



**2009-2010**  
**Milton Minor Baseball Association Inc.**

**Constitution & Bylaws**  
*(Incorporated 1985)*

MILTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.  
2009-2010 EXECUTIVE

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# MILTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE MILTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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## ARTICLE I

**NAME:** The name of this Organization shall be Milton Minor Baseball Association Inc. and hereinafter shall be referred to as the M.M.B.A.

## ARTICLE II

**HEAD OFFICE:** The address of M.M.B.A. for notification shall be Post Office Box 221, Milton, Ontario L9T 2Y3.

## ARTICLE III

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:** The purpose of the M.M.B.A. shall be:

- (1) To foster, promote and teach amateur baseball within the Town of Milton.
- (2) To promote and organize team competition within the Association and with other similarly affiliated Organizations.
- (3) To develop and encourage sportsmanship, community spirit and good fellowship amongst all participants in M.M.B.A. activities.
- (4) To sponsor and promote such athletic, social and other activities as may contribute to the well being of M.M.B.A.
- (5) To accept donations, gifts, legacies and bequests to be used to further the objectives of M.M.B.A.

## ARTICLE IV

**AFFILIATION:** M.M.B.A. shall affiliate with the C.O.B.A. (Central Ontario Baseball Association) and other bodies with similar interests as noted and in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of M.M.B.A.

## ARTICLE V

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in the M.M.B.A. shall be open to all persons, at least the age of majority, according to the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of M.M.B.A.

## ARTICLE VI

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

- (1) Upon death, resignation, or incapacitation of any elected, or appointed Officer, or in the event of failure of any officer to carry out the duties of his/her office, the Board of Directors may declare said office vacant and shall elect a successor to fill in the remainder of the term of that office.
- (2) The powers and duties of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Board of Directors shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the M.M.B.A.
- (3) Any member of the Board of Directors failing to attend 3 consecutive and scheduled Board of Director's meetings without sufficient validation, or notification shall be subject to termination by a two-third vote of membership present and voting and in favour of such termination.

ARTICLE VII

**ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- (1) The election of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of M.M.B.A.
- (2) The Board of Directors in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of M.M.B.A., or elected at the Annual General Meeting may appoint the Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer as officers from the membership. If appointed, they would have no vote, unless directed by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Life members may be appointed from the membership by the Board of Directors in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of M.M.B.A., as honorary Directors, to be entitled to attend meeting, but would have no vote.

ARTICLE VIII

**AMENDMENTS:**

- (1) This constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the M.M.B.A. by a two-third vote of membership present and voting at the time such Amendments are submitted to the Annual Meeting.
- (2) Proposed Amendments shall be presented in writing to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and the Secretary shall send a copy of all proposed Amendments to all Officers and the Board of Directors at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (3) Amendments, or revision of the constitution shall be effective on the first day of the Administrative Year, next following the Annual Meeting.
- (4) The Board of Directors will review the constitution each year and make its recommendations, if any changes are deemed necessary as according to sub-section (2) of this article.
- (5) Prior to inclusion of any Amendment to Article III of the Constitution, official approval from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations must be obtained by way of a revision to the Letters Patent.

# **MILTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION INC. BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I**

**AFFILIATION:** The M.M.B.A. may affiliate with such other governing baseball associations as may be deemed in the best interests of the M.M.B.A. The Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting must approve such affiliations. The M.M.B.A., shall have the authority to impose suspensions, including such rights as may exist as a member of M.M.B.A., or any Player, Manager, Coach, or Team who affiliates with any other organization against the wishes of the M.M.B.A. Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II**

**ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR:** The Administrative Year of the M.M.B.A. shall be November 1 to October 31.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- (1) Any person, of the age of majority, attending the Annual General Meeting will be considered as a member of the M.M.B.A. for the purposes of voting privileges, with the exception of those persons whose rights have been suspended in accordance with Article I of the M.M.B.A. Bylaws.
- (2) Membership in the M.M.B.A. is limited to those persons, of age of majority, residing within the boundaries of the Municipality of the Town of Milton.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- (1) Any person holding any share in any Intermediate, or Senior Ball Organization shall not be eligible for Election to the Board of Directors of M.M.B.A.
- (2) Election for the members of the Board of Directors for the next Administrative Year will be held at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) The position of Life Member will not be an elected position, but rather will be filled by person(s) appointed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The decision to bestow such an appointment will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and once ratified, life Members may hold their position in perpetuity. As minimum qualifications, any person(s) being nominated for the position of Life Member must have:
  - a) Be deemed to have provided outstanding continuing service to the benefit of the M.M.B.A. over the immediate past five (5) years.
  - b) Served three (3) of the immediate past five (5) years as a member of the Board of Directors of the M.M.B.A.
  - c) There may be no more than three (3) Life Members at any one time.
- (4) The Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee of three (3) of its members to bring forth a proposed slate of candidates for approval of the Board and after approval, to submit to the general membership at the Annual General Meeting for the purposes of providing at least one name for each of the elected positions.
- (5) Further nominations for the elected position will be received from the floor as long as the person to be nominated is present and such nomination is duly seconded.
- (6) Persons whose names are on the Slate of Candidates will not have to be present at the Annual General Meeting, as they will have already indicated their willingness to stand and the Board of Directors has approved their nomination.
- (7) Any member being nominated for the position of President must:
  - a) Have served at least one (1) of the immediate past two (2) years on the Board of Directors.
  - b) May not have served the immediate past two (2) years as President.

