

**MITE BOYS
SOFTBALL**
(revised May 2023)

1. Bases - 45 feet.
 2. Pitching - 30 feet - mutual consent to adjust for smaller players.
 3. Ball size - 11 inches.
 4. Time Limit - 1 1/2 hours or 7 innings. Last inning to be called after 1 hour of play.
 5. Unlimited substitution.
 6. 10 players on field - 10th player must be in outfield.
 7. All players must play in the order of lineup
 8. 3 runs or 3 outs - equal 1 inning. Last inning is **NOT** unlimited runs.
 9. Each pitcher can pitch a maximum of 3 innings.
 10. Pitching Rule – Pitcher must start with both feet on the rubber. Pitcher will step forward with the lead foot and drag the pivot foot behind them. One foot must be in contact with the ground or the pitching rubber at all times. The pitcher may take their pitching arm back past the hip before starting their windmill motion and still make two passes of the hip in their windmill motion. No hopping
 11. No running on last strike, regardless if ball is caught or not.
 12. No lead-offs, stealing or sliding. **No advancing on overthrows.**
 13. No infield fly rule
 14. On a ball hit to the outfield, the runners may advance until the ball is thrown back into the infield. **When the infielder has ball in hand, the runners must make it safely to the base they are approaching** to get to or go back to the base they left if unoccupied.
 15. Home team supplies umpires.
 16. With any play at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd base, and there is an overthrow, players are not allowed to advance
 17. Umpires - VBBA encourages level 1 umpire behind the plate and level 1 in the field.
 18. A minimum of 8 players are required to make game official.
 19. Forfeit rule - If a game is cancelled and the home team offers up 3 possible dates to reschedule the game, the visiting team will need to decide on one of these games or face forfeiting the missed game.
- The league encourages that all scheduled games to be played.** A point system will be in place. A team will be awarded 1 point for a loss, 2 points for a tie, and 3 points for a win. Total points will determine your ranking in the tournament.
- Coaches are responsible to notify the opposing team for a game cancellation within a reasonable amount of time. If coach fails to do so, charges to the centre may be incurred.