

# MOSQUITO BOYS BASEBALL

(revised May 2023)

1. Bases - 65 feet.
  2. Pitching - 45 feet.
  3. Ball size - 9 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. All players must play and bat in order of line-up.
  7. 9 players on the field.
  8. 5 runs or 3 outs - equals 1 inning.
  9. No running on third strike if ball not caught.
  10. Infield fly rules applies.
  11. **Pitching. See pitching rules below.** Pitcher can pitch only 3 innings maximum.
  12. Home team supplies umpires - Level 1 Umpires are encouraged behind plate & Level 1 Umpires in field.
  13. No stealing is allowed. This includes overthrows between the catcher and pitcher
  14. Lead-offs are **NOT** allowed. Baserunner can begin running once contact is made by batter
  15. Balk rule applies.
  16. Approved hard ball bats are to be used only. **Softball bats are not allowed to be used.**
  17. When Umpire declares last inning, it will constitute of either 3 outs per team or a maximum of 10 runs per team.
  18. A minimum of 8 players are required to make game official. There will only be 3 former rep players who have played rep in the last two years allowed to play on one team together. Teams who play a game with more than 3 former rep players will forfeit the game.
  19. VBBA approved over age players will NOT Pitch or play Back catcher and must be identified at the beginning of game.
  20. 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.

## MOSQUITO PITCHING RULES

1. First 3 innings of pitching will be with the UMP 45 pitching machine
2. Each coach will use the machine to pitch to their own team
3. Umpire will call balls and strikes as per usual (pitches can vary slightly)
4. In case of a mis-fire, the pitch will not be counted
5. Remaining innings will be live player pitching
6. 5ft diameter safety circle to be around machine
7. Players shall NEVER enter circle
8. Players must be within 1ft to either side or behind machine before machine is loaded
9. The player must act as a pitcher NOT rover
10. If the ball hits the machine or coach it is considered foul and dead
11. Players cannot move to the front of the machine until the ball crosses home plate
12. Both teams must use the same ball
13. The Home team coach is responsible for having the machine set up and consistent 10 mins

before game time.

14. No walks are allowed during the use of the pitching machine. On the 5<sup>th</sup> "called ball" by the umpire the batter will be called out.

Settings to be as follows:

Distance: 45ft (from release point)

(A) Micro Adjust Block Setting: 3

Micro adjustment screw:  $\frac{3}{4}$ " out (can make in game adjustments using this)

Screwing in lowers pitch, screwing out raises pitch

(B) Release arm block: 4

(C) Power spring: 6-7 (dependent on condition of spring)

\*\*new machine should produce a level pitch at 37-39 mph using these settings (average mosquito pitching speed)

VBBA Recommends:

1. Making a "U" bracket to hold the back of the machine in place to ensure straight pitches. Placed on back leg of machine so the machine does not wander side to side. Could also drill and add another spike on back leg
2. Put the seams in the machine in same position each time. See picture attached. Directly on team Canada logo. Condition of ball and seam placement will affect the flight of the ball
3. Having a towel to dry off ball if it gets wet
4. Coaches wear a glove and helmet
5. Having a designated machine for games only to reduce wear
6. Counting down from 3.2.1... so catcher and batter are ready to receive ball. Without a windup it is difficult for players to gauge delivery of pitch

Tournament:

1. Tournament will follow exact same rules as regular season

## SEAM PLACEMENT







MICRO ADJUSTMENT SCREW:  $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Screw in to lower pitch, Screw out to raise pitch.



MICRO ADJUST BLOCK SETTING:  
Set at position #3

POWER SPRING:  
Set a spring #6-7 (depends on condition of spring)





RELEASE ARM BLOCK:  
Set at #4 position

**SPEED SETTINGS**  
BASEBALL *Blue Flame*

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SOFTBALL

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A MICRO ADJUSTMENT  
 B RELEASE ARM BLOCK  
 C POWER PEDAL

SPEED SETTINGS DIAGRAM