

## **Local Minor Ball Special Rules**

- a) Unlimited substitution
- b) Everyone bats
- c) 5 runs per inning maximum
- d) Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is an out in U12 and under.
- e) 1 ½ hour game length, no inning to start after 1 ¼ hours.

## ***Add the following (age specific) rules from the Alberta Softball 2011 Handbook...***

### **8. U10 (Mite)**

a) Pitchers may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game. Should a pitcher throw (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position. At the time of the appeal, the non-offending team shall have the option of:

- i) allowing all plays to stand
- ii) or revert to the spot in the game when the violation occurred.

b) There shall be an "A" & "B" category in the U10 (Mite) division, regardless of the number of teams entered.

c) The U10 (Mite) Provincial Tournament will be held with an unlimited entry of teams.

(Note: The Hosting Grant will be for a MAXIMUM of 11 teams).

d) Substitution – The substitution rule does not apply. Defensive players may be substituted freely without penalty. All players shall be listed on the lineup card and shall bat in the order shown

e) The 'Infield Fly Rule' WILL NOT be in effect.

f) A five (5) run rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored all other runners are stranded. THEY DO NOT start on base next inning. The game is declared over:

- i) once the allotted time has expired and the home team is behind by more than five (5) runs, or
- ii) if the home team is behind by 15 runs after four and one half (4 1/2) innings."

g) The fifteen (15) run Mercy Rule is in effect.

h) The 'Conference Rule' (in regard to pitchers) IS IN EFFECT

i) The 'Designated Player' rule IS NOT permitted.

j) The batter is out on the third strike, regardless if the ball is caught or not, and the ball remains alive.

k) Co-ed U10 (Mite) teams may enter the Provincials in the U10 (Mite) Boys Category.

## 9. U12 (Squirt)

- a) The 'Infield Fly Rule' WILL NOT be in effect.
- b) A five (5) run rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They DO NOT start on base the next inning. When the team behind cannot score enough runs to win in the allotted time period or after 4 ½ innings, the game is declared over.
- c) The fifteen (15) run Mercy Rule is in effect.
- d) The 'Conference Rule' (in regard to pitchers) IS IN EFFECT
- e) The 'Designated Player' rule IS NOT permitted.
- f) The batter is out on the third strike, regardless if the ball is caught or not, and the ball remains alive.
- g) Co-ed U12 (Squirt) teams may enter Provincials in the U12 (Squirt) Boys A & B Level
- h) U12 (Squirt) B and C - Pitchers may pitch a maximum of four (4) innings per game. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch, this is classified as a complete inning pitched.

In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from pitching position and at the time of the appeal, the non-offending team shall have the option of:

- a) allowing all plays to stand
- b) or revert to the spot in the game when the violation occurred.

## 10. U14 (Pee Wee)

- a) A seven (7) run rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game for U14 (Pee Wee) C & D. Once the seventh run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They DO NOT start on base the next inning. When the team behind cannot score enough runs to win in the allotted time period or after 4 ½ innings, the game is declared over.
- b) Mercy Rule is in effect:
  - (i) 'A' - Seven (7) runs
  - (ii) 'B' - Ten (10) runs
  - (iii) 'C' & 'D' - Fifteen (15) runs
- c) The 'Conference Rule' (in regard to pitchers) IS IN EFFECT
- d) The 'Designated Player' rule IS NOT permitted.

## 11. **U16 (Bantam)**

- a) A seven (7) run rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game for U16 (Bantam) C & D. Once the seventh run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They DO NOT start on base the next inning. When the team behind cannot score enough runs to win in the allotted time period or after 4 ½ innings, the game is declared over.
- b) Mercy Rule is in effect:
  - (i) 'A' - Seven (7) runs
  - (ii) 'B', 'C' & 'D' - Ten (10) runs
- c) The 'Conference Rule' (in regard to pitchers) IS IN EFFECT
- d) The 'Designated Player' rule IS permitted.

## 12. **U19 (Midget)**

- a) A seven run (7) rule per inning per team will be in effect throughout the game for U19 (Midget) C & D. Once the seventh run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They DO NOT start on base the next inning. When the team behind cannot score enough runs to win in the allotted time period or after 4 ½ innings, the game is declared over.
- b) The seven (7) run Mercy Rule is in effect:
- c) The 'Conference Rule' (in regard to pitchers) IS IN EFFECT
- d) The 'Designated Player' rule IS permitted.

NOTE: When the age changes come into effect from Softball Canada in 2012 - the U19 (Midget) C & D Girls categories will be exempt from the change and their age eligibility will remain U19 .