

## CARILLON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION GAME RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Teams may play with less than 9 players. An out is not recorded at any point in the lineup.
2. The maximum runs scored in an inning is 5 for mosquito and peewee and 6 for bantam. There are no open innings in the regular season.
3. Overage players may be allowed in certain situations. League president(s) rule on this situation. The overage player will not be allowed to play in any playoffs that result in a provincial representative.

Possible situations include-no team in the community for their level, physical size, disability etc.

4. Line-up cards must be presented to the umpire at the beginning of each game. (Mosquito to Midget)
5. All age groups Mosquito-Midget will follow the MBA Pitch Count rules. Coaches need to be aware of these rules as they pertain to exhibition, league, and playoff games. Scorekeepers and umpires should sign logbooks. Possible consequences include loss of bond, suspension of coaches if needed. Pitch counters from both teams should meet after the game to compare numbers. The home team must send the following info via email to the league statistician that evening or the following morning. Email [stats@carillonbaseball.ca](mailto:stats@carillonbaseball.ca) and note league, date, teams/scores, pitch count. Example below

Peewee

May 3rd

La Broquerie 5 – Steinbach 4

Pitch Count La Broquerie

John Smith : 45 pitches

Mark Blak : 30 pitches

Pitch Count Steinbach

Jim white : 45 pitches

Jenny Green : 30 pitches

6. All week games start at 6:45 p.m. The game will still follow the league time line rules from when the first pitch is made, not the scheduled time. If the game does not start 20 minutes after the scheduled start, the game is forfeited to the team with sufficient players or the teams play a rescheduled game with the forfeiting teams paying the umpire in the opponents park.

The team that was on-time will decide what they prefer. The same rule will apply in the situation where a home team's umpire does not get to the diamond on time or at all. Presidents discretion may be applied in these situations.

7. If a town is to cancel a game because of weather or field conditions, that town's coach must phone the opposing team's coach as soon as possible on that day. Rained out games should be rescheduled within 1 week (not necessarily played within one week). The Home coach must inform the league statistician, by email, ([stats@carillonbaseball.ca](mailto:stats@carillonbaseball.ca)) immediately if a game is cancelled and inform him of the new game date. This is very important to keep the website current and allow for media and the public to stay informed.

8. Three baseballs (Two good used baseballs and one brand new baseball) are to be used for each game.

9. Minimum Level I umpire is mandatory for Mosquito to Midget categories.

Two umpires are required for Midget (exceptions may be possible) and two umpires are recommended for Bantam. Games can not be played with an umpire that is not certified. Fines may be levied by the league in this instance.

It is expected that coaches and players will treat all umpires with respect in all games. There will be missed calls, as we are developing umpires, just as there are player and coaching errors.

10. The games follow the following innings/timeline for league play. There are no open innings during the regular season.

Rookie- 1 hour

Mosquito- 5 innings or 2 hours(approximate) an inning can not be started after 1:45 minutes of play. If an inning is started it should still be completed).

PeeWee- 5 innings or 2 hours and 15 minutes(approximate) an inning can not be started after 2 hours of play. If an inning is started it should still be completed).

Bantam- 6 innings

Midget-7 innings

If a game is tied Bantam and midget games may play an extra inning if both coaches agree and the umpire agrees there is enough daylight. The extra inning follows regular runs per inning rule. It is not an open inning for bantam.

Mosquito and Peewee can play the extra inning if it starts before 8:30 (one hour 45 minutes into the game) The extra inning follows regular runs per inning rule. It is not an open inning.

12. In mosquito and peewee teams should play the bottom of the inning even if the home team is winning. This allows for more pitches/at-bats and therefore more development.

13. Mercy rule for Bantam & Midget league play

If a team has a 10 run lead or more, an inning can not be started after 2 hours into the game. A mercy rule is not necessary for mosquito or peewee as the time limit rule will come into play.

14. Everybody bats rule (yellow section)

This rule applies to Rookie, Mosquito, PeeWee and Bantam. See 2015 MBA Handbook.

All players attending a game must be put on the game roster.

15. Pre-game warm-up rule:

The Home team is to complete an infield warmup 20 minutes prior to start of the game. The Visiting team is to complete an infield warmup 10 minutes prior to start of the game. (Ideally both teams are able to do the infield earlier as this is a great coaching opportunity) Player warm-up (playing catch) should take place on the outfield grass not on the infield. Soft-Toss should be monitored and only done with plastic (whiffle) balls.

Managers/coaches should have their line-up cards ready to present to the umpire at home plate prior to start of game. Players may be added to the gamesheet as the game progresses ex. Player comes late, coach forgot player, etc.

16. Injury rule:

Mosquito-Bantam- In case of injury in everybody bats games the injured player is removed from the batting order. The open spot is not an out.

Midget-In case of injury when all players used - last player out can be substituted for injured player.