



City of Vaughan Baseball Association

# Baseball House League Rules



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## 10/11U (Mosquito) Division

- 1) Distance between bases: 65 ft. Distance to  
pitching rubber from home plate: 44 ft.  
Official length of game: Five (5) innings  
(5<sup>th</sup> Open)  
Mercy Rule per inning \*NEW\* 4 runs  
20" wide Home Plates (Ontario Baseball)

2) In any game:

- No player may play the outfield twice unless all other players have played the outfield once, three times until all other players have played the outfield twice, etc.
- No player may be on the bench twice unless all other players have been on the bench once, three times until all other players have been on the bench twice, etc.
- Each player must play an infield position and an outfield position for at least one full inning.
- A player may play the catcher position for a maximum of any two innings.
- A player may pitch a maximum of one inning.
- All players must be rotated between infield and outfield positions and must be allowed to experience all positions on the field.

The only exception to this rule would be in a two inning "called game".

Coaches should keep in mind the spirit of the fair play rule, along with the actual interpretation of this rule. All players should be rotated in the batting order and field from game to game. If it follows the rule, but does not follow the spirit of the rule, be sure to accommodate the players in other means. Every player deserves their fair playing time and opportunity. This holds true in tournament and playoff games as well.

- 3) Unless for reason of injury, no substitutions are allowed for any position, other than the pitcher, during the inning.
- 4) A pitcher must be substituted for if he hits any batters three times.
- 5) Bunting is not allowed. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out on the batter. The warning is also a called strike on the batter.



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- 6) On a third strike the batter is out whether the ball is caught or not. The ball is live for any runners that may be on base.
- 7) A batter may not advance past first base after receiving a base on balls until the next pitch is thrown.
- 8) Base runners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball crosses home plate. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out to the runner.
- 9) A runner may only steal second base, when it is unoccupied. No runner may steal third base at any time. No double steals are permitted.
  - A base runner on third base can only come home from a batted ball or being forced (i.e. bases loaded walk), they cannot advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- 10) The defensive team will consist of one catcher, one pitcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one third baseman, one shortstop and up to four outfielders; ten players maximum
- 11) At Vaughan Grove Park a runner may advance at his/her own risk, a maximum of one base, for any pitched ball to pass the catcher and reach the gravel. A runner may advance, at this/her own risk, for any pitched ball to pass the catcher and remain on the grass. All pitched balls are considered live and time should be called until the play has stopped. When no runners are on base, the defensive coach should retrieve any pitchers' balls that pass the catcher expect for the "third strike" ball.
- 12) See General House League Rules as all General Rules also apply.
- 13) **HOUSE LEAGUE EXTRA INNINGS IN PLAYOFFS ONLY.**  
We will be using the International Baseball Rule. The Away team will start the inning with one out and the player that was the last out from the previous inning on second base. Same will apply for the home team.