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# BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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# **Brandon Minor Baseball Association**

## **By-Laws and Constitution**

### **By-Law I - Interpretation**

- 1.1. In these By-Laws and Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa, and references to persons shall include firms and corporations.
- 1.2. When constructing these By-Laws and Regulations, reference shall be made to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Baseball Manitoba (Baseball MB), and Baseball Canada. Words and expressions used on these By-Laws and Regulations shall, so far as the context does not otherwise require, have the same meaning as would be the case when used under By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.
- 1.3. References to the Association in these By-Laws, refer to the Brandon Minor Baseball Association (B.M.B.A.).
- 1.4. The Association shall conform and comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulation as set forth by Baseball Manitoba and Baseball Canada respectively.
- 1.5. A potential or actual conflict of interest exists when commitments and obligations to the Association are likely to be compromised by that persons other interests or commitments. A conflict arises when an Executive member is or may be in a position to influence a specific hockey team by taking on a head coaching or managing position; or lead to any form of personal gain themselves or a family member, or give improper advantage to others to the Association's detriment. Certain positions, due to their nature, pose conflicts, and at no time during that member's term on the Executive can they hold any other position. The positions are:
  - 1.5.1 President
  - 1.5.2 Treasurer
  - 1.5.3 Immediate Past President
  - 1.5.4 Umpire in Chief
  - 1.5.6 Equipment Manager

Any Executive member may request an exception to the above, but that must be presented in writing to the Executive to ratify.

### **By-Law II - Name of the Association**

- 2.1 The name of the organization will be the Brandon Minor Baseball Association, hereafter referred to as B.M.B.A

### **By-Law III - Purpose Of The Association**

- 3.1. Vision: "To be a progressive Association which develops positive life and baseball skills."
- 3.2. Mission: "We will provide fair opportunity for positive experiences through a safe and fun environment, with strong, progressive and quality programs for all members of the baseball community."
- 3.3. Values and Beliefs:
  - 3.3.1 We believe that honesty, integrity, and fairness must be demonstrated in all aspects of our Association.
  - 3.3.2 We strongly believe that respect and open communication will be the foundation of our Association.
  - 3.3.3 We believe that through co-operation and commitment we will be an Association that we are all proud of.
  - 3.3.4 We will strive to be creative and flexible to meet the needs of all members.
  - 3.3.5 By demonstrating the values and beliefs of B.M.B.A we will be accountable and responsible to all members.
- 3.4. Purpose and Objective:
  - 3.4.1 Promote, govern, and improve minor baseball in the community of Brandon and surrounding areas that may be added.
  - 3.4.2 To foster a community spirit among members, supporters and teams.
  - 3.4.3 Increase the interest in the game of baseball in the city of Brandon.

### **By-Law IV - Membership**

- 4.1 The members of the Association shall be the subscriber to the application, the By-Laws and Regulations and such other persons as subsequently become members of the Association in accordance with these By-Laws.
- 4.2 A person may become a member of the Association who has paid the annual membership fee and:
  - 4.2.1 has reached the age of eighteen years, and is a resident of Brandon as defined by By-Law 4.6.1, or
  - 4.2.2 has been approved as a member by the Executive, or
  - 4.2.3 is a member of the coaching staff, manager, referee, any volunteer position, or parent/guardians, in good standing of a player currently registered with the B.M.B.A

- 4.3 The annual membership fee shall be an amount as may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Executive.
- 4.4 A person shall cease to be a member of the Association:
  - 4.4.1 upon failure or refusal to pay his annual membership fee, or
  - 4.4.2 upon notification in writing to the Executive of his withdrawal from membership, or
  - 4.4.3 when he is expelled from membership in accordance with these By-Laws.
- 4.5 A Resident shall:
  - 4.5.1 Shall reside within the B.M.B.A boundary as defined in on page 3 of the B.M.B.A handbook.
- 4.6 A Non Reside shall:
  - 4.6.1 not reside within the B.M.B.A boundary as defined on page 3 of the B.M.B.A handbook.
- 4.7 Residency is established and verified using the boundaries declared by Baseball Manitoba as found in the B.M.B.A handbook on page 3.

#### **By-Law V - Termination Of Membership**

- 5.1. Any member may resign from the Association at any time by notifying the Secretary in writing; however, an administration fee may be charged.
- 5.2 Any member who in the opinion of the Discipline Committee (assigned by the Executive), fails to maintain an acceptable standard of conduct may be asked to resign in written form after a least one previous written warning. That decision will result in the loss of voting privileges, unless the member wins a successful appeal. An administration fee may be charged.
- 5.3 Any member who, in the opinion of the Discipline Committee, fails to comply with the By-Laws and Regulations of the Association may be asked to resigned, in written form after at least one previous written warning. That decision will result in the loss of voting privileges, unless the member wins a successful appeal. An administration fee may be charged.
- 5.4 Any member who has been requested to resign may exercise the right to appeal the decision provided the written request is received by the Executive Committee within seven (7) days of the request to resign. Any member who refuses to resign on written request will be considered expelled from the Association.
- 5.5 The Executive claims the rights and interests as the Rental Contract Carrier, (if and when the B.M.B.A must pay for the rental of fields, meeting rooms or facilities) to bar any expelled or resigned member from any or all facilities where Association functions including meetings,

games and practices are taking place for a specified period of time.

5.6 A member who ceases to be a member, or is expelled or suspended from the Association shall forthwith forfeit all rights and interests arising from, or Association with membership in the Association. This means the suspended or expelled member cannot coach or manage a team, hold an elected or appointed position until the suspension is served or waived on successful appeal.

5.6.1 The member can be suspended or expelled for a time frame deemed appropriate by the Discipline Committee to be ratified by the Executive.

### **By-Laws VI - Meetings**

6.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association membership shall be held at the city of Brandon, in the Province of Manitoba, during the period 15 November and 23 December inclusive, in each year.

6.2 Meetings of the Association membership:

6.2.1 shall be at the call of the President.

6.2.2 when required, or desired the Executive may call a meeting of the Association membership.

6.2.3 at the written request from one third of the Association membership, a special meeting shall be convened. The proceedings of such a meeting shall be confined to the matters specified in the request.

6.3 Notice of B.M.B.A. Annual Meeting or any Special General Meeting will be given in writing at least 14 days in advance of meeting.

6.4 Upon instruction from the President, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate members of the time and place of each meeting.

6.5 The President shall chair the meeting. In the event the President is unable to fulfill this responsibility, the Vice President will fill in. In the event that both the President/Vice President is unavailable, the meeting will be chaired by a member of the Executive designated by the President.

6.6 At any annual or special meeting of the B.M.B.A., the following, as appropriate, will be the order of business:

6.6.1 Roll Call of Executive to include President, Immediate Past President (or EMAL), Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Division Conveners (U7, U9, U11, U13/15, U18), Coach Certification, High Performance Director and Umpire in Chief.

6.6.2 Reading of the minutes of past meetings.

6.6.3 Report of the President.

6.6.4 Report of the Secretary/Registrar.

- 6.6.5 Report of the Treasurer.
- 6.6.6 Report of the Division Conveners
- 6.6.7 Report of the Equipment Manager.
- 6.6.8 Report of the Facilities Director.
- 6.6.9 Report of the Sport Development Director
- 6.6.10 Report of the High Performance Director.
- 6.6.11 Report of the Umpire in Chief.
- 6.6.12 Report of any Committees.
- 6.6.13 Resolutions.
- 6.6.14 Elections
- 6.6.15 Orders and General Business.
- 6.6.16 Adjournment.
- 6.7 The President may, when deemed necessary, invite any member, or non-member to any meeting of the Association to address a particular subject on the agenda.
- 6.8 Voting on any issue arising at meetings of the Executive shall be decided by a simple majority of the eligible members present in person. Each eligible member in attendance is entitled to only one vote per issue, regardless of the number of positions they may occupy on the Executive. There shall be no proxy votes. The Chairman of any meeting is not entitled to vote on an issue, unless it is to break a tie.
- 6.9 The meetings of the Executive Committee shall:
  - 6.9.1 be at the call of the President.
  - 6.9.2 be held once per month starting in January through to the AGM.
  - 6.9.3 At the request of the Secretary, the President shall convene a special meeting of the Executive. The proceedings at such meeting shall be confined to the matters specified in the request.
  - 6.9.4 A quorum is not less than three members of the committee not including the President.
  - 6.9.5 Only those members who are part of the Executive Committee are entitled to one vote. All others in attendance at Executive Committee meetings are not entitled to vote on any matter.



