



Rookie 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 one game ball (taken from the shack or equipment box)
2. ROLB1x balls are not to be used in games only practice
3. Field dimensions are as follows: 60 ft baselines, 40 ft pitching distance and 85 ft from home plate to second base (note: hammers and tape measures are provided)
4. Complete rules and set up for pitching machine are in the full rules
5. Each coach is responsible for ensuring the dugout (bench) is clean after each game
6. Games are 1 hour and 30 minutes in length from their **originally scheduled start time** with no new inning after the 1 hour and 30 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. The player in the pitching area must wear a batting helmet

Division Rules

1. The infield fly rule does not apply
2. Until June 30th batters will be given the option to hit off the tee after their fourth pitch
3. Lead offs are not allowed
4. Runners may not advance until the batter has made contact with the ball
5. Runners may not advance on a passed ball or wild pitch
6. Batters may not advance on a dropped third strike
7. Extra bases will not be awarded on an overthrow to first base
8. Bunting is not allowed
9. Teams will score a maximum of 5 runs per inning, however the fourth and subsequent innings are open (allowing teams to score as many runs as possible)
10. A 15 run mercy rules takes effect after the completion of 4 1/2 innings
11. A half inning will be considered 3 outs or 10 batters
12. Home plate sliding rule applies (see full rules for explanation)
13. If both teams have at least 10 players then a fourth outfielder may be added

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