- (8) That the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected to the Board of Directors annually. The fifteen (15) Directors of the Corporation shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and they shall retire in rotation such that at the first meeting of members for the election of Directors, five (5) Directors shall be elected to hold office until the third Annual Meeting of the members after such date and five (5) to hold office until the second Annual Meeting of the members after such date. Following thereafter at each Annual meeting, Directors shall be elected to fulfill the positions of those Directors whose term of office has expired and each Director so elected shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting after his/her election. The Immediate Past President shall be ex-officio a Director.
- (9) If in subsequent years, a Director who need not be re-elected lets his/her name stand for another position and is elected to that position, then his/her former position is declared vacant and is open for election.
- (10) An elected single position will be declared filled when one of the candidates receives a Majority of votes from the voting members present. The elected five (5) members for Directors shall be determined from the five (5) candidates receiving the highest number of votes.
- (11) In the event of a tie for the highest number of votes, in a vote for a single position, another vote will be taken with only the tied participants being voted on. In the event of a tie for the highest number of votes in a vote for multiple positions, such as five (5) Directors for each year, then another vote will be taken with all nominated candidates participating.
- (12) The Past President shall chair the elections. Scrutinizers will be selected from the members membership and swear to secrecy the results of the ballots. Scrutinizers will not be allowed to participate in the elections if they are nominated and accept such nomination. All elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot. All ballots shall be destroyed on motion from the floor and show of hands of majority on completion of the elections.
- (13) The Past Secretary shall record in the minutes of the Meeting, the result of the elections. The Secretary will assist the Past President in the preparation of the elections, but will not participate as scrutinizers.
- (14) The order of the election will first be, the President, then the First Vice President, then Second Vice President, then the Secretary, then the Treasurer, then the Directors, then any vacant Directors position.

#### ARTICLE V

##### **OFFICERS:**

- (1) The President shall preside at all meetings of the M.M.B.A., act as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and carry out all duties usually associated with his/her office. The President will not function as the Umpire-In-Chief, or convenor, or be associated with the management of any traveling team, during his/her term of office, in the event the Board of Directors exceeds 20 members, or by the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (2) The First Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President and substitute for the President in his/her absence. The Second Vice President shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and shall substitute for the President in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President.
- (3) The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of the activities of the M.M.B.A. at all their annual and scheduled meetings. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- (4) The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records of the M.M.B.A. and report to the Board regularly.

## ARTICLE VI

### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- (1) The Board of Directors shall direct the affairs and business of M.M.B.A.
- (2) A majority of the Directors must be present to constitute a quorum and a majority of those Directors present at a meeting may pass resolutions.
- (3) The Board of Directors shall have the power to deal with any matter not otherwise provided for, or covered by the Constitution and Bylaws and its decision shall be final.
- (4) The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend, or discipline any Team, Manager, Coach, or Player under the jurisdiction of the M.M.B.A. Any such decision to suspend, or discipline constituting a period of duress longer than two (2) games may, however, be appealing in writing within three (3) days, to the President, who shall call a meeting to include the party under duress and a quorum of the Board of Directors. After due perusal, any decision by the Board must be binding on all parties. No such avenue of recourse shall be open in the event of a suspension, or discipline lasting two (2) games, or less.
- (5) The general membership shall be the highest authority of the M.M.B.A., however, between Annual Meetings, the highest authority shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the highest authority shall be the President who shall be limited to interpretation of these Bylaws (save for disciplinary action exceeding two (2) games duration). The Board at their next scheduled meeting must confirm interpretation, or action, or they are void.
- (6) The authority of a Board member extends only to his/her involvement in the decision making process while at a duly convened Board meeting unless otherwise allowed in these Bylaws, or unless acting in an appointed capacity where authority to make decisions has been expressed delegated by the Board.
- (7) All Board of Directors must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Screening (Police Check) and are valid for one year from time of Police approval.

## ARTICLE VII

### **STANDING COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- (1) The M.M.B.A. Board of Directors will for each Administrative Year, appoint the appropriate personnel, to carry out, or perform the following functions, upon the recommendation of the President:
  - (a) Registrar
  - (b) Scheduling and Facilities
  - (c) Publicity
  - (d) Umpiring
  - (e) Equipment
  - (f) Head and Divisional House League Convenors
  - (g) Fundraising
  - (h) Nominating Committee
  - (i) Constitution Review
  - (j) Bylaw Review
  - (k) Field Maintenance
  - (l) Traveling Teams/C.O.B.A. Liaison
  - (m) C.O.B.A. Rural Liaison
- (2) It will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors whether the position will be filled by a member of the Board, or by appointment from the general membership, save for the Nominating, Constitution Review and Bylaw Review Committees, which must be chaired and filled by Members of the Board.
- (3) All committees may also have members at large appointed to them by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the President.

- (4) All standing committees must report directly to the Board of Directors and take their directions therefore.
- (5) The duties of each committee will be defined by the Board and may be changed from time to time by the Board to meet circumstances.
- (6) The Board of Directors may form any other committee it deems necessary for the benefit of the M.M.B.A.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### **MEETINGS:**

- (1) The Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Saturday in October, at a time and place to be decided upon by the President and such meeting to be advertised in the local newspaper in the two (2) editions immediately prior to the meeting.
- (2) The Board of Directors will meet at least once per month at a place and time to be decided by the President, except that any member of the Board may call such a meeting. All general members are eligible to attend but will not have voting privileges.
- (3) There will be a meeting of all coaches and managers prior to the start of the season and just prior to the playoffs for explanation of rules, regulations and policies. There will be no voting at these meetings save for internal group procedures.
- (4) Additional Board meetings shall be called by the President on the request of three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors.
- (5) Any submission by a general member of M.M.B.A. to a Board Meeting must be submitted in writing to the secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which it will be discussed.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### **RULES AND REGULATIONS (GENERAL):**

The M.M.B.A. will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Official Baseball Rules, the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball and C.O.B.A. Rural Baseball Association, for the particular age classifications, except where there may be direct conflict with circumstances peculiar to the M.M.B.A. These are noted under Article XI as well as additional rules and regulations deemed necessary to the efficient operation of the M.M.B.A.

#### ARTICLE X

##### **AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATION OF BYLAWS:**

- (1) These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of eligible members at the Annual General Meeting, provided that no amendment may be adopted that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and Letters Patent of the M.M.B.A.
- (2) The Secretary shall receive Amendments/proposals in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary will circulate proposed amendments to these Bylaws to members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. This rule will not apply to Article XII, the playing rules, which may be changed at the Annual General Meeting without prior submission in writing.
- (3) The Board will review the bylaws and propose amendments, if any, at the Annual General Meeting, provided due notification has been given as under sub-section 2.
- (4) The construction and interpretation of these bylaws by the Board of Directors shall be final and binding, unless such construction and interpretation is rescinded at the subsequent General Meeting.
- (5) The rules and regulations listed under Article XI and Article XII of the bylaws, may be changed between Annual Meetings by the Board of Directors provided that due notification is made to players, coaches and managers and other persons concerned. Such changes are to be valid only until the next Annual Meeting and must then be adopted as a bylaw change, or they will be rescinded.