### **By-Law VII - The Executive**

- 7.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President (or EMAL), Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Division Conveners (U7, U9, U11, U13/15, U18), Coach Certification, High Performance Director and Umpire in Chief.
- 7.2 The Executive shall have the power to appoint to any vacant position. The appointee will hold that office until the next AGM unless deemed otherwise by the Executive.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall have control of the affairs of the Association.
- 7.4 The Executive members shall be elected at the AGM by a majority vote of the membership present in person. The Executive elect will not assume powers of office until the conclusion of the AGM. Incumbent Executive members are eligible for re-election.
- 7.5 If any member of the Executive resigns his office, or ceases to be a member of the Association, or without reasonable excuse absents himself from two consecutive meetings of the Executive, or be suspended or expelled from the Association, The Executive shall declare his office vacated. The Executive Committee shall then be charged with filling the vacant position if required.
- 7.6 The Executive shall have the authority to appoint any committee as deemed necessary using both members from the Executive, general membership or non-members as appropriate.

### **By-Law VIII - Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee**

- 8.1 The management of the affairs of the B.M.B.A. will be conducted by the Executive Committee or any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 8.2 The Executive Committee, acting by majority vote, will have the power to fill any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the Executive, and which vacancy may be filled until the next ensuring AGM.
- 8.3. The Executive Committee will have the power to impose and enforce penalties for violation of the constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the B.M.B.A.
- 8.4. The Executive Committee may, by a two-thirds vote, forthwith remove from office any member of the Executive Committee for neglect of duty, or conduct tending to impair such member's usefulness.
- 8.5 The Executive Committee will supervise the collection and authorize the expenditure of funds of the B.M.B.A. provided always that funds coming into the B.M.B.A. will be allocated in accordance with the purpose so intended.
- 8.6 The Executive Committee will interpret, define and explain all provisions of the Constitution and By -Laws of the B.M.B.A.

- 8.7 The Executive Committee will adjudicate all disputes between members, which may arise during Annual Meetings.
- 8.8 The Executive Committee will appoint all delegates to attend all meetings of Baseball MB, Regions and Leagues.

### **By-Law IX - Duties and Powers of the President**

- 9.1 The President will have the power to suspend summarily, any player, coach, manager, or trainer of any team under the auspices of a member of the B.M.B.A. for improper conduct, on or off the field, for abusive language to any official, or for any other infraction, in the sole discretion of the President, deemed to be detrimental, Such suspension to be effective until dealt with by the Discipline Committee within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Chairman of the Special Committee.
- 9.2 No person may be elected President unless that person has served as a member of the Association for a period of not less than one year.
- 9.3 The President, within the jurisdiction of the Association, shall:
  - 9.3.1 be the signing officer for the Association.
  - 9.3.2 exercise the powers of the Executive, in case of emergency.
  - 9.3.3 discipline up to and including suspension of any team, coach, manager, player, trainer, or other official connected within the Association, subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Executive.
  - 9.3.4 generally manage and supervise the affairs and operation of the Association.
  - 9.3.5 together with the Secretary, or other officer appointed by the Executive for that purpose, shall sign all resolutions, transfers, and releases.
  - 9.3.6 shall not be a member of the coaching staff or manager of any B.M.B.A. team.
  - 9.3.7 The president may request an exception to the above, but that must be presented in writing to the Executive to ratify. Conflict of interest rules as stated Bylaw I, 1.5 will govern any matters that may arise.

### **By - Law X - Duties of the Vice President**

- 10.1 No person may be elected Vice President unless that person has served as a member of the Executive for a period of not less than one year, with the exception made when there is no present Executive member able to make that commitment. In the absence of the president, or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice President shall have and exercise all the powers, authority and restrictions of the President.
  - 10.1.1 The Vice-President shall preside and act as Chairperson at all meetings

### **By-Law XI - Banking**

- 11.1 The Signing Officers of the Association for the purpose of drawing checks on the account or accounts of the Association shall be one of the President or the Treasurer. *(Amended: February 2016 from two signers to one signer because of a requirement from the new online bank account)*

### **By-Law XII - Amendments**

- 12.1 No amendments to the By-Laws of the Association, whether by way of new provision, amended provisions, or to rescind any of the provisions in these By-Laws, shall be made except at the Annual Meeting, or other general meeting of the Association membership, and then only by Special Resolution. Notice of any proposed amendment or amendments must be filed with the Secretary in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall cause the contents of the resolution, or summary thereof to be posted on the B.M.B.A. website ([www.brandonminorbaseball.ca](http://www.brandonminorbaseball.ca)) with the notice of the Annual Meeting, or any other general meeting at which it is proposed to consider the resolution.

### **By-Law XIII - Minutes of Meetings and other Books and Records**

- 13.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Association and the Executive shall be taken and prepared by the Secretary. After approval of the minutes, they shall be first signed by the President and Secretary. The Secretary shall have custody of all minutes, as well as other books, records and documents of the Association.

### **By-Law XIV - Inspection of Books and Records**

- 14.1 The President shall make available for inspection, the books and records of the Association to a member of the Executive at any time and to all other members of the Association in good standing at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

### **By-Law XV - Discipline Procedure and Dispute Resolution**

- 15.1 General Policy - The B.M.B.A. expects all team officials to exhibit leadership qualities that promote player sportsmanship and decorum, as well as acceptable levels of propriety, towards opponents, game officials, and spectators.
- 15.2 As such, standards of behavior should be clearly defined and maintained throughout the season, within a climate of mutual respect. It is recognized, however, from time to time, sanctions may be necessary, from an external source, for behavior, which transgresses acceptable standards. Such sanctions may be applied to any player, team official, team follower, parent, or member, and may take the form of:
- 15.2.1 A verbal reprimand.
  - 15.2.2 A written reprimand.
  - 15.2.3 A suspension.
  - 15.2.4 An expulsion.

- 15.2.5 A combination of the above.
- 15.3 The B.M.B.A. through its elected or appointed officials have the authority to discipline any player, team official, team follower, parent or member. The President shall ensure that written policy or regulations exist with respect to the application of discipline that ensures that each disciplinary incident is dealt with consistently within the process set out below:
- 15.4 Three different Discipline Stages are possible, namely:
- 15.4.1 Stage 1 The Informal Process.
- 15.4.2 Stage 2 The Formal Process.
- 15.4.3 Stage 3 The Appeal Process.
- 15.5 Some incidents that may warrant disciplinary action are as follows:
- 15.5.1 Profanity by players, team officials or club representatives.
- 15.5.2 A player who is ejected from a game.
- 15.5.3 A coach or bench assistant who is ejected from a game.
- 15.5.4 A team, who in the opinion of the Chairman, is being assessed too many infractions of a serious nature.
- 15.5.5 A team member or team follower who repeatedly brings discredit to the team and the Association, through violent, abusive, or gross behavior, on or off the field.
- 15.5.6 Use of alcohol or other illegal substances while representing B.M.B.A. through participation in any team activities.
- 15.5.7 A parent or guardian who exhibits conduct unbecoming to the integrity of B.M.B.A.
- 15.6 Two B.M.B.A Executive situations that will warrant disciplinary action are:
- 15.6.1 Any elected official or appointed member of the B.M.B.A. Executive who does not attend three consecutive meetings may be relieved of his or her duties.
- 15.6.2 Any elected or appointed member of the B.M.B.A. Executive who, by a vote of Executive, is deemed to be doing an unsatisfactory job, shall by a 75% majority vote, of those present at the meeting, be relieved of his or her duties.
- 15.7 STAGE 1 - THE INFORMAL PROCESS
- 15.7.1 Standard Suspensions
- 15.7.1.1 Where the Baseball MB or Baseball Canada current rulebook dictates a suspension for a player for a rule transgression, and game officials determine, by write-up, that such a transgression took place, the coach

in consultation with the Executive Officials, as a matter of routine will implement the suspension.

#### 15.7.2 Non-Standard Suspensions

15.7.2.1 When incidents occur which may warrant disciplinary action the coach (es) shall report the incident as quickly as possible, and at least prior to the next game, for action.

15.7.3 The Executive (Discipline Committee), and coach shall meet, investigate the incident, and determine sanctions applied. In investigating the incident, they may consult game officials, players, parents, and other observers that they may deem necessary to gain relevant facts of the incident.

15.7.4 The coach (es) implements the sanctions with the players. A file must be created and established with the Executive until the end of the season.

