

Ladner Tournament Rules

1. General Rules

- a) Tadpole: No player will sit out of the defensive lineup for more than one inning each game.
All players bat.
Mosquito: No player to sit two defensive innings in a row.
All players bat.
Pee Wee A: No player to sit more than three defensive innings.
All players bat.

- b) If player cannot play defensively he/she must come out of the game.
- c) Tie games will stand in round robin play (1 point for a tie) but not in semi-finals or finals.
- d) Home team will not bat if they are leading in the last inning.
- e) In semi-final games, the home team is the team with the higher standing after round robin play.
- f) In final games the home team is determined by a coin toss.
- g) Wild pitch rule: Mosquito only: pitcher hits 2 players in an inning or hits 3 in one game—pitcher will be removed from the mound unless the umpire determines that the batter could have avoided being hit through a reasonable effort.
- h) Slide or avoid rule is in effect.
- i) 10 run mercy rule after is in effect after 5 or more innings (4 ½ innings if home team is leading).
- j) Run Limits
 - Tadpole: 4 run limit per inning, Last inning is open
 - Mosquito: 4 run limit per inning
Last inning is open
 - Pee Wee A: 4 run limit per inning
Last inning is open

2. Tie breaking Rules

The round robin tie breaking rules are set out below. Please note the following:

- (i) Statistics are calculated based on the teams that are tied with each other, and not all of the teams in the competition.
- (ii) If the first part of the rule places one team above others in the case of three or

more teams involved in the tie, but the remaining teams are still tied, then the remaining parts of the rule are applied using statistics from the matches involving all of the original teams in the tie.

Order:

(a) The team with the best win/loss record in the game(s) played between the tied teams will place higher in the standings.

(b) If the tie persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of number of runs allowed per defensive inning. A defensive inning is defined as having taken the field and a pitch thrown.

(c) If the tie persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored per offensive inning. An offensive inning is defined as having been at bat for at least one pitch.

(d) If the tie persists, then the team with the best won/loss record against the highest placed team not in the tie, followed by a comparison to the next placed team, etc., will place higher in the standings.

If after the application of the four rules, there still remains a tie, then the four rules will be reapplied to the remaining tied teams, except that the statistics will be based on the games between only the remaining tied teams, and not all of the teams in the original tie. For the Mosquito Division refer to (e) below.

(e) **Tadpole and Mosquito Divisions only** – if a tie persists then the records of all teams in the pool shall be used to determine the tie breaker.

3. Awards

- a) Trophies awarded to 1st & 2nd and 3rd place teams
- b) MVP awards awarded to 1 player from each team per game
- c) Coaches will decide which players from their team will be awarded MVP medals
- d) A player may not receive more than 1 MVP award per tournament

4. Pitching

- a) All BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules are in effect. A rainout or delayed/suspended game will not affect the pitching re: the 2 or 3 nights rest rule, so any pitcher who was ineligible to pitch when the game was originally supposed to start shall remain ineligible when the game is played.
- b) In order to balance pitching amongst all teams to ensure that no team is given an advantage based on which days they play on, the following special rule will be in effect:

Mosquito A: - For teams who play one game on Thursday or Friday and one game on Saturday, those two days will be considered as "Saturday" as far as pitched innings are concerned. All BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

- For teams who play one game on Thursday or Friday

and one game on Sunday, those two days will be considered as "Sunday" as far as pitched innings are concerned. All BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

- The outcome of this rule is that all teams will be considered to have played a double-header on Saturday and a double-header on Sunday.

Peewee A: - For teams who play one game on Thursday or Friday and one game on Saturday, those two days will be considered as "Saturday" as far as pitched innings are concerned. All BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

- For teams who play one game on Thursday or Friday and one game on Sunday, those two days will be considered as "Sunday" as far as pitched innings are concerned. All BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

- The outcome of this rule is that all teams will be considered to have played a double-header on Saturday and a double-header on Sunday.

c) Balk pitches are called in Peewee

d) Pitchers may pitch:

Mosquito A: - BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

Pee Wee A: - BC Minor and LMBA pitching rules will be followed for tournament play.

5. Official Score Keepers and Pitching Records

- a) The home team's scorekeeper will be considered the official scorekeeper.
- b) The official scorekeeper will be responsible for recording the final score on the score board.
- c) The official scorekeeper will also be responsible for recording the innings pitched by each pitcher from both teams -- pitchers must sign the pitching record form after the game is over.
- d) The pitching record forms will be provided to the coaches or may be picked up and dropped off at the concession.

6. Inclement Weather & Time Limit

- a) Teams are to show up for their scheduled time in the event of rain unless notified of a change.

- b) Games which are not important to the final standings may be cancelled if necessary.
- c) In round-robin play, no new innings will be started after 2 hours and 15 minutes in all divisions. Coaches and umpires will please note the start time of the game.
- d) Semi-finals and Finals will have no time limit.
- e) The tournament director retains the right to reduce the time limits if necessary, but this would be declared before the start of the game.

7. Protests

Protests are not allowed. The tournament director and/or the Umpire-In-Chief have the final say and any disputed situation must be dealt with before the game continues. If the tournament director or the Umpire-In-Chief is not available then the plate umpire has final say on a disputed situation.

8. Park Location

All games will be played at the Ladner Ball Parks.