- (6) Prior to inclusion of any amendment to Article IV, sub-section 8, of the Bylaws, official approval from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations must be obtained by way of a revision to the Letters Patent.

## ARTICLE XI

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **REGISTRATION:**

- a) The registration fee shall be set annually, the amount to be at the discretion of the Board of Directors after review of the previous season's receipts and disbursements. The amount of the fee should recognize the fact that the M.M.B.A. is to be operated as an independent organization.
- b) Player applications must be on forms provided by M.M.B.A., must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and must be received by the Registrar no later than the second Monday in April. Any extension of this deadline is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and an additional may be assessed. No player activity will be allowed under the auspices of M.M.B.A. unless a player waiver is registered with M.M.B.A.
- c) Player applications will be received from players living in the Greater Milton Area only unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors prior to accepting their registration.
- d) All player applications will contain a clause holding harmless the M.M.B.A. and its Board of Directors, for any injuries sustained by, or occasioned to the player and no application will be considered accepted unless the clause is signed by the Player's parent, or guardian.
- e) The last cut-off date for registration shall be April 15, except where otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- f) No registration fee will be returned after June 1<sup>st</sup>, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- g) Maximum team complements to be as follows: T-Ball Division (10), Grasshopper Division (10), Rookie Division (13), ALL 'A' Ball Divisions, (Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam and Midget Divisions – 13).

#### **AGE CLASSIFICATIONS**

- a) T-BALL – Any child who will attain four (4), or five (5) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- b) GRASSHOPPER – Any child who will attain six (6), or seven (7) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- c) ROOKIE – Any child who will attain eight (8), or nine (9) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- d) 'A' BALL – MOSQUITO – Any child who will attain ten (10), or eleven (11) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- e) 'A' BALL – PEEWEE – Any child who will attain twelve (12), or thirteen (13) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- f) 'A' BALL – BANTAM – Any child who will attain fourteen (14), or fifteen (15) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- g) 'A' BALL – MIDGET – Any child who will attain sixteen (16), seventeen (17) years of age, or adult who will attain eighteen (18) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- h) 'A' BALL – JUNIOR – Any adult who will attain nineteen (19), twenty (20), or twenty-one (21) years of age on, or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

## **COACHING SELECTION PROCESS**

- a) The Board of Directors prior to being offered the position must approve all M.M.B.A. managers/coaches/assistant coaches.
- b) All M.M.B.A. managers/coaches/assistant coaches must have a Vulnerable Sector Screening that is valid through the M.M.B.A. baseball season.
- c) All teams will have a maximum coaching staff of 3, including the manager and 4 for Rep and Select, unless special provision apply and is approved by the Board of Directors.
- d) Rep/Select Managers must be selected before Rep/Select tryouts occur.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- (1) All teams shall shake hands at the end of every game.
- (2) The consumption of any alcoholic beverage on the grounds of any game, or practice is a violation of both provincial law and M.M.B.A. Municipal Park permits. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE CONSUMED, OR DISPLAYED IN M.M.B.A. PERMITTED PARKS, OR IN ANY PARKS IN WHICH M.M.B.A. PLAYERS ARE PRESENT.
- (3) Players, or coaches are not permitted to deliberately harass, or direct any discourteous remarks at the officials, or any member of the opposing team/supporters. (TRASH TALK RULE)
- (4) Any player ejected from a game must remain under team's guidance outside of the playing field.
- (5) Managers and coaches are responsible for conduct of their players both on and off the field. The abuse of M.M.B.A. equipment (bats, helmets, etc.) is prohibited and violation of this will result in the eviction of the player/coach from the game. One warning will be given at the beginning of the game for both teams.
- (6) The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited by anyone in uniform (coaches/manager/players) on the playing field/spectator area.
- (7) Umpires must enforce these rules. Umpires noting infractions during a game will direct coaches to correct the team members and/or spectators. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the game and such additional disciplinary action as the M.M.B.A. executive deems warranted following a disciplinary hearing.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

All Rep and House league teams will carry a first aid kit at all times. All Male players will be required to wear an athletic support and cup. All female players will be required to wear a Jill. All helmets used in T-ball, Grasshopper, Rookie, Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam must have chin straps properly affixed and must be worn under the chin by both batters and base runners. No play can continue until such equipment has been correctly affixed. NO PENALTY. Repeated offenses both batter, or runner may be called out at the discretion of the umpire.

## **UNIFORMS**

- a) All uniforms for Rep teams will be in the colours of the M.M.B.A. with the sponsor's name, player number, M.M.B.A. logo and team nickname and/or MILTON on each jersey and underlay. The design of the uniform will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- b) The uniforms for House league supplied by the M.M.B.A. consist of hat, jersey, and baseball pants and must be worn at all times while player is participating in game play. VIOLATION will result in player not being permitted to play in game. SHIRTS MUST BE TUCKED IN AND HATS FACING CORRECT WAY.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Any team under the jurisdiction of the M.M.B.A. may not undertake to raise any monies without the written authorization of the Board of Directors of M.M.B.A.

## **REP TEAM TRYOUTS AND PLAYERS RIGHTS**

- a) After prior notification of convenor and coaches concerned, Rep teams may take House league players for practices and a two (2) game trial. The House league coach only is to inform the player and parent, or guardian of the tryout and holds priority on the player's services until after the two (2) game tryout. An immediate decision must be made by the Rep team coach as to acceptance of this player on the Rep team. A House league player is eligible for only one tryout per season and no tryout will be permitted after the O.B.A. cutoff.
- b) All Rep teams must submit their final team list of up to fifteen (15) players by the Friday before Victoria Day and must carry these players on the Rep team for the duration of the season. In the event that this will create a situation where a Rep team cannot field a team, then a player, or players necessary to rebuild the complement up to fifteen (15) will be allowed subject to the sanction from the respective divisional convenor and Board of Directors.
- c) A Rep team manager must notify the Rep team convenor of his/her intent to redesignate a listed taxi squad player to permanent player status. The Rep convenor must then notify the appropriate divisional convenor and House league convenor, or the President of M.M.B.A. Redesignation must occur no later than June 15. Exception to be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- d) A Rep team manager, or coach must use his/her division taxi squad players for substitution and failing availability of taxi squad players may then use Rep players from a lower level, if sanctioned by the Rep convenor.
- e) Any player trying out must go to the 'A' team first before going to the 'B' team. If the 'A' team manager doesn't release the player, he must go to House league. The 'A' team manager has first right of refusal.

