

## 4 Game Rules - General

- 1 All league games shall be governed by the Saskatchewan Baseball Association (SBA) and the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball (CFAB) rules and regulations unless otherwise provided.
- 2 A coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, sibling or player of a team shall not officiate in a Baseball Regina game (in or out of Regina) that is in the same Division and Level as their child, sibling or player's team except in the case of an emergency and with consent of both coaches.
- 3 Coaches shall clearly print names and numbers on score sheets which shall be exchanged at the home plate meeting prior to the start of every game. Coaches are responsible for correctly completing game sheets.
- 4 Any player or coach ejected from a game shall immediately move to an area designated by the umpire. This ejection will be dealt with according to the Baseball Regina's Code of Conduct (see Appendix B) and Code of Discipline (see Appendix C) and may result in suspension.
- 5 All protests must be submitted in writing to the President of Baseball Regina within 48 hours of the action in question. The BASEBALL REGINA Protest Committee, which is to be formed by the President of BASEBALL REGINA, will make a ruling on all protests.
- 6 Baseball Regina reminds all coaches that it follows the Canada Baseball Rules which states: THAT the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires etc.) be prohibited at all competitions sanctioned by Baseball Canada, PENALTY: Automatic ejection from the game.
- 7 Coaches are responsible for the conduct and discipline of both players and fans and may impose reasonable sanctions. This can include sanctions for missing practices or games.
- 8 Starting time for all evening games shall be 6:15 p.m. (Rookie-Bantam)
- 9 No inning shall begin after 8:15 p.m. before June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8:30 p.m. thereafter. However, the umpire may adjust these times in the interests of safety. (Mosquito-Bantam)
- 10 Baseball Regina will follow a 4° at 4 pm rule. The 3 parks will be responsible for assessing the temperature from a common weather source ([weatherforyou.com/cgi-bin/hw3/hw3.cgi?&place=regina&state=sk&country=ca](http://weatherforyou.com/cgi-bin/hw3/hw3.cgi?&place=regina&state=sk&country=ca)) and if the temperature is 4° C or lower at 4 pm, Mon – Friday, a cancellation notice will be placed on the park phone (Rookie-Bantam).
- 11 In the event a game is rained out or cancelled, the coach of the home team shall be responsible for rescheduling the game.
- 12 For weekend double header games: (Mosquito-Bantam)
  - 12.1 Games shall be scheduled 3 hours apart (typically at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.)
  - 12.2 For double header games (same two teams playing both games), and only when



there are no games scheduled on the same diamond after the double header, there shall be no time limit on either game. i.e. both games shall be played to be a complete game as per the definition of a complete game for that age division.

- 12.3 For any weekend games (including both games of a double header), when there is another game scheduled to follow on the same diamond, no new inning shall start 2 hours and 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. In the case of a double header with a third game scheduled following the double header, both double header games shall use the “no new inning after 2 hours and 30 minutes” rule. Note: Two back to back games for one team, where the second game involves a different opponent, is not considered a double header – in this case the 2 hour and 30 minute time limit rule will also apply for the first game.
- 13 The pitching rules of SBA will apply.
- 14 SBA substitution rules will apply.
- 15 A clean shirt courtesy runner may be allowed for the catcher with two out to allow the catcher to put on his/her equipment, thereby speeding up the games.
- 16 Baseball Regina follows the Canada Baseball rule requiring catchers in all age categories to wear a protective helmet with throat protector and mask while catching. NOTE: This includes practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations.
- 17 The primary rule of BASEBALL REGINA is that all aspects of FAIR PLAY must be observed. Coaches shall endeavor to treat all members of their teams with fairness to ensure the development of players in the best spirit and traditions of baseball.
- 18 In the event that a AA or A team does not have at least nine players, the game will NOT be automatically forfeited for that reason. Teams may play out the game with the end result being the official result. Any AAA team not having at least nine (9) players by 30 minutes past the official game start time shall forfeit the game. Nonetheless, the game may be played for practice purposes with the consent of both coaches, and shall still utilize the scheduled umpires. (Mosquito-Bantam)
- 19 Teams listed on the schedule as the home team shall provide the official scorekeeper for that game. Teams listed on the schedule as the visiting team shall provide the official pitch count tracker for that game. The home team coach or manager will be responsible for reporting the game score to the Baseball Regina website at [www.baseballregina.com](http://www.baseballregina.com). This must be done prior to 10 pm game day if possible. Failure to report scores may result in a team being ineligible for league playoffs. (Mosquito-Bantam)
- 20 The win/loss percentage for the season shall be used to seed the teams for league play-offs (Mosquito – Bantam).
- 21 The league play-offs shall be run in a 2 game guarantee format – this is not a full tournament. (Mosquito-Bantam)
- 22 Coaches must register for Baseball Regina tournaments at least TEN (10) days prior to the scheduled tournament date. TEAMS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED.