#### 15.7.5 Appeal of Discipline

15.7.5.1 Notwithstanding the above, should a coach, player, or parent feel that stage 1 has not satisfactorily resolved the issue, it may be appealed to stage 2 in writing. However, stage 1 sanctions remain in effect until stage 2 is complete.

15.7.5.2 For incidents of a very serious nature, the Executive may elect to suspend the player(s) indefinitely and proceed to stage 2.

15.7.5.3 Any appeal of discipline must occur within 72 hours of notification of the original discipline being communicated. The appeal must be in writing to the President of B.M.B.A.

### 15.8 STAGE 2 —THE FORMAL PROCESS

15.8.1 The Vice President on receiving a written appeal or request shall convene a Discipline committee Meeting.

15.8.2 The Discipline Committee shall consist of the President and two elected members of the Executive.

15.8.3 The Discipline Committee shall establish a hearing and invite such persons as they deem necessary to provide information to the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee shall, with all dispatch, render a decision and communicate that decision to the offending party (ies). Such communication may be verbal at the outset but shall be confirmed in writing with copies logged with B.M.B.A office via a file created for the incident.

15.8.4 The Vice President reports the outcome of the hearing to the President

#### 15.8.5 APPEAL OF DISCIPLINE

- 15.13.1 Notwithstanding the above, should a coach, player, or parent feel that Stage 2 has not satisfactorily resolved the issue, it may be appealed to Stage 3 by writing to the B.M.B.A. Secretary, requesting an Appeal to the decision. This appeal must occur within 72 hours of the decision being communicated.

#### 15.14 STAGE 3 - THE APPEAL PROCESS

- 15.14.1 The B.M.B.A. Secretary on receiving a written request for an appeal shall place the item on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and inform, the President, Vice-President and respective coach of its receipt.
- 15.14.2 The B.M.B.A. Executive may provide up to thirty minutes of meeting time for the person making the appeal to state their case. After the statement has been given, the Executive will discuss the case in private.
- 15.14.3 The Executive Committee shall render its decision by motion, and a simple majority of those members in attendance shall suffice.

#### 15.15 APPEAL OF DECISION

- 15.15.1 Notwithstanding the above, should a coach, player, or parent feel that stage 3 has not satisfactorily resolved the issue, it may be appealed by writing to the B.M.B.A Secretary, requesting an appeal to the decision. This appeal must occur within 72 hours of the decision being communicated.
- 15.15.2 The B.M.B.A. Secretary on receiving a written request for an appeal shall place the item on the agenda for a special meeting of the Executive. The Secretary must inform the President and Vice President of its receipt.
- 15.15.3 The B.M.B.A. Executive may provide up to thirty minutes of meeting time for the person making the appeal to state their case.
- 15.15.4 The Executive Committee shall render its decision by motion, and a simple majority of all Executive members.
- 15.15.5 The decision of the Executive shall be final and binding on all parties, except those avenues of recourse provided by Baseball MB and Baseball Canada.

#### 15.16 Without restricting the foregoing the following general guidelines apply:

- 15.16.1 First infraction by players will normally be satisfactory concluded at Stage 1.
- 15.16.2 Second infractions by players could proceed directly to Stage 2 under extreme circumstances.
- 15.16.3 Infractions that involve coaches, team followers, or parents will normally proceed directly to Stage 2.

15.16.4 Suspensions when applied to players shall specify:

15.16.4.1 The number of games to which the suspension applies, both league and exhibition, or

15.16.4.2 The time period for which the suspension applies.

15.16.5 Player suspension includes no activity in bench area, prior to or after the specified games, or during the specified time period.

15.16.6 Suspensions when applied to parents, coaches, or team followers shall normally restrict the access of those persons to bench areas, and possibly spectator areas of diamonds.

## SECTION 2

### REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

#### Regulation 1 – Members Expectations

- Parent Expectations
- Team Member Expectations

#### Regulation 2 – Code of Conduct

#### Regulation 3 – Player Movement

#### Regulation 4 – Registration Fees

#### Regulation 5 – Number of Games, Practices and Tournaments

#### Regulation 6 – Equipment and Jerseys

#### Regulation 7 – Abuse and Harassment



# BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

### REGULATION 1 - MEMBERS EXPECTATIONS

#### 1.1 PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- 1.1.1 Parents can have an effect on the performance and morals of the team members and other parents. The impact may be positive or negative it is up to the individual.
- 1.1.2 The sportsmanship of the team members and parents reflect on the team and the entire Association. The Executive and Coaches request that the parents reinforce the team member's rules and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship and the philosophy of the B.M.B.A. and the team.
- 1.1.3 Each parent will support B.M.B.A. and the team their child plays on to the best of their ability. This includes providing assistance with transportation, fundraising (if team decides to), scorekeeping, keeping pitch counts, team jersey care, managing the team's finances by setting up an account and collecting fees, and disbursing expenses, handing out information, appointing a parent rep to act as a spokesperson for all of the team parents, etc. It is expected that parents will contribute their "fair share" of volunteer duties on the team.
- 1.1.4 Act as worthy ambassadors of B.M.B.A. and the city of Brandon while attending out-of-town games with their son/daughter.
- 1.1.5 Not interfere or harass Coaches, Managers, and Officials.
- 1.1.6 Do not shout any instruction to any child from the stands, only shout positive encouraging remarks. Instruction should come from the coaches only.
- 1.1.7 The umpires are trying to do the best job they possibly can. They are human and are going to make mistakes. From time to time, the coaching staff will talk to the umpires that's their job. Please refrain from derogatory comments directed at the officials.
- 1.1.8 It is each team's responsibility to do the best job possible in equalizing playing time. Playing times may not be equal in each and every game but over the course of a long season, it equals out. Winning is secondary to the development of each child's baseball skills, teamwork, camaraderie and positive attitude. However, it does not make sense to lose a game by not trying our best to win the game. This could involve having certain players on the field more often than normal to do this. If you have a concern, please discuss it with the Coach of your child's team in private.
- 1.1.9 Always wait 24 hours before making any comments that are critical. Then if there is still a problem, talk to the coaching staff privately, not publicly. Please do not talk about the problem in front of your child.
- 1.1.10 Never be critical of other players baseball skills, ie) "He can't catch"; "He can't pitch", etc.

- 1.1.11 Please arrive for practices and games at least 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled time, unless otherwise instructed by the Coach.
- 1.1.12 Please inform the coach directly if your player is unable to attend a practice or game.

## 1.2 TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- 1.2.1 Team members are expected to follow these rules. Discipline for violation of any of these rules will be handled in a consistent manner and equitable to all members regardless of abilities.
- 1.2.2 Team members are expected to:
  - 1.2.2.1 Act in a sportsman-like manner at all times, on and off the field. Conduct that will not be tolerated include:
  - 1.2.2.2 Abusive language directed at coaches, teammates, teammates parents, officials, or members of other teams.
  - 1.2.2.3 Throwing of equipment in anger.
  - 1.2.2.4 Intentionally attempting to injure another player whether is it a teammate or an opposing player.
  - 1.2.2.5 Intentionally ignoring instructions.
  - 1.2.2.6 Disruptive horseplay.
- 1.2.3 Be on time for practices and games. If a member cannot attend, every effort must be made to notify one of the coaches or manager. Players who do not practice may not play.
- 1.2.4 Coaches will ensure that all players are wearing all mandatory protective equipment, in good repair, worn as recommended by the manufacturer The coaches will not permit a player on the field if he/she is not fully equipped.

## REGULATION 2- CODE OF CONDUCT

### 2.1 PURPOSE

The Code of Conduct has been developed to achieve a number of objectives including:

- 2.1.1 To uphold and advance the vision and mission of B.M.B.A.
- 2.1.2 To provide a clear definition of the expectation that B.M.B.A. has for members who represents B.M.B.A.

- 2.1.3 To ensure that individuals representing B.M.B.A exhibit conduct and behavior which reflects favorably on B.M.B.A, the league the team plays in, and all others associated with B.M.B.A.
- 2.1.4 To ensure the health and safety of all involved, including B.M.B.A. Executive, fellow competitors, spectators and the public.

## 2.2 APPLICABILITY

- 2.2.1 The Code of Conduct will apply to all members of the Association including all carded players, coaches, managers, trainers and other team representative, Executive, and any other individual who the general public has reason to believe represents B.M.B.A.
- 2.2.2 This Code of Conduct applies at all times while representing the Association or a team in the Association. An individual is representing B.M.B.A and/or the team at all times while involved in games, practices, or other team functions and including all travel associated with participation in the functions.

