

## 2025 Baseball Oshawa House League Rules

Category	Rookie (9U)	Mosquito (11U)	Peewee (13U)	Midget (18U)
<b>Game Fundamentals</b>				
Scores/Standings Kept	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Base Distance (Feet)	65	65	75	90* (see full rules)
Pitcher's Mound Distance (Feet)	44	44	50	60' 6
Complete Game (Innings)	4	5	7	7
Official Game (Innings)	2 (1.5 if home ahead, or visitors leading by 7+)	3 (2.5 if home ahead, or visitors leading by 7+)	3 (2.5 if home ahead, or visitors leading by 7+)	3 (2.5 if home ahead, or visitors leading by 7+)
No New Inning Starts After	1:45	1:45	1:45	2:00
Minimum Players to Avoid Default	7	7	7	8
Additional Time From Post Game Start to Avoid Default (mins)	15	15	15	15
Umpires	Yes (if available)	Yes (if available)	Yes	Yes
If No Umpires Present	Coach umping	Coach umping	Coach umping	Coach umping
Mercy Runs (Per Inning)	6	4	6	6
Mercy Rule (Per Game)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ties?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
In-Game Substitution (At end of each half inning)	Freely	Freely	Freely	Freely
In-inning Substitution	Only for Injury / Bathroom Break  Substitution should not unduly delay game. Catcher cannot be changed unless injured.	Only for Injury / Bathroom Break  Substitution should not unduly delay game. Catcher cannot be changed unless injured.	Only for Injury / Bathroom Break  Substitution should not unduly delay game. Catcher cannot be changed unless injured.	Only for Injury / Bathroom Break  Substitution should not unduly delay game. Catcher cannot be changed unless injured.
Arriving late to game	Placed at bottom of order	Placed at bottom of order	Placed at bottom of order	Placed at bottom of order
Call-ups Permitted	N/A	Yes (must notify Convenor in advance)	Yes (must notify Convenor in advance)	Yes (must notify Convenor in advance)
<b>Base Running</b>				
Start With Players on Bases	No	No	No	No

