

INTERLAKE MINOR BALL LEAGUE RULES BASEBALL – 2023

GENERAL

- catcher must wear helmet, mask & throat protector (suitable mask extension is adequate)
- batter must wear two flap batting helmet
- rubber cleats (13U and under)
- underage players must use bats for the category they are playing in (i.e. 13U playing in 15U must use -3)
- (L) league games must begin at 6:45 or sooner
- (L) tied games shall continue until winner is declared (time permitting)

FOR 11U AND ABOVE

- once a pitcher has been removed from a game, that player will **not** be permitted to assume the position of catcher for the remainder of the **day**

9U GRAND SLAM

- (L) See IMB Grand Slam attachment for detailed rule explanation
- (L) 6 players on field in infield positions only. More than 6 is discouraged. Unlimited substitutions
- (L) Everybody bats to a **max of 8 players** in an inning then inning over, outs do not limit the inning
- **(L) Pitching machines are to be used.**
- (L) **If need be** : Adult from offensive team pitches – regular pitch from kneeling position suggested
- (L) No walks or strikeouts – batting tee used after 3 strikes or 4 balls
- base distance 60 ft - pitching distance 44 ft (38-44 ft pitching machine)
- (L) softer indoor style baseball such as Rawlings Flexball to be used
- (L) game time **suggested** limit of 1 hr (play longer if both teams agree), complete the half inning you're in, no need to do bottom of inning. Play longer if both teams agree.
- (L) stealing of bases **is not** allowed
- coaches allowed in the field

11U

- (L) Up to June 2nd use modified rules - no walks, batting tee used when 4 balls or hit batter; ball hit off tee must go 8ft (2.4 m) or else called foul
- base distance **70 ft** - pitching distance 44 ft
- Killarney plate (oversized home plate) to be used
- 6 inning game - 5 run limit per inning – last inning open – **umpire to declare “last inning”**
- complete roster in batting lineup, but only 9 players in field
- unlimited substitution
- 3rd strike out on dropped ball
- baserunners may not leave till ball crosses plate
- Baserunners must be hit home, see Baseball Mb Handbook 4.06.09
- MBA pitching rule – maximum of 75 pitches in one day (requires 4 days rest). See appendix VII in the MBA handbook for daily guidelines.

13U

- base distance 70 ft - pitching distance 48 ft
- (L) 7 inning game – 5 run limit per inning – last inning open – **umpire to declare “last inning”**
- complete roster in batting lineup, but only 9 players in field
- unlimited substitution
- MBA pitching rule - – maximum of 85 pitches in one day (requires 4 days rest). See appendix VII in the MBA handbook for daily guidelines.

15U

- base distance 80 ft - pitching distance 54 ft
- 7 inning game
- complete roster in batting lineup, but only 9 players in field
- MBA pitching rule - maximum of 95 pitches in one day (requires 4 days rest). See appendix VII in the MBA handbook for daily guidelines.
- **AA Rules Apply – no run limit per inning.**

18U

- base distance 90 ft - pitching distance 60ft 6in
- 7 inning game
- 9 players in the starting lineup, 10 if using a DH
- Re-entry rule in effect. See Baseball MB Handbook 4.0
- Injury Rule in effect. See Baseball MB Handbook 4.03
- MBA pitching rule - maximum of 105 pitches in one day (requires 4 days rest). See appendix VII in the MBA handbook for daily guidelines.

RULES, FIELD DIMENSIONS AND EQUIPMENT SUMMARY FOR COACHES

Category	9U	11U	13U	15U	18U
Age (calendar year)	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18
Base Distance	60 ft.	70 ft.	70 ft.	80 ft.	90 ft.
Home to 2 nd distance	84 ft. 10¼ in.	99 ft.	99 ft.	113. ft 1½ in.	127 ft. 3 3/8 in.
Pitching Distance	40-42 ft. (machine)	44 ft.	48 ft.	54 ft.	60 ft. 6 in.
Number of pitches per game or day	N/A	Follow Pitch Count Regulations in Appendix			
Rest Rule	N/A	Follow Pitch Count Regulations in Appendix			
Recommended Ball (Rawlings)	ROTB1	65CC	80CC	80CC	ROML
Bat Type	Metal or Wood	Metal or Wood	Metal or Wood	NEW - Metal BBCOR Or Wood	NEW - Metal BBCOR Or Wood
Max. Bat Length	32 in.	32 in.	33 in.	42 in.	42 in.
Max Bat Diameter	2¼ in.	2¼ in.	2¼ in.	2¼ in.	N/A
Bat Weight to Length Ratio	N/A	N/A	-10	-3 AA & A	N/A
Game Length (innings)	6	6 5 - Round Robin games at Provincial	7 6 - Round Robin games at Provincial	7	7
Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Metal	Metal
Designated Hitter	No	No	No	No	Yes
10 Run Mercy Rule	N/A	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead
Chin Straps Mandatory	No	No	No	No	No

Note 1: Female players may swing -5 Metal Bats at 15U and 18U.

Note 2: There are no weight requirements for Wood Bats.

Note 3: Stricter standards may be implanted by your local league or association. Check with your representatives for any discrepancies.

Note 4: Winnipeg "A" Leagues at 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U have some different rules than what is listed above. Check with your local association for clarification.