



# Ladner Minor Baseball Mosquito Rules

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## **Overview**

Game rules follow those in the Canadian Federation of amateur baseball (CFAB) Rule Book, the rules in the Rule book of the BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA) and the special rules of the Ladner Minor Baseball Association (LMBA) laid out in this booklet. The rules of the LMBA shall supersede those of the CFAB and the BCMBA.

## **Special Rules of the LMBA**

- 1 Game time will be according to the provided schedule. A game is not cancelled without a mutual agreement between the coaches. Players are not to assume a game is cancelled because of rain unless they are officially notified. When a game is cancelled the home team coach must notify the umpires and/or umpire coordinator.
- 2 Game length is six innings or two hours after the scheduled start time.
- 3 No inning is to start later than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours after the start of the game if there is another game scheduled afterwards, or if the umpire decides it is too dark to play safely. The game will be called and revert back to the score of the previously completed inning. If the home team is at bat and the time passes the two hour mark, the inning should be completed if possible. (Umpire's decision.)
- 4 If time permits and six innings are complete and a tie exists, one extra inning will be played until the tie is broken, until time runs out or until the umpire calls the game due to darkness.
- 5 Players will be allowed to play a single position for a maximum of three innings per game. For the purposes of this rule the outfield positions shall be considered to be a single position. No player shall sit out more than one inning consecutively and a maximum of two, innings per game. (The only exception is for injury or discipline reasons.) In the case of an extra inning game, this rule will apply separately to each set of six innings in succession.
- 6 On an overthrow to first or third base that goes into out of bounds territory, the runners will advance one base beyond the last base he was attempting to reach or had safely reached when the overthrow was made.
- 7 For each game two runs will end a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning in the first two innings, four runs will end a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning in innings three through five and the sixth inning (or last inning declared by the umpire), will be an open inning with no maximum run limit.

- 8 No player is to bat unless his shirt is properly tucked in.
- 9 Players must wear regulation LMBA regular season hats when playing a defensive position (catcher excepted).
- 10 All players are to remain in the dugout or on the benches at all times when their team is at bat except the on-deck batter. Players warming up to return to the defensive line-up can do so in the out of bounds area nearest their dugout.
- 11 Pitchers must be warmed up by coaches or players only. A catcher's mask must be worn when warming up a pitcher.
- 12 The home team is to prepare the field and secure the equipment. After each game, the home team shall rake the infield. If it is the last game of the day the home team shall also hose down the infield after raking (during dry weather) and place the tarp over the pitcher's mound. (Please drain the hose and return it to the equipment box.)
- 13 The home team will supply two good game balls, at least one which is new.
- 14 Players will be warned once about throwing of bats, helmets, etc. The second occurrence could result in ejection by the umpire.
- 15 A team is allowed a maximum of two coaches and one manager in a game
- 16 The ball is considered to be in play so long as it remains inside the fenced area of the ball field and runners may continue to advance as far as they want.
- 17 The batter is out on the third strike whether the ball is caught or not. The ball is live and runners may attempt to advance.
- 18 Lead offs are not allowed. Runners may not leave the base until the ball has crossed home plate. The penalty for a runner leaving early is to be called out. The ball is live and play shall continue as if there was no lead off.
- 19 Runners cannot steal while the pitcher is on the rubber and in the pitching position with the ball in his possession.
- 20 Second year Tadpole players will be allowed to play if a team is short of players. Remember the BCMBA rule limits this to three games plus one tournament per player and has stiff penalties for violations. Teams are encouraged to call up second year Tadpole players when they have 9 or less players available for a game. Coaches are requested to inform the Tadpole player's coach when asking a Tadpole player to play in a Mosquito game. Tadpole players must wear their regular team uniform when playing Mosquito games. Tadpole players are not allowed to pitch in the Mosquito division.
- 21 Second year Mosquito players may play up to 3 games in the Peewee Division. They will wear their Mosquito uniforms when playing Peewee games. Remember the BCMBA rule limits this to three games per player plus one tournament. BCMBA has stiff penalties for violations.
- 22 Bunting is allowed in this division.

- 23 The infield fly rule shall not be called.
- 24 No stealing of home is allowed in the first two innings. The only ways a player can score in the first two innings is if forced in by a walk or the continuation of a play beginning with a hit ball.
- 25 Once a player on defensive team has acknowledged the runner off the base (move toward them with the ball, gesture to throw to that base), and the base runner stops their forward progress, then base runner cannot proceed to the next base. This will apply to all bases, not just 3rd. Defensive team can then throwback ball to pitcher. If however, the pitcher misses the ball on throwback to them, then the base runner can again attempt to proceed to next base. Also, if defensive team makes a play to the base, the runner can then attempt to advance. If a runner advanced and the umpire feels the defensive team made the appropriate acknowledgement to stop the runner's progress, the base runner will not be called out but returned to previous base.

### **Pitching Rules: LMBA Mosquito Division**

The pitching rules shall be those in the BC Minor Rule Book, with certain amendments specifically for the LMBA.

#### LMBA Mosquito Division Pitching Amendments

The pitching rules of the BCMBA shall be amended for play in Ladner as follows:

- 1 The first two innings of each game must be pitched by a first year player defined as a player who did not play in the Mosquito Division in a previous year, and who is eligible to play one more year in the Mosquito Division.
- 2 The first two innings of every Mosquito game will be limited to a maximum run count of two runs per team per inning.
- 3 A pitcher who is used for three innings in a game may not pitch at all in his team's next game regardless of when that game is scheduled.
- 4 A pitcher who hits two players in the same inning will no longer be allowed to pitch for the remainder of that game.

For more information about the Mosquito Division, please contact the [Mosquito Division Manager](#)