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2025 – Muskoka Hornets House League - 15U Rules

Mission Statement - to facilitate a league that is FUN for all participants yet still provides an atmosphere where players can learn the skills necessary to progress and improve as a ball player, the following goals and objectives will apply:

1. *PLEASE remember that the league is designed to provide a fair and safe place for all participants. This must be the primary goal.*
2. *While this program is house league and based on equal playing time and skill development*, it is important to remember that in life there are winners and losers and parents and kids both need to learn this lesson.*
3. *If after a few weeks of games, you notice an imbalance in terms of team skills, then there may be the need to move a couple players around to improve competitive balance. Please keep me posted where you think changes might be necessary.*

We propose the following rules be followed for the 2025 season.

Regular baseball rules apply unless noted below.

1. Game Time and Weather Delays

15U game time is 1h45min. Games will start promptly at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

- For 5:30pm games- no new innings beginning after 1h:30min of play (7:00pm), the current inning will finish, and the game will end. At 7:15pm the ball will be dead, and the game will be over.
- For 7:00pm games- no new innings beginning after 1h:30min of play (8:30pm), the current inning will finish, and the game will end. At 8:30pm the ball will be dead, and the game will be over.

Weather delays will not extend beyond a 1/2-hour delay. For example, if a 7:00pm game is delayed 36 minutes they will be permitted to run overtime 30 minutes, losing 6 minutes of game play. (Ball dead at 9:00pm)

2. Pitching

- Opposing teams will use players to pitch.
- Pitchers are limited to a maximum of 50 pitches.
- Pitchers can finish the batter faced when crossing the 50-pitch threshold.
- Pitchers can catch in the same game.
- Each pitcher will receive up to one balk warning.



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3. Base running

- Bases are set at 90 feet and the pitching rubber at 60' 6".
- Leading off and stealing is permitted.
- Runners can advance one base on an over-throw
- There will be a 5 run max per inning and last inning will be unlimited.

4. Scoring

- For recording purposes the maximum run differential will be 7 (if score is 20-5 – will be recorded as 12-5).

Note: rules are subject to change by the convenor.

*All players should have the opportunity to develop in positions of interest. It is recommended players use practice time to improve their skills. Players will be given an opportunity to play these positions in a game scenario as their skills improve and where they can safely do so. This is at the discretion of their coach.