

# **COUNTY UNION BASEBALL LEAGUE (CUB)**

Beaumont, Devon, Maskwacis, Leduc, Millet, Warburg, Wetaskiwin

# **CUB LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES**

Revision 5 - February 20, 2014

- 1. Rules not covered by the CUB Rules and Guidelines shall be governed by the rules and regulations contained in the Baseball Alberta Official Handbook (of the current year) and by Baseball Canada Rules and Regulations.
- 2. Age criteria/limits shall be as follows:

Mosquito - 11th birthday falls on or after January 1, of playing year.

Pee Wee - 13th birthday falls on or after January 1, of playing year.

\*Overage male /female players: both are eligible to play at the pee wee level. Male overage players cannot pitch or be an impact player. Overage female players are eligible to pitch. Overage players must be noted on the game sheet with an "OA" designation beside their name.

\*Overage players shall not play an impact position for more than 2 innings consecutive and teams shall not replace one overage player at an impact position with another overage player to meet the rule. Where a team has more than 1 overage player they are not permitted to place them back to back in the batting order and are only permitted to field 3 overage players defensively or in their batting order for any one complete inning. Overage players may only be 1 year overage to be eligible to play as an o

Players must provide proof of age. i.e.: Alberta Health Care card, birth certificate.

- 3. All players must be registered with Baseball Alberta in the current playing year.
- 4. A team shall include up to 18 players.

Field of Play

5. The use of all tobacco products by all field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires) is prohibited. Once play begins any offenders caught using tobacco products will be ejected.

- 6. The use of metal cleats or "spikes" is prohibited for all categories below Bantam.
- 7. All players present shall be placed on the batting order, established prior to game, with unlimited substitution for players in the field. If a pitcher is pulled he cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher. A player who has first pitched in a game cannot then catch in the same game however a player may catch first and then pitch in the same game.
- 8. A legal team is allowed with a minimum of 8 players. There will be no automatic out for the ninth player in the batting order.
- 9. All players in the batting order, established prior to game. Player may not sit for more than 2 consecutive innings in a game.

## 10. Regulation games:

- A. Mosquito Will be 6 innings with 4 innings played being an official game. 10 run rule after 4 innings. A team may score a maximum of 6 runs per inning. Last inning (or when umpire declares last inning) will be unlimited runs. Coaches are to use discretion and consider the intent of the unlimited runs rule. Each association is to have a conversation with their respective coaches regarding the intent of the rules
- B. Peewee and Bantam— Will are 7 inning games with 5 innings played being an official game. 10 run rule after 5 innings. A team may score a maximum of 6 runs per inning. Last inning (or when umpire declares last inning) will be unlimited runs. Coaches are to use discretion and consider the intent of the unlimited runs rule. Each association is to have a conversation with their respective coaches regarding the intent of the rules

#### 11. Pitching:

- A. Mosquito Maximum of two innings in a game.
- B. Peewee Maximum of 3 innings in a game. Teams are encouraged to use Baseball Alberta pitch count rules. 3 inning max rule takes precedence over pitch count.
- 12. Mosquito category Infield fly rule not in effect
- 13. Mosquito category
- \* Lead offs are not allowed. No runner can leave his base or attempt to steal the next base before the ball crosses home plate or is hit into play. Players may also advance when a pass ball or over throw occurs as the play is considered live and the ball is still in play. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to the previous base and the ball is dead. When the pitcher receives the ball and takes place on the rubber and the catcher is in position, all runners must return to the base they were occupying and no stealing of bases is permitted.
- \* The runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base cannot steal home and can only reach home plate if the ball is hit or because he is forced to advance. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base.

- \* No bunts are allowed. If there is a violation, the ball is dead and a strike is called on the batter
- \*Batter may not attempt to take 1st base on a catcher dropped or pass ball 3rd strike
- 14. The home team shall set up the diamond.

#### Base lines shall be:

Mosquito	60 feet
Pee Wee	70 feet
Bantam	80 feet

#### Pitching distance shall be:

Mosquito	44 feet
Pee Wee	48 feet
Bantam	54 feet

- 15. All games start at 6:30 unless the start time is delayed by inclement weather. In the event of a delayed start due to inclement weather no new inning shall start 1 hour and 45 minutes following the starting time of the game. No games shall start later than 7:15pm
- 16. No new innings shall start after 8:15 PM and the final score will be the score at the time of the last completed inning.
- 17. If the game is rained out, teams will be responsible to attempt to reschedule the game.

## Reporting Scores/Scheduling

- 18. Both the first and last name must be printed on the score sheet. The home team must be the official scorekeeper of the game.
- 19. Coaches must sign both game sheets at the conclusion of the game.
- 20. The winning team shall be responsible to report and post the score on the website within 48 hours. The Category Director may also request that all teams email the scores to the Director as well.
- 21. The Category Director must be notified of any changes to the schedule.
- 22. Individual Association's Code of Ethics is to be adhered to. Abuse of umpires, coaches or players will not be tolerated.
- 23. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure they provide a Certified Baseball Alberta umpire for each home game. If this is not possible the home team may contact the visiting team and see if they can supply an umpire for the game and the home team will be responsible to pay the umpire prior to the start of the game.