## **UMPIRES**

- (1) The umpires shall have the authority and the responsibility to rule on any situation not covered specifically in the official playing rules.
- (2) The decisions of the umpires shall be final. The coaches of each team shall be entitled to ask for permission to approach the umpires for an interpretation of the rules. No umpire shall overrule any other unless invited into consultation.
- (3) Umpires are the only ones who can call time.
- (4) The plate umpire shall call out all strikes, dead hits (balls) and foul balls. He/she shall do so as soon as possible and in such a manner as to be heard by both teams, especially on a dead hit ball.
- (5) The plate umpire takes charge of the game once the batting lineups have been exchanged by taking his/her place behind home plate.
- (6) T-Ball only – It is the duty of the plate umpire, after he/she has been notified, to call out "last batter" (for both teams to hear). Failure to do so does not nullify the play.
- (7) Either umpire in consultation may terminate a game before its completion for reasons of darkness, inclement weather, dangerous field conditions, etc.
- (8) Umpires must wear the appropriate uniforms as directed by the M.M.B.A Board of Directors. Failure to comply with the uniform requirement will result in suspensions.
- (9) Umpires must file a report with the Umpire-In-Chief, the name of any player/coaches/assistant coaches/managers ejected from the game and the reason for ejection.
- (10) All house league umpires must attend one O.B.A. sanctioned clinic and must pass the exam.

## **SCHEDULES**

- a) All House league regular season scheduling and playoff scheduling will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- b) Any team, who has not completed their regular season schedule, will not be eligible for any playoffs, this being at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **SUBSTITUTION**

- a) During the regular season, a coach will be allowed, through the convenor, to request up to a maximum of three (3) players, if that coach is aware that there will not be enough players to field a team. However, this must be brought to the attention of the convenor at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled time for the game. The convenor will then endeavour to provide a list of players from the level below. If no twenty-four (24) hour notice is given to the convenor, the game will be forfeited, at the convenor's discretion, but the coach may pick up any registered House league player available and still play the game. For playoffs, coaches may request subs (maximum 3) to bring a team up to nine (9) players only for 'A'-Ball, 10 for Rookie Ball, 12 for Grasshopper and 12 for T-Ball. All substitutes assigned by a convenor must play during regular season games only. No Rep, Select, or taxi squad player may be substituted for a House league player. All subs must wear their own team uniform.
- b) No 'A'-Ball subs will be allowed to pitch, or catch.
- c) Players may play up one division only.
- d) Rookie Ball subs cannot play pitcher.
- e) When playing C.O.B.A. rural, C.O.B.A. Rural Rules apply.

## **DISCIPLINE**

If a player/coach/assistant coach/manager is ejected from a game, he/she is automatically suspended for at least one additional game to be served in the next scheduled game(s) and duly noted on the game card(s). A formal complaint against a coach, player, or umpire must be filed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident. If the incident involves an umpire, the complaint must be filed with either the Umpire-In-Chief. Otherwise, the complaint must be filed with the League President, Divisional Convenor, or Divisional Vice President. A disciplinary committee, made up a minimum of three (3) from the Umpire-In-Chief, Divisional Convenor, President and Divisional Vice President will review the case on an individual basis and recommend appropriate action to the M.M.B.A. Board of Directors. Decision of Board must be made and conveyed to the party within seven (7) days of last discipline committee meeting as supported by Article VI subsection 5.

## **SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS**

- a) A player shall be suspended by the protest and disciplinary committee for any of the following infractions substantiated as having been committed during, or immediately before, or after any game.
  - i) Using profane and/or abusive language.
  - ii) Smoking and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverages.
  - iii) Showing disrespect towards game officials, or M.M.B.A. executive personnel.
  - iv) Destruction, or abuse of property belonging to M.M.B.A. and/or others including the throwing of bats, or helmets.
  - v) Unsportsmanlike conduct on, or off the playing field.
  - vi) Theft of property belonging to M.M.B.A., or others.
- b) Player ejected from a game shall remain under team guidance outside of playing field, plus mandatory one-game suspension. In such case, the umpire will submit a full report

- to the protest and disciplinary committee and if the committee deems further action necessary, it may so act
- c) The individual concerned shall have the right to appeal only if the disciplinary committee has imposed a suspension of more than two (2) games. The request to appeal must be made to the respective convenor at the time of notification of the extended suspension and the executive committee shall be notified immediately by the respective convenor.
  - d) In the event of an appeal, it shall be heard within three (3) days of the original ejection with the following being allowed to attend, the affected player, his/her parents/guardian and his/her coach. This appeal will be heard by the other Vice President and two (2) other Board members appointed by the President. The original disciplinary committee may also be present but shall not cast a vote in the appeal process.

## **PROTEST**

Protests/appeals can only be made on the basis of a violation based on Baseball Rules and M.M.B.A. rules and regulations by either the offensive, or defensive team and the Umpire's interpretation of the rule. (See examples below).

No protests will be allowed on the basis of an umpire's judgment call. An appeal must be made before play is called for the next batter. In the case of the last batter (T-Ball), it must be made before the last defensive player is off the field. The coaches of the contesting teams only shall have the right to make an appeal. Once the game has commenced, a coach may not approach the Umpire to make an appeal with out having the opposing coach present during the discussion. Following such discussion, the Umpires shall consult with one another and if they are convinced that the decision is in conflict with the rules, the decision will be reversed. If after consultation, the Umpires are convinced that the decision is not in violation of the rules, the plate Umpire will resume the game. However, should the appealing coach still disagree with the decision, he shall immediately and before play begins, notify the plate Umpire that the game is being played under protest. The Umpire shall advise the opposing coaches and the game will resume. The protest, the time of the protest and the inning in which the protest occurred, must be entered on the score sheets by the coach and initialed by the plate Umpire. All protests shall be clearly written and signed by the team coach and in the hands of the Umpire-In-Chief within twenty-four (24) hours. Any protests based solely on technicalities that cannot have any bearing on the outcome of the game, will not be accepted.

