



Abbotsford Minor Baseball Association

Mid-Summer Classic

9U Tournament Rules

[Rules will follow section 31.03 and 31.04 of the BC Minor Rule Book. The rules below are overrides and/or additional rules and/or reminders for the purposes of the tournament]

General Rules

- a) *All players bat. Fair play rule strictly enforced - BC Minor Rule Book Rule 25*
- b) During a game, coaches or parents cannot position themselves on the outside of the backstop behind the umpire in order to coach the team or umpire. There will be warning and if this continues, the coach will be ejected.
- c) The BC Minor Code of Conduct applies. BC Minor updates 2024 Rules 13.6 and 13.7 applies
[Click here for the content of 13.6 and 13.7 BC Minor Rule](#)
- d) All players must sit once before any player sits twice.
- e) No player(s) to play more than 2 innings in one position with the exception of the catcher who can play a maximum of 3 innings per game.
- f) Fair play rules for # of times in a position will not apply in extra-innings. However, even in extra innings, players may not sit two innings in a row.
- g) Base stealing is allowed. A base runner can never go home based on a throw during an attempted stolen base. Base runners may only score when the ball is initially hit into play, or when forced home (by a walk, hit batter, catcher interference, etc.).
- h) No stealing home on a pass ball or on a missed throw back to the pitcher
- i) Base runners must stop running once the ball is in infield (On the ground or in the air).
- j) Any runner that stops advancing to a base, when the ball is in the infield, the runner must return to the base they came from.
- k) Any base runner that overruns another base runner is declared out.
- l) Bunting is allowed. A bunt is considered a strike if missed or fouled. A batter that fouls a bunt on strike 3 is out.
- m) Batter cannot run on a third strike dropped by the catcher
- n) The slide or avoid rule is in effect
- o) The umpire will call obstruction on a defensive player if the bag or plate is not partly exposed. The runner will be awarded the base. Obstruction is defined as: the act of a fielder who, while not in possession of the ball and not in the act of fielding the ball, impedes the progress of any runner. While it is accepted that fielders must leave a clear



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path to the bases, a catcher in possession of the ball, or in the act of fielding the ball, is allowed to block the plate. No obstruction will be called.

- p) Leadoffs are not allowed. The ball must cross home plate before any runner(s) can leave the base(s).
- q) If a player cannot play defensively he/she must come out of the game.
- r) Courtesy runners will be permitted ONLY for the next ½ inning's catcher when 2 out. Courtesy runner must be the last "out".
- s) Home and Away team will be pre-assigned for round robin play with 2 home and 2 away games
- t) Tie games will stand in round robin play (1 point for a tie) but not in semi-finals or finals.
- u) In semi-final games, the home team is the team with the higher standing after round robin play.
- v) In final games the home team is determined by a coin toss.
- w) Home team will not bat if they are leading in the last inning.
- x) Slide or avoid rule is in effect. No head first slides allowed when advancing to a base.
- y) Wild pitch rule: pitcher hits 3 players in an inning or hits 3 in one game - pitcher will be removed from the mound unless the umpire determines that the batter could have avoided being hit through a reasonable effort.
- z) 10 run mercy rule is in effect after 4 or more innings (3 ½ innings if home team is leading).
- aa) There will be a 4 run limit per inning, in all games except the final inning which will have an "open" 10 run limit.
- bb) No infield warm-up prior to games.
- cc) All coaches in uniform (no shorts). If not in uniform, coaches are not allowed on the field of play. BCMBA Rule 19.06.
- dd) All BC Minor Summer 9U rules will be in effect, unless otherwise noted.
- ee) Bat sizes and material type as per BCMBA Rule 19.04. - 30 inch, 2 5/8 inch max diameter, unlimited length/weight drop – bats with greater than 2 ¼ in. barrel diameter
- ff) Chin straps required as per BCMBA Rule 19.02.