## 5 Rookie Division

The objective of this division is to introduce the game of baseball to young players while making it safe, interesting and fun.

Although some of the rules are not traditional rules we are familiar with, at this age tradition is not the primary concern. The opportunity for the players to learn the basic fundamentals of the game in a safer environment while having fun and improving their skills is the primary concern. Hitting, fielding and running the bases are the primary reasons children want to play baseball and this program allows them to do that.

The following rules apply to the **Rookie Division** (differences between Junior Rookie and Senior Rookie, as indicated):

### 1 AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

1.1 Junior Rookie – 5 and 6 years as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (4 years with parent/guardian coaching)

1.2 Senior Rookie – 7 and 8 years as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year

\*\*There is flexibility with placement in the divisions based on skill and development of player.

### 2 ROSTER

2.1 Junior Rookie: 8 to 10 players per team

2.2 Senior Rookie: 10 to 12 players per team

### 3 EQUIPMENT

3.1 Pitching machine

3.2 Extension cord or portable generator (where electrical outlets are not available)

3.3 Two ball baskets (one at the machine and one at the catcher)

3.4 Two dozen pitching machine balls

3.5 Bats

3.6 Catcher Equipment

### 4 SPEED OF PITCH

4.1 Junior Rookie - approximately 38 - 40 miles per hour

4.2 Senior Rookie - approximately 41 - 43 miles per hour.

### 5 FIELD DIMENSIONS

5.1 60 foot base paths

5.2 Pitching machine at 40 - 42 feet

5.3 Distance between bases shall be 45 feet

5.4 The infield shall begin two (2) feet outside the baselines.

## 6 LENGTH OF GAME

- 6.1 Junior Rookie: Games should be preceded by 30 minutes of practice (throwing, catching, batting and fun games). Games should be maximum of three innings (90 minutes time limit, in total)
- 6.2 Senior Rookie: Six innings, or 90 minute time limit. It is expected that practices would be held outside of scheduled game times.
- 6.3 No new inning shall be started after 1.5 hours of play.

## 7 BATTING

- 7.1 Junior Rookie: All players shall bat every inning. Each batter shall receive five (5) hittable pitches, including foul balls. If the ball has not been hit, the batter will advance to first base.
- 7.2 Senior Rookie: All players will be listed on the batting order, and the half inning is over after three outs. Prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> each batter shall receive five (5) hittable pitches, including foul balls. The batter is out after the 5 pitches if he has not hit. After June 1<sup>st</sup> the batter is out after three strikes. The batter can only advance to first base on a hit and cannot be walked.
- 7.3 Players shall wear batting helmets at all times when batting and running the bases.

## 8 DEFENSIVE ALIGNMENTS.

- 8.1 Junior Rookie: All players will play each defensive inning
- 8.2 Senior Rookie: Nine (9) players will play each defensive inning.

## 9 OTHER RULES.

- 9.1 Junior Rookie: No stealing of base is allowed on pass balls or on overthrows.
- 9.2 Senior Rookie: Batter / runner or runners allowed only one base on an overthrow
- 9.3 No "infield fly rule" or "bunting".
- 9.4 Only one base will be allowed on a ball which hits the pitching machine.
- 9.5 The advance of base runners shall halt as soon as the ball enters the infield. The ball does not have to be caught or touched by an infielder.
- 9.6 All players are to try every position at least once during the season.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 Junior Rookie: No scores will be kept.
- 10.2 Senior Rookie: Scores will be kept, by an official scorekeeper. There is a maximum of 6 runs per inning. Scores are not reported to Baseball Regina

## 11 UMPIRE

- 11.1 Machine operator.
  - 11.2 No protests
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