Protests will not be received, or considered if they are solely based on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an Umpire (Examples).

- a) A batted ball was fair, or foul
- b) A base runner was safe, or out
- c) A pitched ball was a strike, or a ball
- d) A pitch was legal, or illegal
- e) A base runner did, or did not touch a base
- f) A base runner left his/her base too soon on a caught fly ball
- g) A fly ball was, or was not caught legally
- h) It was, or it was not an in-field fly
- i) There was, or there was not interference
- j) There is sufficient light to continue play
- k) Any other matter involving only the accuracy of the Umpire's judgment

Protests that shall be received and considered concerning matters of the following types:

- a) A misinterpretation of a playing rule
- b) Failure of an Umpire to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- c) Failure to impose the correct penalty for a given violation

The notification of intent to protest must be made before the next pitch.

### **CURFEWS**

See divisional rules.

### **M.M.B.A. FIELD DIMENSIONS**

M.M.B.A. Field dimensions will be shown in Appendix 'A'.

## ARTICLE XII

### **M.M.B.A. PLAYING RULES**

#### **T-BALL/GRASSHOPPER/ROOKIE BALL**

The following are interpretive and different rules for out T-Ball/Grasshopper/Rookie Ball league. In all other circumstances, the rules and regulations as published by the O.B.A. T-Ball Tournament Committee shall apply. Those indicated by an asterisk apply to T-Ball only.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

##### **(ALL T-BALL/GRASSHOPPER/ROOKIE BALL DIVISIONS) HOUSE LEAGUE:**

- a) All T-Ball games will be a maximum of four (4) innings, with two (2) innings constituting a game.
  - b) All Grasshopper games will be a maximum of five (5) innings, with three (3) innings constituting a game.
  - c) All Rookie Ball games will be a maximum of six (6) innings, with three (3) innings constituting a game.
  - d) No new inning after one and three-quarter hours (1 hour 45 minutes), but once an inning has been started; it will be completed as long as it is safe to do so. The final decision is at the Umpire's discretion.
  - e) It is necessary to have at least one (1) Umpire during regular season games that will position himself/herself in the home plate area, while the ball is being hit. During playoff games there must also be at least one other umpire in the field.
  - f) \*If, in the judgment of the home plate Umpire, a batter throws a bat, the batter will be called out, the ball ruled dead and no runner will be allowed to advance, except when it is "last batter", in which case the ball is live, play will continue and when play is finished, the last batter will be declared out.
  - g) Any player arriving after the Umpire has started the game cannot be inserted into the starting lineup. However, the late player may be added to the batting order anytime.
  - h) \*The line that extends from the top of the batters' box directly to the screen defines the encroachment area.
  - i) A minimum of seven (7) players will constitute a team for starting purposes in all T-Ball, Grasshopper/Rookie Ball divisions.
  - j) All players will sit out in fair rotation. No player more than one (1), unless all have sat once. No player three (3), unless all players have sat two (2), etc.
- VIOLATION: FORFEIT OF GAME.

- k) During their defensive innings, each player must play one infield position before any player plays second one and no player three (3), unless everyone has played two (2), etc. VIOLATION: FORFEIT OF GAME.
- l) No player can play the same infield position for two (2) consecutive innings. VIOLATION: FORFEIT OF GAME.
- m) The rotation and sit-outs must be recorded on the official game report and provided to the opposing coach a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to game start. Once game reports are checked and accepted, no protests will be entertained based on rules (k) through (m), unless a coach deviates from the recorded rotations and sit-outs.
- n) In order to stop play in T-Ball, Grasshopper and Rookie Ball, the baseball must be in the hands of a player playing an infield position. Should a player playing an outfield position field the ball; it must be thrown to a player playing an infield position. Penalty for failure to throw the ball to an infielder will be an additional base awarded to each runner.
- o) In order to qualify for playoffs, a House league player must have played a minimum of 60% of regularly scheduled House league games. (Excludes make-up games)

#### **T-BALL RULES**

- a) There will be no strikeouts.
- b) During games, the defensive team will be permitted two (2) coaches in the outfield. The offensive team will be permitted one (1) coach to assist in setting up the batter.
- c) Any fair-batted ball fielded within the pitcher's circle must be thrown in order to complete a play.
- d) Game equalization will be obtained offensively only and by rotating batters.
- e) All players present shall play offensively and defensively.

#### **GRASSHOPPER RULES**

- a) There will be no strikeouts.
- b) Until June 15<sup>th</sup>, two (2) coaches will be permitted in the outfield area for the defensive team. After the above date, no coaches will be permitted on the field, unless he/she is the pitcher.
- c) A maximum of twelve (12) players will play offensively and defensively.

#### **ROOKIE BALL RULES**

- a) Each batter shall receive a maximum of five (5) pitches, unless the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) pitch is a foul ball, or three (3) strikes, which ever comes first.
- b) A mercy rule of five (5) runs per inning will apply, unless it has been declared at the beginning of that particular inning, that it is an open inning.
- c) One of the coaches, or a designated parent of the offensive team will feed the pitching machine.
- d) The pitching machine speeds cannot be altered, except at the end of an inning. Any tampering with the machine speed by any coach feeding the machine shall result in a warning to the coach. If the machine speed is erratic, the Umpire shall correct it. (This can be done at any time.) Machine speed is to be a maximum of 40 MPH. Height can be adjusted at any time with Umpire supervision.
- e) Three (3) outs will end the inning for the offensive team. When the team returns to bat, the batter would be the next person in the batting order.

- f) Each team shall field a maximum of ten (10) players, which shall include: a 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman, a shortstop, a left fielder, a right fielder, one (1) pitcher, a catcher and two (2) centre fielders.
- g) If a pitch from the machine hits a batter, it will be considered a 'dead-ball', the batter will be awarded first base and runners will advance 'if forced'.

## **BASEBALL**

The following are interpretive and differing rules for Official Baseball Rules.