## 2.3 SPECIFIC RULES

- 2.3.1 The following rules shall apply universally to all representatives of B.M.B.A when they participate in B.M.B.A activities on or off the field.
- 2.3.2 In situations where players travel or room with their families during B.M.B.A. functions (particularly out-of-town tournaments and games), these rules may be modified at the discretion of the coaching staff. Any modification shall not have the effect of lessening the intent of the Code, but only to make application of the Code more practical under specific circumstances. In such situations, the head of the family may wish to assume responsibility for the behavior of the player and must so advise the head coach or manager. The player must still adhere to the broad principles underlying these rules and in all instances, the Head Coach is ultimately responsible for enforcement of the Code.
- 2.3.4 The following rules are in addition to rules of play established by Baseball Canada, Baseball MB, and other such bodies having jurisdiction over the performance of individuals involved in the game of baseball.
- 2.3.5 Representative of the B.M.B.A shall conduct themselves properly at all times as to not in any way discredit the reputation of the Association, the team, or fellow players. This includes but is not restricted to the following:
  - 2.3.5.1 Shall exhibit good sportsmanship in all circumstances.
  - 2.3.5.2 Shall refrain from verbal or physical abuse of officials, other participants, and fans.
  - 2.3.5.3 Shall obey the rules and regulations of all governing bodies and shall cooperate with their enforcement.

- 2.3.5.4 Shall refrain from using profane language.
- 2.3.5.5 Shall refrain from taunting other participants.
- 2.3.5.6 Shall in general be required to act in a manner that would reflect well on the image of the individual, the team, and B.M.B.A.
- 2.3.6 No representative shall engage in rowdiness, hooliganism, excessive profanity or similar anti-social acts.
- 2.3.7 Players shall have no members of the opposite sex that do not play on their team in team hotel rooms, be in other hotel rooms with members of the opposite sex or attend unauthorized private parties when traveling with their team.
- 2.3.8 No Representative shall violate curfews established while traveling. In this regard, it shall be the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure that curfews are established while traveling and that they are communicated to all Representatives, giving regard to the age of the individuals involved and the schedule for the events. The Head Coach's decision regarding the establishment of curfews shall be final.
- 2.3.9 No Representative shall violate any specific rules established by a Team traveling on behalf of the B.M.B.A. These rules could include use of hotel sports and recreation equipment, dress regulations, participation in recreational activities while traveling, and other rules established to assist in enhancing the performance of the team.
- 2.3.10 It shall be a breach of the Code of Conduct to have knowledge of a situation or event which constitutes a breach, and to condone the action through continued participation in the general events surrounding the breach, or for failing to take reasonable efforts (including reporting the activity to appropriate team officials) to attempt to stop the incident.
- 2.3.11 Breaches of the Rules of Baseball may result in disciplinary action as breaches of this Code of Conduct. This is particularly true when the Rules of Baseball dealing with player and/or coach ejections, intent to injure and abuse of umpires are breached.
- 2.3.12 The following actions are deemed to be Major violations of the Code of Conduct:
  - 2.3.12.1 No member shall engage in any activity, which constitutes a breach of the Criminal Code of Canada.
  - 2.3.12.2 No member shall illegally possess, consume or distribute alcohol or drugs and shall not participate in any public activities while under the influence of these substances.
  - 2.3.12.3 No member shall engage in any activity, which constitutes an endangerment to the lives, health or safety of himself or others, or results in the destruction or defacement of public or private property.

Unreasonable application of the rules of the Code of Conduct may in itself constitute a breach of the Code. Complaints of unreasonable application of the Code of Conduct must be made in writing to the B.M.B.A Executive.

## 2.4 CONSEQUENCES

- 2.4.1 In dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct the matter under consideration should be dealt with as quickly as possible under the circumstances giving consideration to both the actual and potential risks, which were created by the breach of the Code.
- 2.4.2 In the event of a Major Breach of the Code of Conduct, the individual(s) shall be immediately suspended from participation in any B.M.B.A functions until dealt with by the Discipline Committee within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Chairman of the Special Committee.

## REGULATION 3- PLAYER MOVEMENT

- 3.1 No player movement will be allowed after teams are set. All access to players will be done through the affiliation process.

## REGULATION 4 - REGISTRATION FEES

- 4.1 All registration money must be paid (or acceptable arrangements made) before the first practice. The B.M.B.A Executive will set the registration fees on a yearly basis.
- 4.2 All registration refunds will withhold \$25 minimum administration fee.
- 4.2.1 Refunds of registration fees will be given for players who quit SMHA according to the following schedule:

Date Player leaving	Refund Amount
Before April 30th	100% less admin fee
Before May 31st	50%
After May 31 <sup>st</sup>	0%

- 4.2.2 Exceptions will be made to players with extenuating circumstances such as moving away, or baseball injuries that prevent the player from playing the rest of the season. **NOTE that no refunds shall be given out after May 31st.**
- 4.2.3 B.M.B.A supports the theory that all players be given a chance to play baseball. Any player wishing to register after April 30<sup>th</sup>, must contact the registrar for board approval and registration forms. Any player joining late will be evaluated and placed on an appropriate team. Players that register late will be required to pay the FULL registration fee.
- 4.2.4 Any player wishing to register after May 10th will require approval from Baseball MB.

## REGULATION 5 – NUMBER OF GAMES, PRACTICES AND TOURNAMENTS

- 5.1 B.M.B.A. reserves the right to set a maximum number of games that any one team will play during a baseball season. This will be set at the beginning of each baseball season within a reasonable limit keeping in mind that these players are still children. The schedule will be prepared by the appropriate Division Conveners with approval by the President.

## REGULATION 6 - EQUIPMENT AND JERSEYS

- 6.1 All equipment will be handed out to the teams via the equipment Manager. All B.M.B.A. equipment will be stored in the equipment shed between baseball seasons.
- 7.1.1 It is mandatory for each player to provide their own baseball helmet.
- 6.2 The team management is responsible for the return of all equipment assigned to the team in a clean and timely fashion to the Equipment Manager. A date for the return will be set each year by the Equipment Manager and communicated to the team managers near the end of each baseball season. Any equipment not returned to B.M.B.A. will be the financial responsibility of that particular team.
- 6.3 All equipment supplied by the B.M.B.A. will remain the property of the B.M.B.A. subject to specific rules put forward from time to time by the B.M.B.A. Executive. B.M.B.A. Executive will undertake disposal of all B.M.B.A. equipment. Team players will not inherit any equipment, sweaters, etc. If any equipment handed out is viewed by the coaches as “unsafe”, they should contact their divisional director for assistance.

## REGULATION 7 - ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

- 7.1 B.M.B.A. is committed to a hockey program that promotes and honors the values of fun, respect, and positive development for all participants.
- 7.2 B.M.B.A. has defined unacceptable behavior as: **An individual is considered to be displaying unacceptable behavior if they are verbally, physically, or sexually harassing and/or abusing a game participant (player, coach, official, volunteer, or spectator).**
- 7.2.1 A common example of this type of behavior would be a spectator who shouts or gestures to harass or abuse a participant in a way that the participant becomes aware of the intent of the activity.
- 7.3 All policies as per the Baseball MB handbook and policies governing Baseball Canada will be enforced.

## SECTION 3

### BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

#### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Vice President
4. Treasurer
5. Equipment Manager
6. Registrar

## BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. PRESIDENT

- 1.1 Ensure corporate programs, Vision and Mission statements, Core Values, and Policies and Procedures are being adhered to.
- 1.2 Understand and adhere to any By-Laws and Rules and Regulations in the context of how they relate to B.M.B.A.
- 1.3 Attend league meetings in the absence of the coaches/managers.
- 1.4 Ensure the Association is being run in accordance with the Vision and Mission Statements.
- 1.5 Co-ordinate year-end review of By-Laws and Policies and Procedures for the Association and ensure recommendations and implementations for change/improvements are implemented

#### 2. SECRETARY

##### 2.1 Meeting responsibilities:

- 2.1.1 Will send out the notice of meeting and agendas to all those who are entitled to attend. The agenda should be prepared by the Secretary after discussion with the President.
- 2.1.2 Confirm a location for the meeting and ensure that it is properly set up prior to the meeting.
- 2.1.3 Ensure that all reports are received for photocopying and circulation prior to the meeting.
- 2.1.4 Bring all materials that may be needed to the meeting this includes previous minutes and any reports.
- 2.1.5 Take notes of the meeting, capturing the ideas express, decisions made and actions taken.
- 2.1.6 Read aloud any documents, which may be required.
- 2.1.7 Carry out any actions arising from the meeting, which pertain to the Secretary.
- 2.1.8 Attend all Executive meetings. If unable to attend designate a person to take notes.
- 2.1.9 Handle all correspondence as necessary.



