



Bantam Division “Short” Rules (2019) **Orangeville & Headwaters Minor Baseball Association**

Playing Field

1. The home team is responsible for setting up the field 15 minutes prior to first pitch and providing two game balls (taken from the shack)
2. Field dimensions are as follows: 80 ft baselines, 55 ft pitching distance and 113 ft from home plate to second base (note: hammers and tape measures are provided)
3. Each coach is responsible for ensuring the dugout (bench) is clean after each game
4. Games are 1 hour and 45 minutes in length from their **originally scheduled start time** with no new inning after the 1 hour and 45 minute mark

Uniform & Equipment

1. All players must wear their OHMBA provided uniform including jersey and pants (no shorts)
2. Jerseys must be tucked in and baseball hats worn while on the field
3. Only rubber cleats are permitted
4. Protective cups are encouraged for all players but are mandatory for pitchers and catchers
5. Catchers must use catchers mitts and protective gear
6. Players may use a aluminum or wooden bat

Division Rules

1. Balks are enforced but a warning is given on first offence by a pitcher
2. Pitchers are limited to 6 consecutive outs per game or 80 pitches in a calendar day until July 1st when pitchers are limited to 9 consecutive outs
3. Any parent, player or coach must use a warm up mask when warming up a pitcher
4. The infield fly rule will be enforced
5. Lead offs, stealing and scoring on a passed ball are allowed
6. Batters may attempt to advance to first on a dropped third strike
7. Bunting is allowed
8. Teams will score a maximum of 4 runs per inning, however the fourth and subsequent inning are open (allowing teams to score as many runs as possible)
9. A 12 run mercy rule takes effect after the completion of 4 1/2 innings
10. Pitchers may only throw fastballs and changeups
11. Home plate sliding rule applies (see full rules for explanation)

General Rules

1. **In the first five innings of every game every player must play one inning of outfield and one inning of infield (note catcher and pitcher count as infield)**
2. A player must not sit on the bench for a second time until every other player has done so
3. A team must have seven players to play a game (note see call up rules to avoid this)
4. Sole catcher rule: if a team only has one catcher available they are exempt from rule #1
5. Late players can play however they must be put at the bottom of the batting order

Coaches

1. Cannot question umpire judgement calls and must refrain parents or players from questioning umpire calls
2. **Relax** and have fun

- Please note that these are not complete rules. Ensure that you read our complete rules on the league website