### **GENERAL RULES (ALL 'A' BALL DIVISIONS) HOUSE LEAGUE**

- a) The catcher must wear a catcher's decker (mitt) and facemask with neck protector during all games and practices.
- b) In all House league games and practices, metal-cleated shoes are prohibited.
- c) All players must bat whether they are scheduled to play in the field, or not.
- d) Anybody warming up a pitcher must wear a facemask.
- e) If two (2) are out and the catcher is on base, he/she may be replaced by the last out, to allow the catcher more time to dress for the next inning.
- f) For any late game, no new inning will start after one and three-quarter hours (1 hour 45 minutes) of play. This applies to regular season and playoffs. No late game will continue beyond 11 p.m. In the event of curfew, the game will revert back to the last complete inning.
- g) A mercy rule of five (5) runs per inning will apply to all divisions, except for open innings. No new inning after one and three-quarter hours (1 hour 45 minutes) from game start time. Inning in progress must be completed as long as it is safe to play.
- h) A minimum of eight (8) players will constitute a team in all 'A' Ball divisions. (Mosquito – Midget)
- i) For games delayed due to rain, or sun (pool diamond), delay time will be added on, subject to playing and safety conditions.
- j) A pitch thrown will constitute an inning pitched.
- k) All players will sit out in fair rotation. No player more than one (1), unless all have sat once. No player three (3), unless all players have sat two (2).  
VIOLATION: FORFEIT OF GAME
- l) Restrictions on coaches/managers visiting pitchers. (SEE CHART)
- m) For Mosquito to Bantam, a pitcher who hits three (3) batters in a game will be removed from the mound for the duration of the game.

### **MOSQUITO RULES**

- a) Each game will be a maximum of six (6) innings; with three (3) completed innings will constitute a game.
- b) A half-inning will be considered complete when either five (5) runs have been scored, or three (3) offensive players have been put out.
- c) A pitcher shall be limited to pitch in no more than two (2) innings per game, including playoffs. During playoffs, if a game ends tied after six innings, a pitcher may re-enter the game even though he/she may have already pitched two (2) innings. He/she may then pitch an additional two (2) innings only.
- d) There will be no infield fly rule. When the pitcher assumes his/her position, on the rubber, all runners must return to their bases. There will be no lead-offs until the ball has left the pitcher's hand. VIOLATION: ONE WARNING PER TEAM, AFTER THAT, RUNNER IS OUT.
- e) A batter is automatically out and may not run on a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) strike, even if the catcher does not catch it.

- f) \*For regular season games only (excluded playoffs), during their defensive innings, each player must play one (1) infield position before any player plays a second one and no player three (3), unless everyone has played two (2).  
VIOLATION: FORFEIT OF GAME.
- g) \*The rotations and sit-outs must be recorded on the official game report and provided to the opposing coach a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to game start. Once game reports are checked and accepted, no protests will be entertained based on rules (F) under Mosquito rules and (1) under 'A' Ball rules, unless a coach deviates from the recorded rotations and sit-outs.

### **PEEWEE RULES**

- a) Peewee games will be seven (7) innings duration. If a game is called, it is a regular game:
  - i) If three (3) innings have been completed.
  - ii) If the home team is ahead after three and a half innings (3 ½), then the home team is declared the winner.
  - iii) If the home team scores more runs in its half of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) inning to tie the score.
- b) A pitcher shall be limited to pitch in no more than three (3) innings per game, including playoffs. During playoffs, if a game ends tied after seven (7) innings, a pitcher may re-enter the game even though he/she may have already pitched three (3) innings. He/she may then pitch an additional three (3) innings only.
- c) A half inning will be considered complete when either five (5) runs have been scored, or three (3) offensive players have been put out, except open innings when only three (3) offensive players have been put out.

### **BANTAM RULES**

- a) Bantam games will be seven (7) innings duration. If a game is called, it is a regular game:
  - i) If three (3) innings have been completed.
  - ii) If the home team is ahead after three and a half innings (3 ½), then the home team is declared the winner.
  - iii) If the home team scores more runs in its half of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) inning to tie the score.
- b) A pitcher shall be limited to pitch no more than three (3) innings per game, including playoffs.
- c) A half inning will be considered complete when either five (5) runs have been scored, or three (3) offensive players have been put out, except open innings when only three (3) offensive players have been put out.

### **MIDGET RULES**

- a) Midget games will be seven (7) innings duration. If a game is called, it is a regular game:
  - i) If three (3) innings have been completed.
  - ii) If the home team is ahead after three and a half innings (3 ½), then the home team is declared the winner.
  - iii) If the home team scores more runs in its half of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) inning to tie the score.
- b) A pitcher shall be limited to pitch in no more than four (4) innings per game, including playoffs.
- c) A half inning will be considered complete when either five (5) runs have been scored, or three (3) offensive players have been put out, except open innings when only three (3) offensive players have been put out.

**HOUSE LEAGUE SELECT TEAMS**

- a) Minimum of two (2) open tryouts are required before cuts are made.
- b) B) The Select coach must provide the Board of Directors with a team roster by June 15<sup>th</sup>, up to a maximum of twenty (20) players.
- c) The maximum number of tournaments that a Minor team may attend is three (3) and for a Major team is four (4).
- d) If a team is a combined age, or if there are not Minor/Major distinctions for division, the breakdown of the Select team must be at least one-third (1/3) minor players and one-third (1/3) Major players.

**TRAVELING HOUSE LEAGUE TEAMS**

Traveling House league teams are governed by the rules and regulations, as outlined in the M.M.B.A. Constitution, except where they are in direct conflict with their host association's rules.

