

Medicine Hat Minor Softball Association

Mites Division - Rules

- A batter must strike out or hit no walks;
- Players will pitch to the opposing team. After four pitches, not four strikes, a parent or coach will finish pitching to the batter (**discretion of the coach**). All players should be encouraged to swing at those first 4 pitches, as the game moves faster and is more exciting;
- Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per 5 inning game. An inning will be considered as any part of an inning pitched and will not be based on the number of outs made in an inning
- Strikes will be called from the beginning of the season by the umpire, players are encouraged to swing;
- No intentional bunting;
- Only one base is allowed on an over throw;
- While the ball is in play (2nd to 3rd or 1st), the player can advance one base. If the play is finished or the ball is thrown to the pitcher, runners must stay at their bases;
- A maximum of one coach is allowed on the field while the team is in the defensive position to assist with the pitching and any other position;
- All players attending a game shall bat and field for the whole game. Players must split the outfield and the infield halfway through the game. If they played in the infield for the first half of the game, they must play in the outfield for the second half of the game;
- No more than 6 players in the infield, including the pitcher at one time Postponed games are rescheduled through the director based on diamond availability;
- Tie games shall remain a tie;
- Games shall be 6 innings or 2 hours. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. If one team is ahead by 15 runs after 5 innings, the game is considered complete;
- A team's time at bat will be considered as complete if 3 outs are made against them, or if they score 6 runs, whichever comes first. No more than 6 runs will be counted for a team in any inning;
- A team must have 7 players to play a game. The team is allowed to borrow 2 players from the opposing team;
- Bases are 45 feet apart and the pitcher is 30 feet from home plate;
- An 11 inch ball is used;
- A hit ball is considered live until it reaches the pitcher or play is finished in the infield. A runner caught between bases must return to their previous base;
- Infield fly rule does not apply;
- Throwing of the bat is an automatic out. Exceeding a radius of about 3 feet around home plate is considered a thrown bat. No discussion;
- If a batter is hit in the upper body by a child pitching, the batter takes his base. If the batter does not attempt to avoid getting hit, a base is not awarded; and
- If there is any dispute as to a call or play, the umpire's decision is final.

House League Play

<u>Division</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Diamond(s)</u>
Mites	Tuesday & Thursday	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mother Teresa E & M, Webster Niblock W

Addresses:

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