



WATERDOWN MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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2007 WMBA Local Tournament Rules and Regulations

The Select Ontario Baseball Association (SOBA) sanctions the Waterdown Minor Baseball Association (WMBA) 2007 Peeewe Tournament and therefore all rules as outlined in the SOBA 2007 Constitution as they apply to the Minor Bantam level will be in force with the following clarifications or amendments;

1. SOBA Constitution and "Official Rules of Baseball" shall apply, subject to exceptions as indicated in the following rules and regulations.
2. Payment of the entry fee will apply as an appearance bond and will not be refunded.
3. A team roster *approved* by the SOBA Affiliate Registrar must be presented before a player is eligible to play in any SOBA sanctioned tournament. Teams not submitting a roster may not be allowed to play.
4. All teams are required to register 1 hour prior to their 1st scheduled game.
5. The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to each game. The team traveling the furthest distance shall call the toss.
6. Lineups should be exchanged fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time.
7. It is the home teams' responsibility to provide an Official Scorekeeper for the game and to record the number of innings pitched by all players for each team and to hand back the score sheet to the convenor at the end of the game with the signatures of both team managers.
8. Pitchers will be on a game maximum for innings pitched;
 - a) Tyke(Mosquito)/Peeewe – 3 innings
 - b) Bantam – 4 innings
 - c) Midget/Junior – 5 innings
9. If a catcher is on base with two (2) outs, a substitute runner may be used. The substitute runner must be the last out.
10. There will be no infield practice permitted before any scheduled game.
11. A full game will consist of 7 innings unless any one of the following occur;
 - a) **Time Limit:** No new inning will start to commence after 1 3/4 hours from the official start time, in all round robin. **The official start time will commence at the conclusion of the first pitch.** The Championship and Consolation Championship games will all be 7 innings with no time limit and extra innings will be played, if necessary, to decide a winner. The official scorekeeper will record the start time.

- b) **Mercy Rule:** A game will be considered complete if either team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) full innings or three and one-half (3 ½) innings if the home team is ahead by ten or more runs. The mercy rule also applies to the Championship and Consolation Championship games.
- c) **Shortened:** In the event a game is shortened due to weather or darkness, 4 complete innings will constitute a complete game. In the event that the game is suspended prior to 4 innings being completed then the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension. The defensive team must resume their exact positions on the field. The count, if any, on the batter will be unchanged and the batting order must be the same upon resumption of the suspended game.
12. If a team is unable to field nine (9) players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time then that team shall be considered in default. The winning team will be awarded a 7-0 win.
13. The round robin points are awarded as follows:
Win = 2 points
Tie = 1 point
Loss = 0 points
14. If the teams are tied after the Round Robin the following tie breaking format will be used:
- a) In the event of a tie between two (2) teams in the same division, the winner of that game between the two teams will advance. If the game was tied, the team to advance will be determined by the next series of tiebreakers (head-to-head).
- b) In all other circumstances (3 or more), the following will be utilized:
- i. Team with smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed/number of defensive innings played)
 - ii. Team with highest runs ratio (runs scored/number of offensive innings played)
 - iii. Coin Toss
15. All umpires decisions are final. There will be no protests of judgement calls by the umpire(s).
16. The Tournament Convenor will resolve any protests. Any team protesting a game must submit their protest with a cheque for \$25.00. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded. All Decisions of the Tournament Convenor are final.
17. Tournament awards will be set at fifteen (15) per team.
18. Managers and coaches are responsible for conduct of their players and anyone involved with the team, both on and off the field.
19. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages are permitted in the park.
20. No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted on the playing field, the dugouts or the immediate vicinity of the dugouts (this applies to coaches, players and umpires)
21. The WMBA and its officials accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to any equipment and/or injuries to any player, team official or any other persons in the park during the tournament.
22. Violence & inappropriate behavior in the park will not be tolerated. Zero Tolerance signs are posted and will be enforced.
23. An OBA carded player, playing regularly for his OBA registered team, is NOT eligible to play in this tournament. (OBA teams may be accepted in accordance with the SOBA-COBA pilot proposal as outlined on the SOBA web site).

On behalf of the WMBA, we want to thank you for participating in our Tournament. We wish you all good luck and success for the weekend but most importantly we hope that the kids have as much fun as possible.