3. VICE PRESIDENT

3.1 The Vice-President is a member of the Executive Committee.

3.2 Chairman of meeting responsibilities include:

3.2.1 Is responsible for achieving results while maintaining harmony and order during meetings.

3.2.2 Be familiar with all items on an agenda and the reason for their discussion at the meeting.

3.2.3 Confirm that meetings have been duly called and properly constituted.

3.2.4 Start and finish (or adjourn) the meeting according to the schedule.

3.2.5 Introduce guests or observers at the beginning of the meeting.

3.2.6 Ensure that all members are given full opportunity to express their opinions.

3.2.7 Conduct the meeting in an orderly way, according to the Association's By-Laws and current rules for Association meetings.

3.2.8 Decide who may speak.

3.2.9 Limit discussion to the matters with the scope of the meeting and decide when there has been sufficient. debate on each motion.

3.2.10 Call for votes.

3.2.11 Declare the results of voting.

3.2.12 Ensure that proper minutes of the meeting are kept. Sign the minutes of the previous meeting which he/she presided

3.3 Ensures the duties of the Executive are within the Policies and Procedures of the Association.

3.4 Works closely with each Executive member as required.

3.5 Ensure that all B.M.B.A. programs, By-Laws, Vision and Mission statements, and Policies and Procedures are being adhered to.

3.6 Represents Brandon Minor Baseball at appropriate league meetings.

3.7 Coordinate year-end review of policies and procedures with coaches/managers and make recommendations for changes.

3.8 Be familiar with all items in the agenda and the reason for their discussion at any meeting.

3.8 Be familiar with the duties of the President and be able to take his/her place when he/she is unavailable.

#### 4 TREASURER

4.1 Prepare the next year budget with different scenarios pertaining to number of kids, costs, and registration fees.

4.2 Be present at all registration nights, and if unavailable have someone act in your place.

4.3 Ensure all payments are received for each player including conditioning camp and hockey school.

4.4 Keep accurate record of fees and expenses.

4.5 Deposit fee payments in a timely basis.

4.6 Collect all outstanding fees and NSF's

4.7 Pay invoices on a timely basis.

4.8 Prepared financial statements to be reviewed at each monthly meeting

#### 5. EQUIPMENT MANAGER

5.1 Is responsible for supplying teams with jerseys, and any necessary equipment.

5.2 Ensures the equipment and jerseys are in good condition and replace as necessary.

5.3 Maintains adequate inventory control over jerseys and equipment.

5.4 Ensures the equipment shed is organized and secure.

5.5 Ensure that purchase of new team jerseys follow B.M.B.A.'s policies and procedures.

5.7 Collect the jerseys and equipment at the end of the season.

5.8 Attend coaches/managers meeting and explain role.

5.9 Year-end review of responsibilities/processes and recommendations for changes.

6. REGISTRAR

- 6.1 Coordinate all registration events in cooperation with the B.M.B.A. Executive.
- 6.2 Contact all coaches to give out team sheets. Explain the process clearly and emphasize the need to complete the job CAREFULLY and QUICKLY. Copies of team sheets should be kept by the Managers.
- 6.3 Send all completed team sheets to Baseball MB before the set deadline.
- 6.5 Year-end review of responsibilities/processes and recommendations for changes.

**SECTION 4**  
**CRITICAL PATH**  
**Brandon Minor Baseball Critical Path**

**January/February**

- HRDC and Green Team grants due
- Decide on Canada Day Dates
- Division Prices
- League Date, division nights
- AAA program, coaches, AAA budget
- Umpire budget
- Equipment budget
- Order Registration Forms (Update registration website)
- Confirm Mall Booth
- Advertise season information

**March**

- Mall Weekend (see mall checklist)
- Put registration info on website
- Write newsletter
- Decide on clinic dates, coaches, umpires, players

**April/May**

- Book Rookie camp workers and photographers
- Coaches Meeting, Explain what BMBA pays for, Regular games and umpires. Extra and exhibition teams pay for.
- Book Diamonds through Simplot Millennium Field
- Double Check rosters to fees paid, Rosters due May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Fall**

- Put away jerseys, equipment, clean shed

SECTION 5

B.M.B.A HANDBOOK

# BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## HANDBOOK 2018



UPDATED  
Changes approved

APRIL 2018  
March 23, 2018

**B.M.B.A.**

**EXECUTIVE 2018**

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IPP or Member at Large	Scott Ramsay		scott@shilocountryclub.com
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11U Convenor	Bryce Neufeld		bryceneufeld@wcgwave.ca
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7U Convenor	Lacie Anderson		landhj.and@gmail.com

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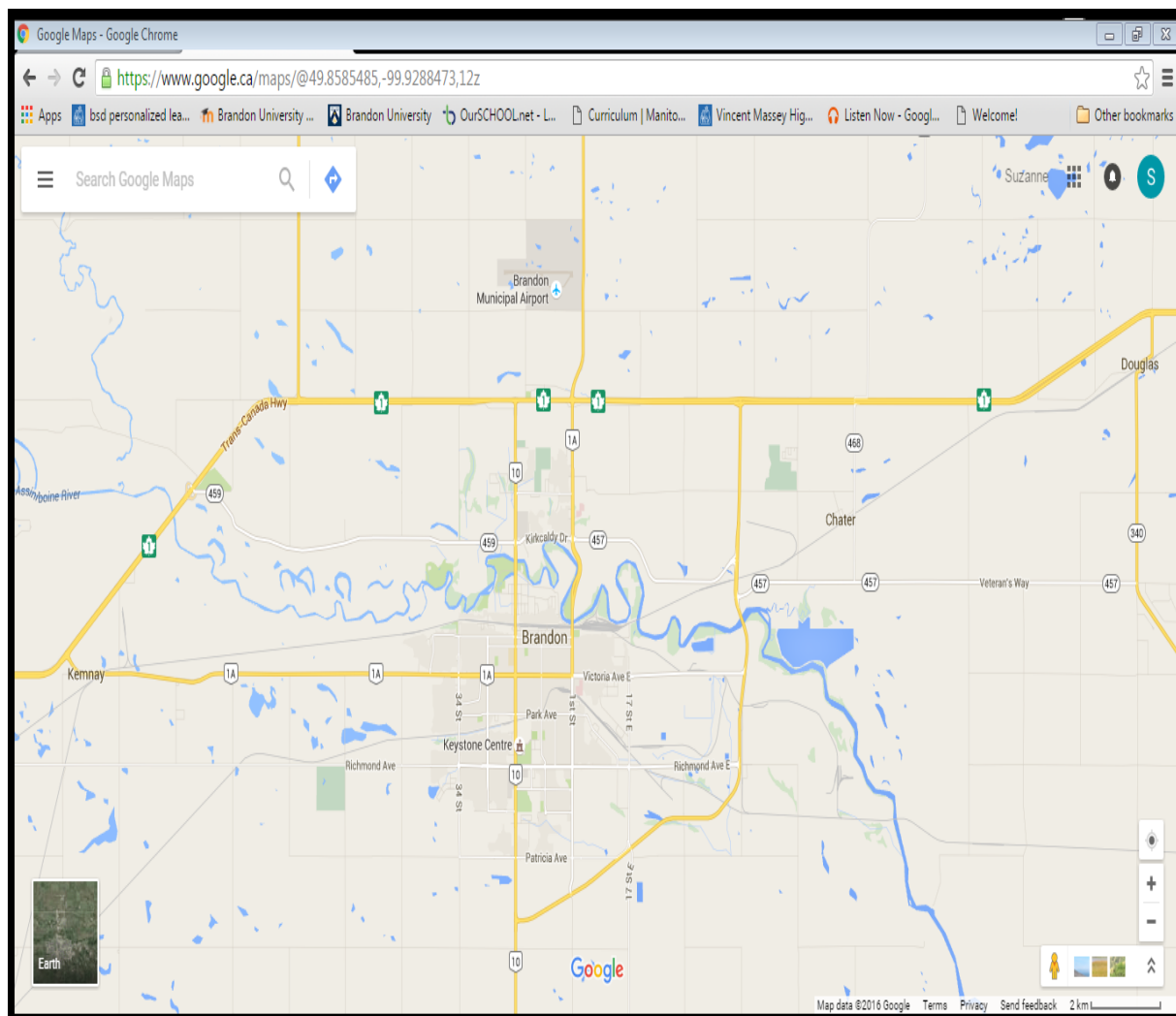
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**Website:** [www.baseballmanitoba.ca](http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca)

