start time for all games: 6:15 p.m.
Official length of game: 6 innings
No new inning time: 7:45 p.m.
Curfew time: 8:15 p.m.
2. A game will be “called” if any of the following occur:
 - a) Rain (umpires discretion); or,
 - b) At the first sign of lightning; or,
 - c) At dusk or when it is deemed to dark to safely continue; or,
 - d) At the third out of the home half of the inning if the game is past the “no new inning time”; or,
 - e) At curfew time.
3. In the event of a “called game”, the game will revert back to the last complete inning to determine the final score; but, a minimum of two innings (1-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead) must be completed for the game to be considered an official game. Any game not considered official may be continued on a date determined by the head coach.
4. 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.
5. All players will bat late players must join the batting order at the bottom. Of the bating order

6. A team shall forfeit with fewer than 7 players after a 10-minute delay from the scheduled start time. Once the forfeit is awarded, if a total of 14 players combined from both teams is present, they are to be equally divided and an exhibition game played if agreed upon. If neither team is able to field the minimum number of players, both teams shall forfeit the game.
7. Players may be called up from a lower house league team but not from another team in the same division. Call ups may not exceed the minimum number required.
8. Bunting not allowed. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out on the batter. The warning is also a called strike on the batter.
9. The offensive team's turn at bat ends when:
 - a) Three outs occur; or,
 - b) Five runs are scored, except for the second inning which is an open inning.
10. Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball crosses home plate. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out to the runner.
11. A player may play the catcher position for a maximum of three innings during the game. If a player catches in any part of an inning, that will be considered one inning in the position.
12. There is no balks call in Mosquito division.
13. Unless for reason of injury, no substitutions are allowed for any position, other than the pitching, during the inning.
14. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of three consecutive innings in any game. Once the pitcher is removed from the pitcher position, the player cannot pitch again in that game. If a pitcher pitches in any part of an inning, that will be considered one inning pitched.
15. A pitcher must be substituted for if he hits any batters three times in one inning or any five batters during the game.
16. A coach or coaching staff may approach the mound to talk to any one pitcher a maximum of two times. On the third trip to the mound, that player must be substituted. Further to this, a coach or coaching staff may only approach the mound a maximum of four times in one inning. All trips to the mound are restricted to one minute or less. Injury trips to the mound are excluded from this rule.

17. Pitchers must “deliver the ball in a timely fashion”. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in a walk awarded to the batter.
18. On a third strike, the batter is out whether the ball is caught or not. The ball is live for any runners that may be on base.
19. A batter may not advance past first base after receiving a base on balls until the next pitch is thrown.
20. A runner cannot steal home. A base runner on third base can only come home from a batter ball or being forced (i.e. bases loaded walk).
21. During the offensive half of the inning, all players except for the batter and the “on-deck” batter must be in the dugout. A coach may be positioned at first base and at third base with the other coach in the dugout. Any obstruction caused by the coaches will result in an automatic out of the lead runner. Any contact by the coach with a player while the ball is in play will result in an automatic out of the player.
22. During the defensive half of the inning, all substitute players and the coaching staff must be in the dugout.
23. Last inning will be an open inning unless there is a run difference of 10 runs