



Simcoe Minor Baseball Association

SMBA 2019 Bantam House League Rules

These rules were established in keeping with the philosophy of SMBA that the principal aim for Bantam/Midget baseball is to have fun and teach good sportsmanship, as well as try to further the basic skills of baseball.

Basic Baseball Ontario (B.O.) regulations will be followed, with the following exceptions/clarifications as per the SMBA:

- All players are to receive equal playing time.
- All players are to be entered into the batting order. If a player shows up late they are to be added to the bottom of the batting order, no penalty is incurred for doing so.
- Unlimited substitution for defense play.
- Any person warming up the pitcher **MUST** wear a catcher's mask.
- No new inning to start after 1hr 45mins or 7 complete innings.
- 5 runs scored or 3 outs to complete an inning.
- 11 run mercy rule after 5 innings.
- Wood bats **ONLY** to be used as per the OBA, for ages Bantam and older.
- A pitcher may **NOT** PITCH in 3 consecutive innings. It does not matter if a pitcher only throws one pitch in an inning, it counts as an inning. Once the pitcher is removed, he/she may not pitch again that game.
- Infield fly rule **DOES** apply.
- Umpires decisions are final.
- As per the Official Rules of Baseball, in Minor Bantam and above, any team member in uniform may act as a base coach. Where a player in Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget or Midget is acting as a base coach, the player must wear a helmet.

Remember: Games are about development. If a team is short players there is **NO forfeit**, play the game using the kids that are there and share kids among teams if necessary to complete the game. If your team needs to borrow players to complete the game, the borrowed players will assume a position in your teams batting order as well.

Call up players from Peewee H/L is permitted if needed (no REP Players). No team may use call up players if said team has at least ten (10) team players. Exception – A coach is told by some players that they will be away and this number places the team below ten (10). The coach calls up players from Peewee H/L. The team players, who said they would be away, show up at the game, and put the team over ten (10) players. The players called up can play a maximum of two innings in the field and must be entered in the last position in the batting order.