



## Midget/Junior 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 (given to coaches by convenor)
2. Field dimensions are as follows: 90 ft baselines, 60 ft 6 in pitching distance and 127 ft from home plate to second base (note: hammers and tape measures are provided)
3. The home team is responsible for turning on and off the lights for a night game
4. Each coach is responsible for ensuring the dugout (bench) is clean after each game
5. Games are two hours in length from their **originally scheduled start time** with no new inning after the two hour 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. Metal cleats are permitted but rubber is encouraged (for safety)
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. All players must use a **BBCOR** or wood bat

### Division Rules

1. Balks are enforced but a warning is given on first offence by a pitcher
2. Pitchers are limited to 9 consecutive outs or 100 pitches in a calendar day
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. Bunting is allowed
6. Teams will score a maximum of 4 runs per inning, however the fifth and subsequent inning are open (allowing teams to score as many runs as possible)
7. A 12 run mercy rules takes effect after the completion of 5 1/2 innings
8. Pitchers may throw any legal MLB pitch
9. A midget aged pitcher(s) must record a minimum of 3 outs or 1 inning in the first four innings (if a team does not have a midget pitcher this must be made know to the umpire and opposing coach at the start of the game)
10. 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 (this must be made know to the opposing coach and umpire prior to the game)
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