# MAP OF THE B.M.B.A REGION



**Brandon Region: March 2014**— includes areas south of #1 highway, bordered on the west by Hwy #250, to include Kennay, on the south by Hwy #349, following #10 south to Hwy #453, east to Hwy #340, and northward on Hwy #464, to include Shilo.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

- [www.brandonminorbaseball.ca](http://www.brandonminorbaseball.ca)
- [www.baseballmanitoba.ca](http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca)
- [www.baseball.ca](http://www.baseball.ca)
- [www.mjbl.ca](http://www.mjbl.ca)
- [www.mbhof.ca](http://www.mbhof.ca)
- [www.leaguetoobox.com](http://www.leaguetoobox.com)



## BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

<b>2018 LEAGUE RESULTS</b>			
<b>Division</b>	<b>League Winner</b>	<b>League Runner – Up</b>	<b>Provincial Winner</b>
11U Mosquito	Monarchs (Ramage/McMullan) “AA” Reps	Blue Jays (Martine/Sylvestre) “A” Reps Provincial Runner-up	Niverville (Carillon) “A”
13U PeeWee	Royals (Martine/Stone) “AA” Reps	Grizzlies (Stephens/Simard) “A” – Rep Provincial Runner-up	Russell (Midwest) “A”
13U Peewee – Cloverleafs	Athletics (Parker)	Tigers (Lobreau/Clegg/Gray)	
15U Bantam	Blue (Andrews/Loewen) “AA” Rep		La Broquerie (Carillon) “AA”

### **REGISTRATION**

- On-line registration for Brandon Minor Baseball is through a link on the BMBA website:  
[www.brandonminorbaseball.ca](http://www.brandonminorbaseball.ca)  
If you registered online last year you and your player(s) will already be in the system. The online process is simple and will require a major credit card for completion.
- BMBA will participate in the Brandon Shoppers Mall Spring Sport Sign Up event.  
The table will be primarily for informational purposes only. Volunteers will be recruited to assist with the Spring Sport Sign Up event.

### **FEES 2018**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Birth Years</b>	<b>Fees/Player</b>
7U (Rally Caps)	2012/2011	\$100
9U (Grand Slam )	2010/2009	\$150
11U (Mosquito)	2008/2007	\$200
13U (PeeWee)	2006/2005	\$200
15U (Bantam)	2004/2003	\$200
18U (Midget)	2000/2001/2002	\$125 *

\*Midget fees subject to change depending on tournaments.

- Midget team(s) will be created at the conclusion of the High School Baseball Season
- Fees for AAA teams will be determined by the coordinator in consultation with the coaches. Funding provided by BMBA for AAA teams will be determined by the High Performance Committee.

### **LATE FEES 2018**

- Registrations received after April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be subject to a \$50 late fee. This does not apply to Midget players.

## **REFUND OF FEES**

- All registration refunds will withhold \$25 minimum administration fee.
- Refunds for BMBA will be given according to the following schedule:

<b>Date Player Leaving</b>	<b>Refund Amount</b>
Before April 30 <sup>th</sup>	100% less admin fee
Before May 31 <sup>st</sup>	50%
After May 31 <sup>st</sup>	0%

## **COACHES REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- All teams MUST fill out the Baseball Manitoba Registration forms in cooperation with BMBA's registrar. The spreadsheet should be completed and returned to the BMBA registrar by Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Confirm names and birthdates on the spreadsheet with the parents of your players prior to sending the form to the registrar.
- RESPECT IN SPORT is required for all coaches/manager in all categories, and your RIS number must be included on the Baseball Manitoba spreadsheet. This course that can be found at [www.sportmanitoba.ca](http://www.sportmanitoba.ca) and must be recertified every 5 years. Coaches who gain certification will be reimbursed.
- All coaches in Mosquito and up need to have their Level 1 Coaching Certification and My First Pitch. The certification number MUST be included on the Baseball Manitoba spreadsheet.
- Contact Amy Duthie ([bmbcoaches@gmail.com](mailto:bmbcoaches@gmail.com)) to verify your certification status or courses required.

## **AAA TEAM COACHES**

- Prospective coaches must apply by completing a coaches' application form found on the BMBA website. [www.brandonminorbaseball.ca](http://www.brandonminorbaseball.ca)

## **UMPIRES**

- Umpires MUST be at least Level 1 certified. Clinic April 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00 Waverly Park School
- The Umpire in Charge or his designate will assign postings for the League, Regionals, and Provincials.
- Please check play off dates and make yourself available for these dates.

## **BASEBALL MANITOBA MEETINGS**

- BMBA President and designate fees will be paid for the Baseball MB awards banquet and AGM (spring) and semi-annual AGM (fall) – including hotel/mileage, etc.

## **2018 SPECIAL DATES**

- The BMBA will host an opening night for all Rally Cap and Grand Slam players and coaches on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Simplot Millennium Park. (GS) and Harrison (RC)
- The BMBA will host the Mosquito Monster Mania on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Simplot Millennium Park.
- The BMBA will host the Rally Cap Jamboree on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at SMP and the Grand Slam on June 16<sup>th</sup> at SMP
- Coaches Clinics- please visit: <http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/coaching.php>
- Umpire Clinics-please visit: <http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca/umpires.php>

## **SELECTING TEAMS**

- Rally Cap and Gram Slam Rookie Teams will be created by the convenor. Consideration will be paid to balancing the number of 2010 and 2012 players on each team. Parent requests will be considered but CANNOT be guaranteed.
- Mosquito, PeeWee and Bantam Players will undergo an evaluation session, prior to the start of the league, and teams will be selected by coaches in a draft format facilitated by the convenor.
- AAA Teams at the PeeWee, Bantam and Midget level will hold try-outs facilitated by each division's convenor, coaches, and the head of the High Performance committee.

## **LEAGUE SCHEDULE AND STANDINGS**

- Will be made available for all categories at the BMBA website [www.brandonminorbaseball.ca](http://www.brandonminorbaseball.ca)
- Games should be played as scheduled.
- All teams should use lineup cards.
- Postponed games: must be re-scheduled with ONE week, and the Convenor must be notified on the day of the postponement.
- It is the responsibility of both team to make sure any postponed game is played.
- All games must be completed by the end of the schedule, unless otherwise approved by the convenor
- Convenor has the option to prioritize which game(s) should be played first.

## **GAME REPORT SHEETS**

- Available in the "Downloadable Forms and Files" section at the BMBA website.
- Winning Team Responsibilities:
  - Keep a hard copy in case of discrepancies/disputes
- Home Team's Responsibilities:
  - Fill out the Game Summary during the game
  - Ensure appropriate signatures on Game Report Sheet
  - Email the game results to the league convenor, and opposition IMMEDIATELY following the game.
  - This email should include:
    - Category
    - Game Dates – Played and Scheduled
    - Full team names – Home and Away
    - Full Pitcher's name and uniform number
    - APs or OPs

## **SAMPLE EMAIL:**

Category Game: 11U Mosquito

Played Game: 01-Jun-2017

Scheduled: 25 – May – 2017

Home Team: Toronto Blue Jays

Away Team: Minnesota Twins

Home Pitchers:       14       Curt Smith     25

                          15       Byron James   32

                          16       Jason Sky     35

Away Pitchers:     4       Jeremy Dell   24

                          7       Chris North   16

## **PITCH COUNT BOOKS**

- Coaches must sign the hard copy game sheet and the pitch count log book
- Each team is responsible to track both team's pitchers. You should check with opposition after each inning.
- Log book should be available for opposition to view prior to the game.
  - Fill out the game summary during the game.

## **DIVISION CONVENORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Collect and tabulate game sheets for league play
- Post the game results on the BMBA website – day of the game
- Track standings – done automatically by the website
- Make a League playoff draw and advise teams and the Umpire in Charge of such
- Ensure that the league playoff tournaments are organized and administered according to the policies of the BMBA and the MBA handbooks.

## **2018 BRANDON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION RULES**

### **Division Ages**

7U (Rally Caps).....	age 6-7 in the current year
9U (Grand Slam).....	age 8-9 in the current year
11U(Mosquito) .....	age 10-11 in the current year
13U(PeeWee) .....	age 12-13 in the current year
15U(Bantam) .....	age 14-15 in the current year
18U(Midget) .....	age 16-18 in the current year

### **BMBA Special Rules**

- Overage Players (OPs)
  - Overage players may not be more than 1 year over age, and as per Baseball MB they are ineligible to PLAY in provincials.
  - Overage players may not PITCH during league playoffs.
  - Girls may participate one year past the suggested ages without being considered an overage player (Baseball Canada).
- Alternate Players (APs)
  - In league play, players may move up ONE age classification.
  - These APs cannot pitch or catch
  - APs must be identified on the game sheets as AP.
  - If a player is on a higher age roster permanently, then he may pitch or catch.