<b>Leadoffs allowed</b>	No First incident: warning Second incident: player called out	No First incident: warning, and runner(s) returned to original bases Second incident: player called out	Yes (primary only - no secondary)	Yes
<b>Stealing allowed</b>	No	Yes (once ball passes home plate)	Yes (once ball leaves pitcher's hand)	Yes (on pitcher's first movement)
<b>Runner Can Advance on Overthrows</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Runner Can Advance to Home on Passed Ball / Wild Pitch</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Courtesy Runner For Catcher</b>	Only after 2 out	Only after 2 out	Only after 2 out	Only after 2 out
<b>Run to first on dropped third strike</b>	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Hitting</b>				
<b>Last Batter Status</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Permitted Bat Types</b>	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum	Wood/Wood Composite/Aluminum
<b># of Batters</b>	All players are in batting lineup	All players are in batting lineup	All players are in batting lineup	All players are in batting lineup
<b>Bunts Allowed</b>	No. Batters must take full swing. A bunt is an automatic out.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Walks Allowed</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>If not addressed here, what rules apply?</b>	N/A	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>
<b>Defence</b>				
<b>Infield Positions</b>	P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B	P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B	P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B	P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B
<b>Outfield Positions</b>	LF, CLF, RF CRF	LF, CLF, RF, CRF	LF, CF, RF	LF, CF, RF
<b># of Outs</b>	3	3	3	3
<b>Outs Made</b>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>	<a href="#">Regular Baseball Rules</a>
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	Yes. With fewer than 2 outs, and runners on 1st and 2nd, or bases loaded, a fair pop-up (not bunt or line drive) an infielder can catch with ordinary effort. Batter automatically out, runners can advance at own risk.		
<b>Player Substitutions</b>	Free substitution, but not to unduly delay game. In-inning catcher substitution only due to injury.	Free substitution, but not to unduly delay game. In-inning catcher substitution only due to injury.	Free substitution, but not to unduly delay game. In-inning catcher substitution only due to injury.	Free substitution, but not to unduly delay game. In-inning catcher substitution only due to injury.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Position Rotation</b></p>	<p>With the exception of the Pitcher's and Catcher's positions, no player shall play same position more than two innings per game.</p> <p>A player's outfield innings cannot exceed their infield innings by more than one. Catcher's and pitcher's position innings do not apply.</p> <p>Full rotation of all players to ensure the whole team plays. No player shall play defense more than 1 inning more than all other players.</p>	<p>With the exception of the Pitcher's and Catcher's positions, no player shall play same position more than two innings per game.</p> <p>A player's outfield innings cannot exceed their infield innings by more than one. Catcher's and pitcher's position innings do not apply.</p> <p>Full rotation of all players to ensure the whole team plays. No player shall play defense more than 1 inning more than all other players.</p>	<p>With the exception of the Pitcher's and Catcher's positions, no player shall play same position more than two innings per game.</p> <p>A player's outfield innings cannot exceed their infield innings by more than one. Catcher's and pitcher's position innings do not apply.</p> <p>Full rotation of all players to ensure the whole team plays. No player shall play defense more than 1 inning more than all other players.</p>	<p>With the exception of the Pitcher's and Catcher's positions, no player shall play same position more than two innings per game.</p> <p>A player's outfield innings cannot exceed their infield innings by more than one. Catcher's and pitcher's position innings do not apply.</p> <p>Full rotation of all players to ensure the whole team plays. No player shall play defense more than 1 inning more than all other players.</p>
<p><b>Outfield Restriction: Stay in outfield and cannot tag bases</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Exceptions: participation in a rundown / retrieving overthrows to bases</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>
<b>Pitching</b>				
<p><b>Pitching Machine Speed (mph)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">35-40 (Jugs)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p><b># of Pitches or Strikes and Balls</b></p>	<p>5 hittable pitches (additional for foul on 5th pitch).</p> <p>Pitch "hitability" is judged by pitching machine operator.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 strikes, 4 balls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 strikes, 4 balls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 strikes, 4 balls</p>
<p><b># of Warm-up Pitches</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p>Umpire Discretion (if no umpires, 3/half inning, or 5/half inning in new pitcher)</p>	<p>Umpire Discretion (if no umpires, 3/half inning, or 5/half inning in new pitcher)</p>	<p>Umpire Discretion (if no umpires, 3/half inning, or 5/half inning in new pitcher)</p>
<p><b>Pitcher Limit (Consec. Outs Per Appearance)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>

<b>Pitcher Limit (Appearances per Day)</b>	N/A	1 (after leaving pitching position, may not pitch in that game or any other game that day again)	1 (after leaving pitching position, may not pitch in that game or any other game that day again)	1 (after leaving pitching position, may not pitch in that game or any other game that day again)
<b>Pitch Count Limit</b>	N/A	No	No	No
<b>Mound Visit Limits</b>	N/A	No limit, but must not be intent to delay game; 3rd visit requires pitching change.	No limit, but must not be intent to delay game; 3rd visit requires pitching change.	No limit, but must not be intent to delay game; 2nd visit requires pitching change.
<b>Catcher Limit (Innings Per Appearance)</b>	Maximum 3 (if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above, coach must closely monitor catcher)	Maximum 4 (2 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above, or maximum 4 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above and coach is closely monitoring catcher)	Maximum 4 (2 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above, or up to 4 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above and coach is closely monitoring catcher)	Maximum 4 (2 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above, or up to 4 if in Weather Policy Orange Zone or above and coach is closely monitoring catcher)
<b>Balks</b>	N/A	There are no balks (because of the no lead-off rule), however, deliberate deception of the runner is not allowed.	Before July 1: There are no balks, but deliberate deception of the runner is not allowed.  After July 1: No balks for one week (warning from umps), then balks will be called after that week.	Before July 1: There are no balks, but deliberate deception of the runner is not allowed.  After July 1: No balks for one week (warning from umps), then balks will be called after that week.