

# MOSQUITO BOYS BASEBALL

(revised April 2019)

1. Bases - 65 feet.
2. Pitching - 45 feet.
3. Ball size - 9 inches.
4. Time Limit - 1 1/2 hours or 7 innings. Last inning to be called after 1 hour of play.
5. Unlimited substitution.
6. All players must play and bat in order of line-up.
7. 9 players on the field.
8. 5 runs or 3 outs - equals 1 inning.
9. No running on third strike if ball not caught.
10. Infield fly rules applies.
11. **Pitching. See pitching rules below.** Pitcher can pitch only 3 innings maximum.
12. Home team supplies umpires - Level 1 Umpires are encouraged behind plate & Level 1 Umpires in field.
13. No stealing is allowed.
14. Lead-offs are **NOT** allowed.
15. Balk rule applies.
16. Approved hard ball bats are to be used only. **Softball bats are not allowed to be used.**
17. When Umpire declares last inning, it will constitute of either 3 outs per team or a maximum of 10 runs per team.
18. A minimum of 8 players are required to make game official. There will only be 3 former rep players who have played rep in the last two years allowed to play on one team together. Teams who play a game with more than 3 former rep players will forfeit the game.
19. VBBA approved over age players will NOT Pitch or play Back catcher and must be identified at the beginning of game.

**The league encourages that all scheduled games to be played.** A point system will be in place. A team will be awarded 1 point for a loss, 2 points for a tie, and 3 points for a win. Total points will determine your ranking in the tournament.

Coaches are responsible to notify the opposing team for a game cancellation within a reasonable amount of time. If coach fails to do so, charges to the centre may be incurred.

## MOSQUITO PITCHING RULES

- First 3 innings of pitching will be with the UMP 45 pitching machine
- Each coach will use the machine to pitch to their own team
- Remaining innings will be live player pitching
- 5ft diameter safety circle to be around machine
- Players shall NEVER enter circle
- Players must be within 1ft to either side or behind machine before machine is loaded
- The player must act as a pitcher **NOT** rover
- If the ball hits the machine or coach it is considered foul and dead
- Players cannot move to the front of the machine until the ball crosses home plate
- Both teams must use the same ball
- The Home team coach is responsible for having the machine set up and consistent 10 minutes before game time.

Settings to be set as follows:

Power spring: TBD

Lever height: TBD

Micro adjustment: TBD

### **VBBA Recommends:**

- making a "U" bracket to hold the back of the machine in place to ensure straight pitches
- Put the seams in the machine in same position each time. Condition of ball and seam placement will affect the flight of the ball
- Having a designated machine for games only to reduce wear

### **Tournament:**

- Tournament will follow exact same rules as regular season