1. Tie breaking Rules

Tie breaking format for advancement to semi-finals if teams are tied in points after round robin play:



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- a) Head to head (not valid if 3 or more teams tied such as A beats B, B beats C, C beats A)
 - If team A and team B both have the same amount of points but team A defeated team B in round robin play then team A will advance to the semi-finals ahead of team B
- b) Ratio of number of runs allowed per defensive inning against tied teams (lowest ratio advances):
 - Team A had 32 runs against in 21 innings: $32/21 = 1.524$ runs per inning
 - Team B had 30 runs against in 20 innings: $30/20 = 1.5$ runs per inning
 - Team C had 30 runs against in 21 innings: $30/21 = 1.429$ runs per inning
 - Team C advances to the semi-finals because of their lower ratio
 - Statistics are calculated based on ALL games played during round robin play
- c) Ratio of number of runs scored per offensive inning against tied teams (highest ratio advances):
 - calculated in similar manner as #2
 - runs for divided by total offensive innings played
 - statistics are calculated based on ALL games played during round robin play
- d) Ratio of number of runs allowed per defensive inning during round robin (lowest ratio advances).
- e) Ratio of number of runs scored per offensive inning during round robin (highest ratio advances).
- f) Coin toss.

1. Awards

- a) Medals awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams.
- b) MVP awards awarded to 1 player from each team per game.
- c) Coaches will decide which player from the opposing team will be awarded the MVP medal.
- d) It is recommended that a player may not receive more than 1 MVP award per tournament. Try to spread it around.

2. Pitching

- a) All BC Minor pitching and pitch count rules are in effect (Rule 31.03). Any violations result in the head coach being ejected.
- b) Pitchers may pitch in more than one inning.



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- 65 maximum pitches (pitcher may finish batter *if* their pitch count was under 65 prior to the batter starting)
- A pitcher may pitch in two games in a single day, so long as the total number of pitches in the first game is 25 or less.
- A pitcher may pitch on consecutive days so long as the total number of pitches on the previous day are 25 or less.
- A pitcher may NOT pitch more than 2 consecutive days (cannot pitch 3 consecutive days)

41-55 pitches in a day = 2 nights rest

56-65 = 3 nights rest

65 daily maximum

- c) Note: a rainout will not affect the pitching re: the 2-and-3-night rules, so any pitcher that was ineligible to pitch when the game was supposed to start shall remain ineligible when the game is played. Coaches, please ensure that your pitchers for the tournament have the required rest before your first tournament game.
- d) Thursday pitching counts as Friday.

3. Official Score Keepers and Pitching Records

- a) The home team's scorekeeper will be considered the official scorekeeper. The home team's pitch counter will be considered the official pitch counter.
- b) The official scorekeeper will be responsible for reporting the final score to the designated scoring official. Be sure to confirm the final score with the opposing team.
- c) The official pitch counter will also be responsible for recording the number of pitches pitched by each pitcher from both teams -- coaches must sign the pitch count record form after the game is over.
- d) The pitch count record forms will be provided in the official scorebook to be picked up and dropped off at the designated location.
- e) A team shall be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

4. Inclement Weather & Time Limit

- a) Teams are to show up for their scheduled time in the event of rain unless notified of a change.
- b) Games that are not important to the final standings may be canceled if necessary.



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- c) No new innings will be started after 2 hours of play in round robin. Coaches and umpires will please note the start time of the game.
- d) Semi-finals and Finals will have no time limit.
- e) In round robin games, after any complete inning, if the game is within 20 minutes of the time limit (2 hours) the umpires will declare the next inning to be an open inning. If the open inning finishes before the time limit expires, then an additional open inning shall be played. There is no guarantee of an opening inning however, if no open inning was declared and the time limit has expired, the game is over.
- f) The tournament director retains the right to reduce/adjust the time limit if necessary, but this would be declared before the start of the game.

5. Protests

- a) Protests are not allowed. PERIOD. The tournament director and/or the Umpire-In-Chief have the final say and any disputed situation must be dealt with before the game continues. If the tournament director or the Umpire-In-Chief is not available at that time then the plate umpire has final say on a disputed situation. No IF's/AND's OR BUT's. All umpire decisions are final.
- b) Should a player or coach be ejected from the game for any reason, they shall sit the remainder of the game being played plus the next game. They will remove themselves from the dugout and must sit in an area designated by the umpire. They must not disrupt the game in any manner.

BC Minor Rule Book: [Click Here](#)