### **Player Pick-Up Procedure**

- Applies to Provincial competitions
- Maximum of 4 players per team
- Draft of pick-ups must be run by the convenor
- As “A” and “AA” provincials are on different weekends, player must declare their unavailability for Provincials prior to the determination of the representative teams. This is to prevent pick-ups from selecting which team they will participate with at provincials. Ex: If player did not declare unavailability, they will not be able to refuse a pick up to “A” so that he/she may attend “AA”.
- All “pickups” must be forwarded to the President of BMBA (phone/email).
- Information to include:

- Category, division, your team name, name and phone of the coach
- Names of pick-ups
- Teams they are from
- Pick up form is available from BMBA
- Championship team selects first, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and then the host team (if applicable) then repeat process.

### **RALLY CAP GUIDELINES**

In the Rally Cap Baseball Program, each team will consist of 6-8 players only. This allows for the formation of more teams, meaning more repetitions, which will allow players to improve their individual skills.

Each session will last 60-75 minutes. Two teams will play an actual game while other teams will be practicing drills in the outfield area. After 12 minutes, the teams rotate through the 5 stations.

### **GRAND SLAM RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. The inning is considered complete when all batters have come to the plate. The batting order should be changed each inning. The amount of players called out in an inning has no relevance on when the inning is considered complete. When the final at bat of the inning is over, players are encouraged to be in position to start the next inning within 30 seconds.

Purpose: Will provide routine to the length of inning to allow kids to remain focussed in the field. Takes pressure off kids worried about “getting out”. Encourages hustle off and on the field.

2. Each batter will be allowed 3 swings or 5 pitches (whatever comes first). You cannot strike out on a foul. If a strikeout occurs a batting team coach is encouraged to toss no more than 3 underhand pitches to the batter. It is very important to not keep pitching to the batter once they have reached their limit. This causes the game to slow down for all the other players causing boredom and loss of attention.

Purpose: Will try to remove disappointment of striking out and walking back to the dugout. Will allow coaches to “pitch to the ability” of the player without the worry of striking the batter out. Will keep the game going at a quick pace to maintain focus for players.

3. Defensive outs are not tallied as all batters bat each inning, but players that are put out must return to their dugout. (outs start May 17th)

Purpose: To teach players what an out is (defensive strategy) and proper baserunning.

4. Baserunners will advance 1 base and 1 base only on an overthrow.

Purpose: Will teach baserunning skills as the players are not just running wildly around the bases.

5. The score may be recorded if desired (not suggested), but results will not be sent in to the league and standings will not be kept.

6. Every Tuesday there will be a 90 minute practice. Practice plans will be handed out to coaches as a guideline but they do not have to follow it if they so choose. Thursdays will be game night. The game has a time limit of 90 minutes. There will be a 15/20 minute warmup beforehand. If the teams so desire, they may use the pitching machine. Home Team will be first, Away Team second.

7. The Defensive coach uses the pitching machine

8. Coaches may be in the field of play for organizational purposes. A coach behind the catcher would be beneficial, (to speed the game up), as there are many pastballs at this level.

9. Defensive changes are unlimited. Coaches are encouraged to have their players play a different position in each inning of play. Players may change every batter if preferred (not the catcher). Catchers should be dressed and ready to be on the field as soon as their team is done hitting. (have your catcher bat first in the inning before he goes in the field to speed things up)

10. Infield fly rule is not used. (Grand Slam aged players would not understand the concept of the infield fly rule. Therefore, teach kids to run when the ball is on the ground and stay when a ball is caught in the air.)

11. No bunting or stealing. (If players attempt either, explain the rule to them. An out or a strike

should not be recorded for these infractions.)

12. All time slots will start at either 5:30 or 7:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Coaches are welcome to schedule their own exhibition games and tournaments.
13. If the ball is hit into the pitching machine, the play is considered dead and counted as a single.
14. The Jamboree will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **11U (MOSQUITO) DIVISION RULES**

1. Pitching distance is 44 feet and the baselines are **70 feet**.
2. The 20 inch "Killarney Plate" is to be used in all games.
3. A team may start the game with 7 or 8 players. An automatic out will be charged for the 8<sup>th</sup> and/or 9<sup>th</sup> batters. This will only be enforced in the playoffs.
  - a. Late arriving players are to be inserted into the lineup with no penalty.
  - b. In case of an ejection, the re-entry rule MAY NOT be used and the game is thus forfeited.
  - c. In case of injury see 4.03 Injury Rule in the MBA handbook.
    - i. Only players that have not been in the game are eligible.
4. Games are six innings.
5. Run limit- **4 runs per inning**, or 3 outs whichever comes first. Exception: Last inning will be open (no run limit).
  - a. This differs from Baseball MB and applies to league games only
6. If a team is up 10 runs or more after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team) the game shall be declared over. If a game is called because of rain or darkness before 3 innings (2 ½ if home team) the game shall be declared no contest and must be replayed.
7. Everyone bats: All players must be included in the batting line up, but only 9 play defensively at one time.
  - a. Players may be moved in and out of the game while maintaining the same batting order.
  - b. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
  - c. In the event that a player is injured, ejected or has left the game for any purpose, the spot in the batting order will be skipped and the next batter will bat. No out will be recorded for the skipped spot.
8. There are NO restrictions as to the number of pitchers that may be used in a game.
9. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch. SEE OVERAGE/ALTERNATE PLAYER RULE.
10. Pitchers and coaches MUST follow the pitch count/rest guidelines (see chart at the end of the rule book).
  - a. Pitch count must be recorded for all league, exhibition and tournament games.
  - b. Pitchers and catchers – Baseball MB Handbook PG 101 – read it and know it.
  - c. Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. A player is allowed to catch and then pitch in the same game of the same day. However, a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.
11. The batter is out on the third strike (catcher does not have to catch the ball), however, the ball is alive and in play (runners may advance at their own risk).
12. FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: After receiving the 4<sup>th</sup> ball, instead of being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base, the batter will be given 3 soft toss pitches from their coach in foul territory. The result of the play on the

soft-tossed ball will be the result of the at-bat. ie: Home run will remain a Home Run, a 4-3 out would be a 4-3 out. A foul ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> toss will result in additional tosses until a result (Strike or fairly hit ball)

- a. After May, in league play the batter may advance to first base ONLY on a passed ball four. In play-off or exhibition play, the batter may advance past 1<sup>st</sup> base at their own risk.

13. A player MUST be hit or forced (by walk/balk) home. NO overthrow or passed-ball advance unless it is a continuation of a play.

- a. With a runner on first and third, the catcher is encouraged to try and throw out the runner from first stealing second. Whether the catcher is successful or not, the runner from third CANNOT steal home. Players may tag-up on a fly ball out and attempt to score.
- b. If a ball is hit and a runner is attempting to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2<sup>nd</sup> and the ball is overthrown at 3<sup>rd</sup>, the runner may attempt to go home at their own risk.

Please Note: BUNTING is ALLOWED in 11U (Mosquito) baseball (as per Rule 4.06.02 on Pg 55 of the Baseball MB handbook).

14. No stealing is allowed in May vs. Brandon teams, As of June 1<sup>st</sup> stealing is allowed.

15. **NEW FOR 2018.** No inning may begin after 8:30. Games will be deemed complete upon the completion of the inning that began prior to 8:30. If it is 8:29, and it is the top of the inning, teams should play the inning.

