**CENTRAL LAMBTON MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** - **2019**

**Chairman -**

These rules have been set to govern the leagues and all coaches and managers are expected to follow them.

1. Player's ages, pitching distances, coach’s boxes, length of bases, and all other Softball rules will be governed by the Softball Canada Rule Book with the exceptions of the following rules:

2. Mite, Squirt & Pee Wee games to start at stated starting time with 15 min. grace and are to be 1-1/2 hours in duration.

Bantam & Midget games to start at 8:30 with 15 min. grace unless no lights are available then 6:30.

Bantam & Midget games to be 2 hrs. in duration.

3. Players list (a maximum of 20 players) names and date of birth for each player) are to be submitted to League Convenors by June 15.

Players must play at least three League games to be eligible for playoffs.

If player's lists are not in by June 15, all games played following will be forfeited.

Teams must play 3/4 league games to be eligible for playoffs.

4. Each team must have an official scorebook which must be signed by the plate umpire at the completion of each game.

Home team shall supply both umpires.

The umpires shall be at least one classification older than the team he/she is umpiring.

At least one umpire must be carded with Softball Ontario or OBA for Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget.

Pitching machine used in Mite division girls.

5. All protested games to be handled by the league convenors.

A fee of $20.00 to accompany written protest and to be handed in to the convenor within 48 hours.

If the protest is upheld, the fee submitted with the protest shall be returned.

6. Playoffs to be decided upon completion of schedule but must be double knock out series.

Except, not enough teams to make worthwhile, then 2 out of 3 series, or round robin, at discretion of the executive.

7. Any rained out games should be rescheduled within one-month limit, decided by coaches.

Any rained-out games that have not been rescheduled or played before the two involved clubs play again, must be a four pointer.

8. Scoring for league games shall be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss.

One new ball must be used for each game.

Tied games to be played out to time limit unless curfew enforced.

9. Any player, coaches, managers or umpires swearing, excessive arguing, excessive aggressiveness, involved in fighting or under the influence will be ejected from the game and will be suspended for the next game.

Second offense will be a three-game suspension.

Third offense - the remainder of the season.

No smoking will be permitted by players, coaches, umpires on playing field at any time.

President or Convenor must be notified of suspensions before next game.

10. Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam games to be 7 innings with 5 being complete game unless curfew is being enforced.

No inning to start after 8:30 pm in all Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Midget & Bantam early games.

No more than 6 runs per inning.

Squirt, Pee Wee, Midget & Bantam to be 7 innings open scoring in 7th inning only.

Mites must be hit or walked home. (NO STEALING HOME).

11. Teams must complete schedule and playoffs even if involved in tournament or O.R.S.A. play.

They will forfeit series if suitable arrangements are not made with league convenors.

No tournament playoff team shall play more than four games on any given day.

Pee Wee age players may play Bantam league and Pee Wee league at the same time.

12. In case of a curfew is to be called, both teams and umpires are to be advised before the game starts.

13. Safety base to be used for all league and playoff games.

14. **Mercy Rule:**

*All Divisions If a team is losing by ten runs or more at the end of five innings, the game is over or 15 runs after 3, the game is over.*

15. All Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Girls will be allowed unlimited substitutions during league play and playoffs and all players must bat in order, to a total of 6 runs per inning.

16. Mites - 10 players in the field. Unlimited substitutions, stealing allowed up to third base.

17. Mites, Squirts, Pee Wee Girls must substitute catcher of previous inning if he/she is on base with two (2) out.

Bantam and Midget may substitute.

18. All teams may play with only 8 players without further penalties resulting from having less than the regulation 9 players.

19. $175.00 entry fee per team by second meeting to be used for league playoffs. $150 for playoffs, $20 for balls, and $5 to league

20**. MIDGET** - Use 12" ball, pitch 43' run 60' bases. Under 19 before January 1

**BANTAM** - Use 12" ball, pitch 40', run 60' bases. Under 16 before January 1

**PEE WEE** - Use 12" ball, pitch 38', run 60' bases. Under. 14 before January 1

**MITE CO-ED** - Use 11" ball, pitch 30' run 45' base use dimple ball Under 10 before January 1. Leave when the ball crosses plate.

**MITE GIRLS** - Use 11" ball, pitch 30' run 45' bases. Mite Girls use pitching machine with one umpire

**SQUIRT GIRLS** - Use 11" ball, pitch 35'run 55' base Under 12 January 1

21. No expectant mothers to be allowed on the field at any time (includes coaches & managers).

22. Squirt to midget allowed 3 players to move down in age but cannot pitch or catch.

Must be on one players list not both.

If over-agers are used must be approved by teams in that division and announced at start of game only if they have no other division at their age group to play at and only special circumstances will be discussed for each division that this might affect.

23. If player is signed on one team cannot play on another team in the same division.

24. $100.00 bond to be paid to start of entry in case team unable to play must Notify opposing team and convenor at least 24 hours to game time or forfeit $100.00

25. The league does not pay for medals or individual awards but does pay for trophy engraving.

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