**APPENDIX A  
M.M.B.A. FIELD DIMENSIONS**

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**BASE DISTANCE &  
PITCHER'S MOUND DISTANCE**

<b><i>Division</i></b>	<b><i>Age</i></b>	<b><i>Baseline</i></b>	<b><i>Pitcher's Mound</i></b>	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Base</i></b>
<b>T-Ball</b>	4-5	45'	31' 8"	63' 8"
<b>Grasshopper</b>	6-7	55'	43' 0"	84' 10"
<b>Rookie</b>	8-9	65'	44' 0"	91' 10"
<b>Mosquito</b>	10-11	65'	44' 0"	91' 10"
<b>Peewee</b>	12-13	75'	50' 0"	106' 0"
<b>Bantam</b>	14-15	82'	55' 0"	115' 11"
<b>Midget</b>	16-18	90'	60' 6"	127' 3"
<b>Junior</b>	19-21	90'	60' 6"	127' 3"

Figure No. 1

LAYOUT OF BATTER'S BOX  
T-BALL FIGURE No. 1

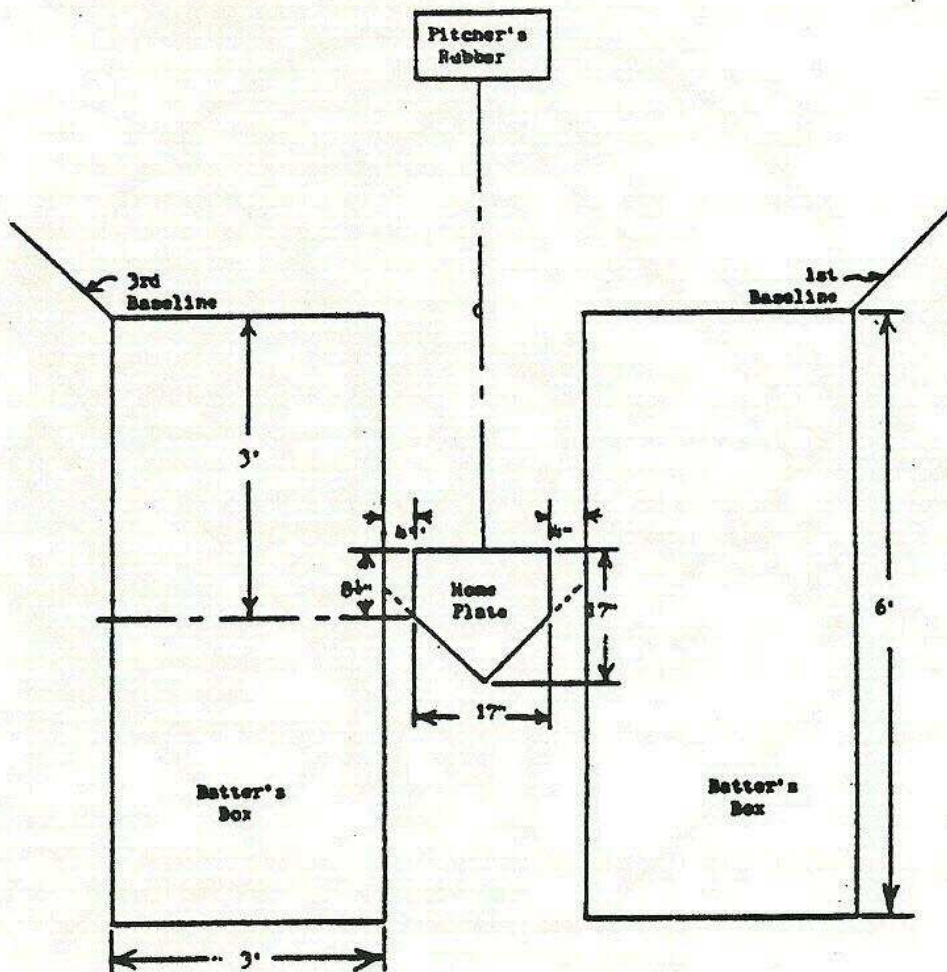
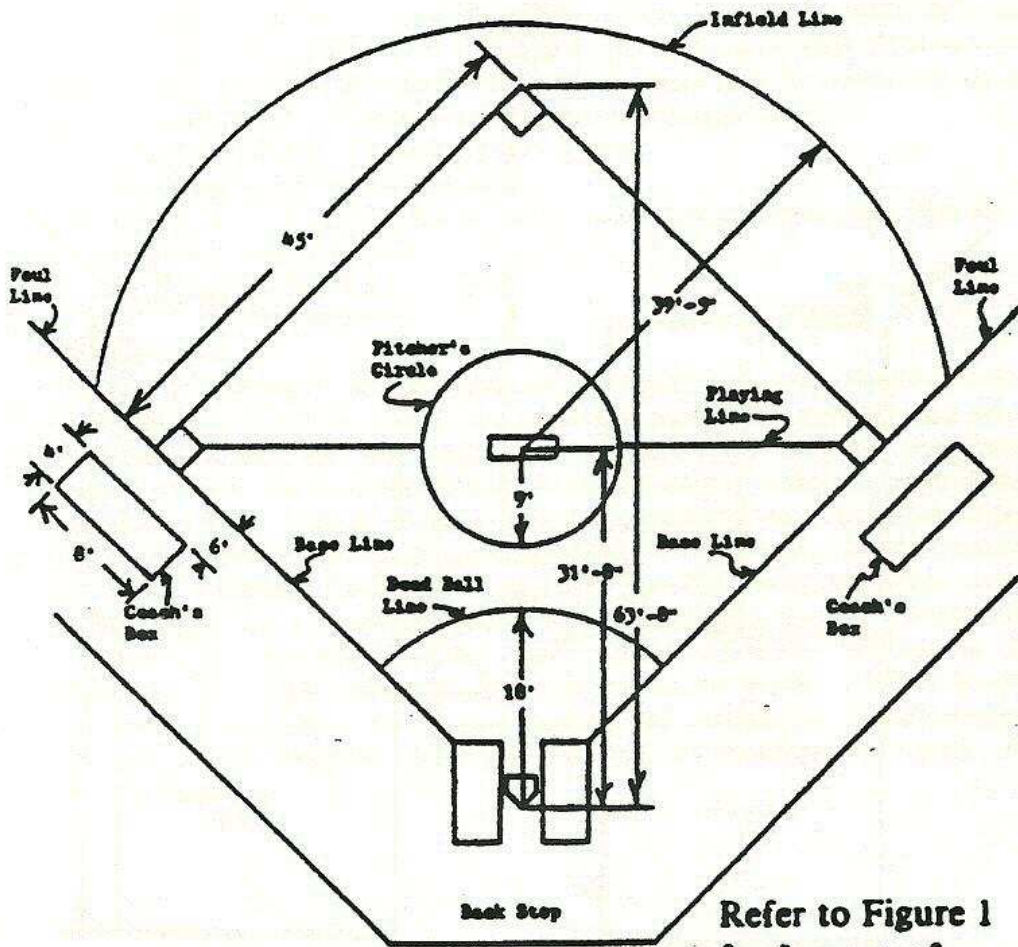


