

## 13U, 15U and 18U Pembina League Community Baseball Rules

Games will be played according to the Baseball Canada Rulebook unless superseded by these League rules:

1. **What we are About:** Please understand that this is a recreational level league. The intent of this league is to provide an environment for young players to extend their opportunity to play baseball, and as such it is first and foremost for all involved to understand that these rules have been developed to keep the spirit of the game in mind. **It is imperative that all coaches demand a good sportsmanship attitude from their players towards other players, coaches, and umpires.**
2. **Game Start Times:** All games will start at 6.30 p.m. with no new inning to start after 8:30 p.m. (official time is determined by the umpire's watch). The umpire may extend the ending time of a game if the game started late. No new innings are to start after two hours of play. This is particularly so, when more than one game will be played that day (double header). If the weather is nice and both teams agree to play a little longer to finish off the innings, and it is the only game that each team is playing that day, by all means proceed.
3. **Minimum players:** To keep in the spirit of good sportsmanship and to maintain the intent of this league, all games will be played even if one team is short players (minimum 7). Teams have the option to lend the opposing team that is short players, players from their own team.
4. **Pitching Limits:**  
**13U** - Pitchers may only pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game, 4 innings per day. The maximum a pitcher can pitch in any week (Friday to Friday) is 8 innings. The Baseball Alberta Pitch Count Guidelines are not mandatory, but are extremely recommended to be followed.  
**15U & 18U** - Pitchers may only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game, 4 innings per day. The maximum a pitcher can pitch in any week (Friday to Friday) is 14 innings. The Baseball Alberta Pitch Count Guidelines are not mandatory, but are extremely recommended to be followed.  
  
\*\* If a pitcher throws 1 pitch, he or she will be charged with 1 inning pitched whether he or she remains in the game at that position or not.  
  
\*\* Overage Pitchers must be identified on the score sheet or roster form. **Teams can only use 1 overage pitcher per game and overage players can only pitch 1 inning per game.**
5. **Field Dimensions**  
As per Baseball Canada Rules
6. **Substitutions**  
There are "Unlimited Substitution" rules (with the exception of the pitcher) and all players present must bat.
  - A. All coaches must provide an official line-up card to the umpire prior to the game.
  - B. Coaches must indicate on the line-up card which players are overage
  - C. Any players who will be late for a game must be listed on the line-up card prior to the start of the game.
    1. They are to be placed at the bottom of the line-up and must be designated as absent
    2. No "automatic out" will be recorded for absent players listed on the line-up card. The absent players batting spot will be skipped.
7. All base runners are permitted to lead off.

8. Stealing is permitted at all levels.
9. Games shall be between 5 to 7 innings in length depending on time, with 3 being the minimum required.
10. There will be a 5 run mercy rule per inning. A complete inning will end when one team has either 3 outs, 5 runs or has batted through their line up once. This rule will remain in effect throughout the entire game. If after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning a team is ahead by 10 runs or more, a 10 run mercy rule will apply. If both teams agree, the game can continue. **Please note: there are no open innings. Meaning 5 runs per inning is the maximum number of runs a team can score an inning.**
11. Courtesy runners can be used for the catcher, who is on base, when there are two outs.
12. **Fair Play Rule – A player is not to sit more than 2 consecutive innings during the game, and no player shall sit more than 2 innings in a game until all players have sat at least 2 innings.**
13. Coaches are encouraged to let players experience playing all positions during the course of the season unless in the coach’s opinion the safety of a player is jeopardized by playing a particular position.
14. **Make up Games:** Should circumstances prevent a game from being played (per schedule), the canceling team is responsible for giving the other team suitable advance notification for re-scheduling the game.
15. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure everything is in good order on their diamonds and that umpires are scheduled for the game. The home team is responsible to provide at least 2 new baseballs for each game.
16. Bat Regulations

	Mosquito	Pee Wee	Bantam	
Division	All	All	Boys	Girls
Maximum Differential	None	-10	-3	-5
Maximum Diameter	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 5/8	2 3/4
Maximum Length	32"	34"	34"	34"