### **13U (PEEWEE) DIVISION RULES**

1. Pitching distance is 48 feet and the baselines are 70 feet.
2. A team may start the game with 7 or 8 players. An automatic out will be charged for the 8<sup>th</sup> and or 9<sup>th</sup> batters (BMBA playoff rule only).
  - a. Late-arriving players are to be inserted into the lineup with no penalty.
  - b. In case of an ejection, the re-entry rule MAY NOT BE USED and the game is thus forfeited.
  - c. In case of injury see 4.03 Injury Rule in the MBA Handbook.
    - i. Only players that have not been in the game are eligible.
3. Games are seven innings.
4. Run limit - **5 runs per inning**, or 3 outs, whichever comes first. Exception: Last inning will be an open (no run limit).
5. If a team is up 10 runs or more after 5 innings, 4½ if home team, the game shall be declared over. If a game is called because of rain or darkness before 3 innings (2½ if home) the game shall be declared no contest and must be replayed.
6. Everybody bats in “A” & “AA”: All players must be included in the batting line-up, but only 9 play defensively at one time.
  - a. Players may be moved in and out of the game while maintaining the same batting order.
  - b. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
  - c. In the event that a player is injured, ejected or has left the game for any purpose, the spot in the batting order will be skipped and the next batter will bat. No out will be recorded for the skipped spot.
7. Batting lineups are restricted to 9 players in “AAA” competition (follow Baseball Manitoba guidelines). **NEW FOR 2018.** Extra 10<sup>th</sup> hitter (not DH) option.
8. In order to allow more “baseball plays” and to limit “free running” by runners who are taking advantage of catcher and pitchers who are still learning the game for the month of May 2018, no player may lead off first base until the pitcher lifts his/her leg.
8. There are NO restrictions as to the number of pitchers that may be used in a game.

9. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch. SEE OVERAGE/ALTERNATE PLAYERS RULE (page 10).
10. Pitchers and coaches MUST follow the pitch count/rest guidelines (see chart on page 14).
  - a. Pitch-count must be recorded for all league, exhibition, and tournament games.
  - b. Pitchers and Catchers – Baseball Manitoba Hand Book-Page 101 – read it and know it.
  - c. Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. A player is allowed to catch and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.
11. All other rules as per Baseball Manitoba/Baseball Canada will apply.
12. Check with Baseball Canada NCCP for updated coaching requirements.

### **15U (BANTAM) DIVISION RULES**

1. Pitching distance is 54 feet and the baselines are 80 feet.
2. A team may start the game with 7 or 8 players. An automatic out will be charged for the 8<sup>th</sup> and or 9<sup>th</sup> batters.
  - a. Late-arriving players are to be inserted into the lineup with no penalty.
  - b. In case of an ejection, the re-entry rule MAY NOT BE USED and the game is thus forfeited.
  - c. In case of injury see 4.03 Injury Rule in the MBA handbook.
    - i. Only players that have not been in the game are eligible.
3. Games are seven innings.
4. Run limit – 6 runs per inning, or 3 outs, whichever comes first. Exception: Last inning will be an open inning (no run limit).
  - a. This differs from Baseball Manitoba rules and applies to league play only.
5. If a team up 10 runs or more after 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team, the game shall be declared over. If a game is called because of rain or darkness before 3 innings, 2 ½ if home, the game shall be declared no contest and must be replayed.
6. Everybody bats in “A”, “AA”; All players must be included in the batting line-up, but only 9 play defensively at one time.
  - a. Players may be moved in and out of the game while maintaining the same batting order.
  - b. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
  - c. In the event that a player is injured, ejected, or has let the game for any purpose, the spot in the batting order will be skipped and the next batter will bat. No out will be recorded for the skipped spot.
7. Batting lineups are restricted to 9 players in “AAA” competition (follow Baseball Manitoba guidelines).
8. 15U “A” and “AA” teams may still use the regular 2 ¾” barrel bats with min 3 length-to-weight restrictions.
9. In the 15U “AAA” level Wood or Composite bats must be used.
10. There are NO restrictions as to the number of pitchers that may be used in a game.
11. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch. SEE OVERAGE/ALTERNATE PLAYER RULE
12. Pitchers and coaches MUST follow the pitch count/rest guidelines (see chart near the end of this rule book).
  - a. Pitch-count must be recorded for all league, exhibition, and tournament games.
  - b. Pitchers and Catchers- Baseball Manitoba Handbook Pg 101 – read it and know it.
  - c. Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. A player is allowed to catch and then pitch in the same game or day. However, a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.
13. All other rules as per Baseball Manitoba/Baseball Canada will apply.
14. Check with the Baseball Canada NCCP for updated coaching requirements.



## **18U (MIDGET) DIVISION RULES**

**(Only applies when playing BMBA- must follow Midwest rules in 2018)**

1. Pitching distance is 60' 6" and the baselines are 90 feet.
2. A team may start the game with 7 or 8 players. An automatic out will be charged for the 8<sup>th</sup> and or 9<sup>th</sup> batters.
  - a. Late-arriving players are to be inserted into the lineup with no penalty.
  - b. In case of an ejection, the re-entry rule **MAY NOT BE USED** and the game is thus forfeited.
  - c. In case of injury see 4.03 Injury Rule in the MBA handbook.
    - i. Only players that have not been in the game are eligible.
3. Games are seven innings.
4. Run limit- 6 runs per inning, or 3 outs, whichever comes first. Exception: Last inning will be an open inning (no run limit).
  - a. This differs from Baseball Manitoba rules and applies to league play only.
5. If a team is up 10 runs or more after 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team, the game shall be declared over. If a game is called because of rain or darkness before 3 innings (2 ½ if home) the game shall be declared no contest and must be replayed.
6. 9 players shall be in the batting order.
  - a. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
  - b. Re-entry (see Baseball MB handbook).
7. All players in the starting batting order shall be permitted to re-enter the game once but **MUST** bat in the same batting position. Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, even though he re-enters the game, he may **NOT** pitch again.
8. A DESIGNATED HITTER will be allowed for the pitcher only.
9. Wood and composite bats are to be used.
10. There are **NO** restrictions as to the number of pitchers that may be used in a game.
11. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch. **SEE ALTERNATE PLAYERS RULE.**
  - a. Overage players are not permitted.
12. Pitchers and coaches **MUST** follow the pitch count/rest guidelines (see chart).
  - a. Pitch-count must be recorded for all league, exhibition and tournament games.
  - b. Pitchers and Catchers – Baseball Manitoba handbook Pg. 101 – read it and know it.
  - c. Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. A player is allowed to catch and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However, a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.
13. All other rules as per Baseball Manitoba/Baseball Canada will apply.
14. Check with Baseball Canada NCCP for updated coaching requirements.

## **BMBA PITCH COUNT**

<b>2018 Pitch Count Rules</b>							
<b>11U Mosquito</b>		<b>13U PeeWee</b>		<b>15U Bantam</b>		<b>18U Midget</b>	
Pitches	Rest	Pitches	Rest	Pitches	Rest	Pitches	Rest
1-25	0	1-30	0	1-35	0	1-40	0
26-40	1 day	31-45	1 day	36-50	1 days	41-55	1 day
41-55	2 days	46-60	2 days	51-65	2 days	56-70	2 days
56-65	3 days	61-75	3 days	66-80	3 days	71-85	3 days
66-75	4 days	76-85	4 days	81-95	4 days	86-105	4 days

### **APPENDIX VII- Pitch Count Rules – Pg 98 – MBA Handbook Pitch Count Regulations**

1. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a coach may use in a game.
2. An appearance shall be defined as 1 pitch thrown or more.

3. Pitchers are permitted to have a maximum of 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following the 1<sup>st</sup> appearance, they cannot pitch in the same day. (Example: a PeeWee pitcher throws 29 pitches in their first appearance. That pitcher has not reached a rest threshold and may pitch in another game that calendar day. Another PeeWee pitcher throws 40 pitches in his first appearance. That pitcher has exceeded his the no-rest threshold of 30 pitches, and cannot pitch for the remainder of that day). The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. These two appearances would only occur if 2 or more games are being played on the same day.
4. Every pitch thrown in the game is counted (including foul tips, and all foul balls). Warm up pitches between innings, or when a new pitcher enters the game, are not part of the count.
5. A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed:  
11U:25 13U:30 15U:35 18U:40
  - a. If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 total exceeds the figure above, they require at least one days rest. A pitcher cannot pitch four consecutive days. Minimally, one days rest is required. (Example: A 13U pitcher throws 15 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). That same pitcher throws 10 pitches on Day 2 (Saturday). The two day total is 25 pitches, which is less than the limit of 30. This pitcher is allowed to pitch on Day 3 (Sunday) to their maximum limit, which for 13U is 85.) This is a change from the previous rule where a pitcher could not pitch on 3 consecutive days.
6. The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest (if any) starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total or that day. If there is no official Pitch Count scorekeeper, the Home Team Pitch Count scorekeeper will become the official Pitch Count scorekeeper.
7. Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. This rule allows a player to catch, and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day. This is a change from the previous rule that said players cannot pitch and catch in the same day.
8. Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if their maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day. (e.g. 75 for an 11U pitcher, 85 for a 13U pitcher).
9. Intentional walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
10. Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
11. A pitcher who is removed from the mound during the game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game in another position.