



Bantam Rules

Field specifications:

1. Bases to be 82 feet – pitching 55 feet for 1st and 2nd year Bantam players and 60 feet for 3rd year players.
2. Home team is to be determined by coin toss prior to the start of the game. The coin toss can be completed prior to the arrival of the umpires. The home team is to provide one NEW baseball; the visiting team is to provide one good used baseball.
3. No smoking in field area.

Game length / Maximum runs per inning:

4. A complete game shall be seven (7) innings. A game will be considered official if a minimum of five (5) innings have been played. (4 ½ if home team winning)
5. No new inning shall start after one (1) hour and 45 minutes from the official start time. The umpire will declare the official start time to the scorekeepers / coaches on the first pitch.
6. In order to ensure that each game has an open inning and provides a chance for a trailing team to catch up, the UMPIRES will decide when to call an open inning prior to start of that inning. THE UMPIRES WILL MAKE THIS CALL AFTER THE ONE HOUR AND 30 MINUTE MARK OF THE GAME AND INFORM EACH COACH. If the open inning is completed before the one (1) hour and 45 minute time limit, then another open inning can be started, however the trailing team MUST bat first.
7. Prior to an open inning(s), a mercy rule of SIX (6) runs per inning will be applied.
8. Mercy rule for the calling of a game is 10 runs after 5 innings. (4 ½ if home team ahead)

Number of players:

9. A team must have 8 players available to play, otherwise a forfeit is declared and the score will be recorded as 1-0. If a team has 8 players, they may ask to borrow an extra fielder from the opposing team and the player will play in the outfield. The opposing team is not obligated to provide the additional fielder. In the event of a default, the teams are encouraged to play the game for fun and share players as necessary (whatever the outcome, the game is to be recorded as a 1-0 loss to the defaulting team).
10. A team may call up players from another team; but the call-ups cannot take the mound.

Pitching restrictions / Rotation of positions:

11. A pitcher will not exceed more than **60 pitches in a game**. If the pitch count is reached in the middle of a batting count the pitcher may finish the count. A pitcher will not exceed more than **85 pitches in a week**
12. Coaches will share their team's pitch count numbers with the opposing team prior to the first pitch.
13. A pitcher can not be a catcher for the same game.
14. A pitcher who hits 2 batters during a game will be removed from pitching for the remainder of that game.
15. There will be one (1) warning per team per game for balks. All further balks will result in the runner(s) being awarded one base.
16. A player may only play the same position TWICE per game. ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE PITCHER (see above) AND CATCHER. Catchers can play four (4) innings.
17. Catchers are not permitted to block the plate without possession of the baseball, and doing so will result in the run being counted. Runners must slide on any play at the plate to minimize the effects of a collision. In the event of a collision where the runner fails to have entered his or her slide, the runner shall be declared out and the run will not count.
18. Players must wear uniform including hat and must have shirts tucked in AT ALL TIMES.
19. An appeal must be made before "Play" is called for the next batter. Standard baseball rules apply.
20. Umpires are the only ones that can call "TIME". Coaches must ask.

Rain-outs:

21. Rained out games may be declared by the City and the convener where weather conditions warrant early in a game day. Coaches are encouraged to work cooperatively with the umpire in declaring rainouts on late arriving inclement weather. The umpires decision is final. Player safety (slippery conditions, lightning, etc.) is to be the primary concern. Of secondary importance is the limited field time available for make-up games. Any unplayed games at the end of the season will be declared a tie. Please notify the convener at dnorman30@hotmail.com as soon as possible of any rained out games so that they may be rescheduled.

Scores / Standings:

22. **Winning team must email scores and pitcher pitch counts for both teams to dnorman30@hotmail.com** Even if the convener is at the field, please email the score within 24 hours. If not, the first offence will be warning and in the event of future infractions, the game will be recorded as a tie.
23. In the event of a tie between two teams at the end of the season, the team with the best head-to-head record will be ranked higher. In the event of a tie between three or more teams, the teams will be ranked from highest to lowest based on runs ratio. The ratio is calculated by taking a team's runs scored divided by total runs (runs scored plus runs given up).

Bantam Stingers:

24. The Bantam stingers will play in the Men's league.

Conduct of Coaches, Managers and Parents

25. North Bay Baseball recognizes that you are a volunteer in the position of coach or manager. A coach must be a good role model; therefore guidelines of conduct must be established.
26. A coach shall be ejected from the game by the umpire and may be suspended by the League for any of the following infractions:
 - Using profane and or obscene language.
 - Showing disrespect, unsportsmanlike conduct particularly in the presence of players or spectators, towards other coaches or managers, and umpires.

- Not giving equal consideration to every player on the team. In a regulation four inning game during any season or playoff game all players must play two innings in the infield. Breach of this rule could result in disciplinary action.
- Coaches, managers, spectators or other personnel ejected from a game must completely leave the vicinity of the ballpark. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture.

Please remember that the game is for fun, so please coach accordingly. Winning is not everything. Building a child's confidence and self-esteem, while teaching them the fundamentals is what our league is all about.

Have a great summer and thanks for volunteering your time to coach the kids!