

Sudbury Minor Baseball Playing Rules

1. All catchers must wear protective equipment including a jock strap and cup.
2. In Mosquito and Peewee no pitcher shall pitch more than two innings in any one game and no more than three (3) innings in Bantam.
3. The umpire will discuss the ground rules to the coaches prior to the beginning of each game.
4. Managers and Coaches are responsible for team and spectator discipline at all times. Abusive language by anyone will not be tolerated.
5. For all divisions except T-ball, the mercy rule is in effect. This means that the inning shall come to an end when the team at bat has scored five (5) runs regardless of whether or not three (3) outs have been recorded.
6. In all divisions, there must be a designated runner for the catcher if he/she reaches base with two (2) outs.
7. All players in attendance must be listed in the batting order on the score sheet. All players will take their turn at bat for the complete game.
8. All divisions will use ten (10) fielders except Bantam and Midget/Senior which will use nine (9). The 10th player is the 4th outfielder also known as rover.
9. If any team is leading by ten (10) or more runs, runners shall only advance on a batted ball. Failing to do so shall result in the offending player being declared out.
10. No drugs, alcohol and tobacco products are to be used at the Terry Fox Complex.
11. Profanity will not be tolerated!

Rookie Ball Rules

All of the above rules would apply. The umpire only will operate the Rookie Ball machine. Each youngster will get five (5) hittable pitches. If the ball is not put in play after the fifth pitch, the batter is automatically out. The ball is dead and play will stop when the ball returns back to the pitcher. All base runners will move back to their nearest base at the direction of the umpire.

Mosquito Rules

Base runners will not take a lead off any base. The pitcher is not required to throw from the Set Position as before. Base runners cannot leave their respective bases in an attempt to steal until the pitched ball has crossed home plate. The umpires will require a base runner to return to their original base if they leave before the ball crosses home plate. Once the ball crosses home plate the base runners can advance at their own risk. 3rd strike or passed ball the batter is out right away. He cannot run regardless of situation. **The Mercy Rule in the Mosquito Division will be at 3 runs per inning instead of 5, except in the seventh inning. The seventh inning remains an open inning for scoring.