



## Mosquito Tournament Rules

1. All games start exactly on time and as per the schedule.
2. Any team not fielding min 7 players will forfeit the game. A score of 7 runs Vs 0 runs for the represented team will be awarded.
3. Any team may play a game with no less than 7 players. When playing with 7 players, the 8th and 9th place in the batting order are NOT an automatic out.
4. The home team shall install the bases and provide **NEW** game balls.
5. All players are to be listed on the game sheet and take their turn at bat regardless of whether or not they are playing defensively at that time.
6. Maximum of 9 players on the field defensively.
7. All games are to be 6 innings or 2 hours from listed start time, whichever comes first.
8. 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever occurs first, shall complete one half inning.
9. The UMPIRE will call the game for any of these reasons, and it will be consider a full game if:
  - a.) 4 complete innings have been played and weather has permanently stopped play, or
  - b.) the home team is ahead after 5 1/2 innings played, or
  - c.) the umpire has notified last inning due to time restraint, or
  - d.) the Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential after the losing team has completed their 4<sup>th</sup> offensive inning at bat).
10. All players must be into the game defensively by the 2nd inning and play a minimum of 3 full innings.
11. Other than the pitcher who is managed by his pitch count, the catcher may play a max of 3 innings. All other positions a player cannot play the same position more than 2 innings during the game unless the team is playing with less than 9 players.
12. Pitchers may not catch in the same game.
13. One thrown pitch will count as an inning pitched, and is thus in the game.
14. Pitchers who also play on a REP team can pitch **ONLY** 1 inning per game.
15. A player can sit out 1 consecutive inning only and no more than 2 innings per game.
16. Free substitutions shall be permitted at all positions. If the pitcher is removed, that player may play any other position other than catcher for the remainder of the inning.
17. The batter is **AUTOMATICALLY OUT** on a third strike, and does **NOT** have to be caught by the catcher. However, the ball is alive and in play.
18. Lead Offs are not permitted, a base runner may leave the base only when the pitch has crossed home plate.
19. It is the responsibility of both team's coach to call the score and players pitch counts into the Mosquito Co-Coordinator.
20. Both teams shall keep a pitch count on all pitchers in the game and record this on an official pitch count game matrix sheet. At the end of the game each teams counter shall sign off on the other team's sheet.



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21. The home team coach has the right to ask for a postponement due to weather conditions. He shall notify the opposing coach and umpire. Once a game has started, the decision of stopping the game at that point shall rest with the umpire.
22. If there is lightening or weather deterioration, CALL THE GAME.
23. METAL CLEATS PROHIBITED. Soccer cleats or rubber baseball cleats are permitted.
24. HELMETS WITH THE CHIN STRAP UNDER THE CHIN AND FASTENED is MANDATORY for all batters, base runners, on bat batters and bat persons. JOCK/JILL STRAPS are MANDATORY.
25. CATCHER'S THROAT PROTECTOR is MANDATORY.
26. NO FOOD, DRINKS OR SPITS ON THE FIELD, this will result in a warning and ejection for a 2<sup>nd</sup> offence.
27. Any person who is abusive to the umpire, coaches, ball players or spectators will be asked to leave the ball park. If such person refuses, their name will be submitted to the Umpire Co-Coordinator for further action.
28. The coaches and parents are responsible for the safety of the players.

### Direction In Case Of Bad Weather

Any lost games will either be rescheduled for first thing Sunday morning 9:00am at the originally scheduled diamonds or a consensus will be reached at some point to just award a tie, runs for and innings played to accommodate tie-breaker calculations. Both Semi-Final games will then be played simultaneously at 12:00pm at Legion West and BD Fountain 2 or 4 depending on diamond condition at either. Final will still be played at 4:00pm. If games are lost due to weather on both Friday and Saturday, then a decision will be made at that point to identify/determine a course of action.