

WESTERN ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2011 "ROOKIE" BALL LEAGUE RULES

- 1.) Teams may be co-ed.
- 2.) Approved 11" "IncrediBall" must be used.
- 3.) Game has a 1 hour time limit. (Complete innings).
- 4.) All games shall be up to 5 innings. In the case of the time limit of 1 hour being reached, the home team will get their final bat. No new inning will start after 50 minutes.
- 5.) A complete inning is either 3 outs or 10 batters, whichever occurs first. The 10th batter has to be played at home plate, (even if ball is caught (normally an out) the ball still must be played at home plate.)
- 6.) In-field fly: If batter hits an in-field fly and the ball is caught, batter is out. Runners on base return to their base; runners cannot be made out, i.e. no opportunity for double or triple play.
- 7.) Ties will not be broken if they occur and home team and visitors have had equal innings.
- 8.) Home team will notify visitors 2 hours before game if bad weather is cancelling the game.
- 9.) Helmets (with face guards) are mandatory for the batter, batter on deck and helmets for all offensive baserunners. Catcher must be in full gear as well, (shin-guards, helmet, mask, and chest protector).
- 10.) All players bat and there is unlimited substitution in the field.
- 11.) Runners advance only on a batted ball. No stealing. If there is an overthrow at any base, baserunners advance 1 base only. A batter cannot take first base if the catcher misses the last pitch.
- 12.) Each team's coach pitches to his/her own team a total of 5 pitches to each batter. Play is dead after the 5th pitch if batter doesn't hit ball or catcher misses ball. No one on base can advance.
- 13.) The coach pitching cannot field the ball. If the batted ball hits the pitcher, the batter is out. There are no umpires so an adult needs to count the 5 pitches. The ball is live any time batter hits it fair whether it is the first or fifth pitch.
- 14.) Coach pitches from any distance. Base distances are 45 feet each.
- 15.) A team can play with a maximum of 15 players on the field.
- 16.) A 15' arc from the back of home plate will be a no player zone until the ball is hit. Any batted ball stopping in the zone is considered a foul ball.
- 17.) A stop line will be marked between 3rd base and home plate. If ball is returned to Pitcher before runner passes stop line –baserunner returns to third base.
- 18.) Wrap-Up Tournament Date is tentatively set for Saturday, August 6, 2011 (Raindate: Sunday, August 7, 2011) and Host is tentatively set for Mount Forest. Tentative cost will be \$55.00 per team and one new IncrediBall.

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