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T-BALL FIELD LAYOUT

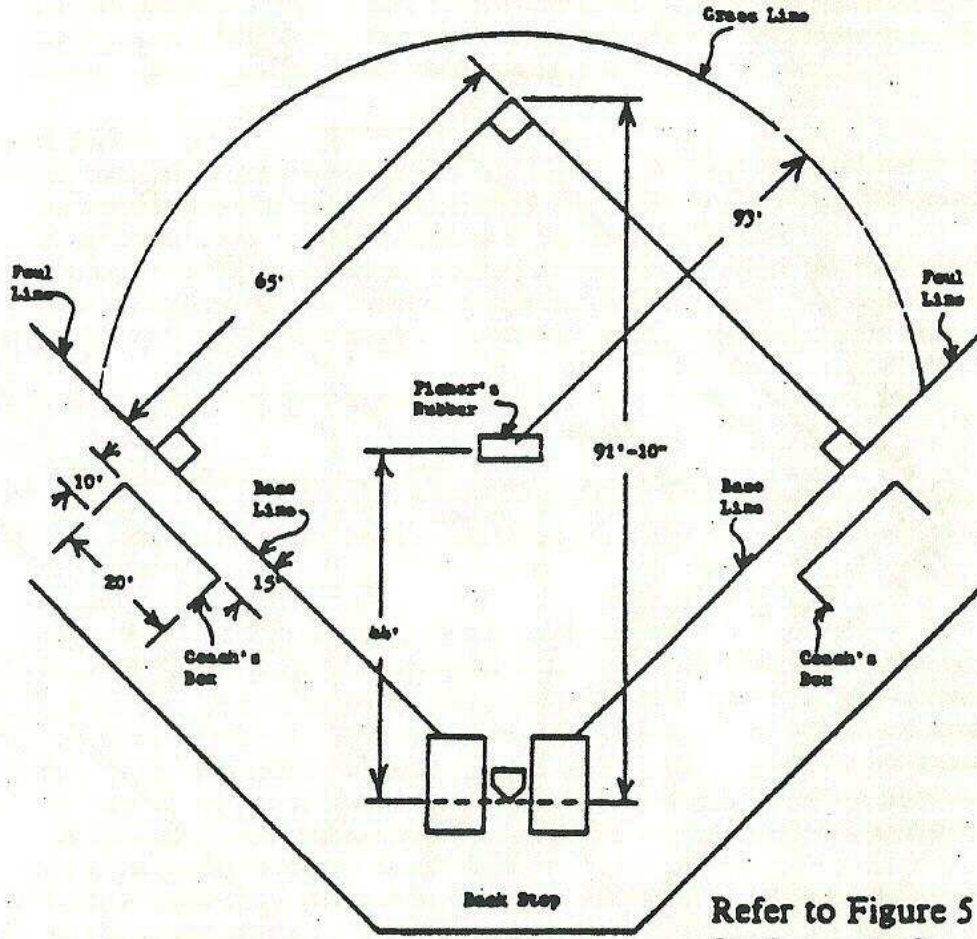


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for Layout of  
Batter's Box



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ROOKIE BALL FIELD LAYOUT

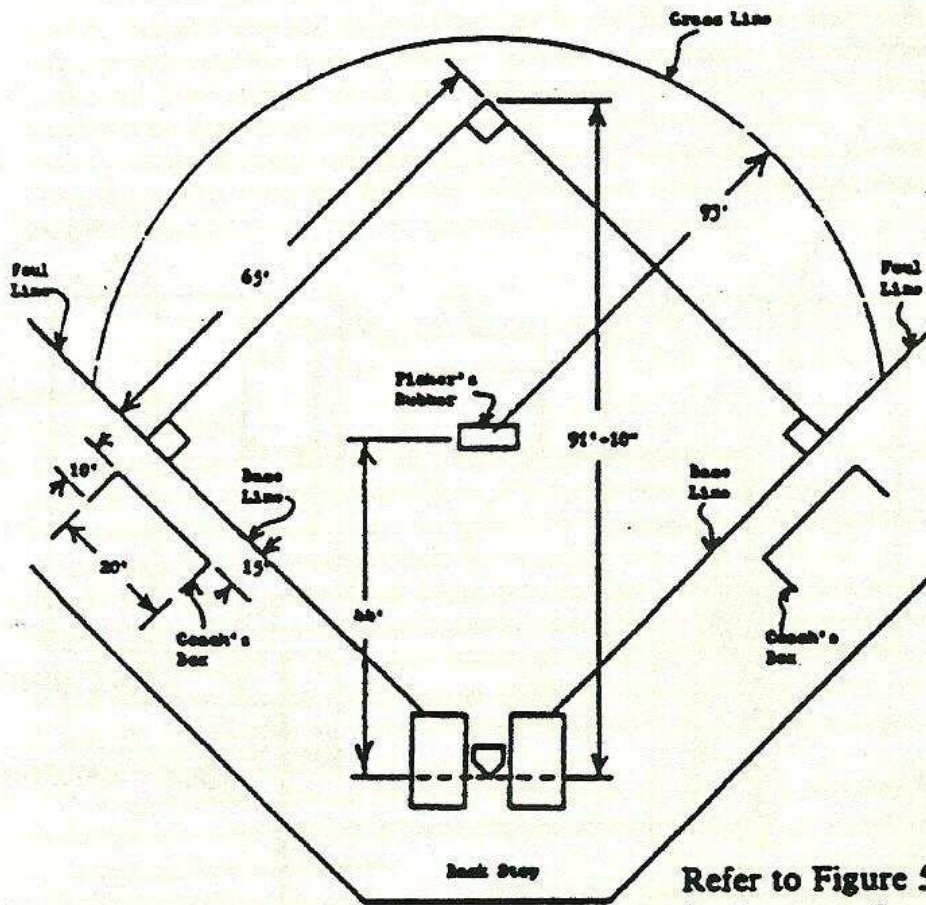


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for Layout of  
Batter's Box



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MOSQUITO FIELD LAYOUT

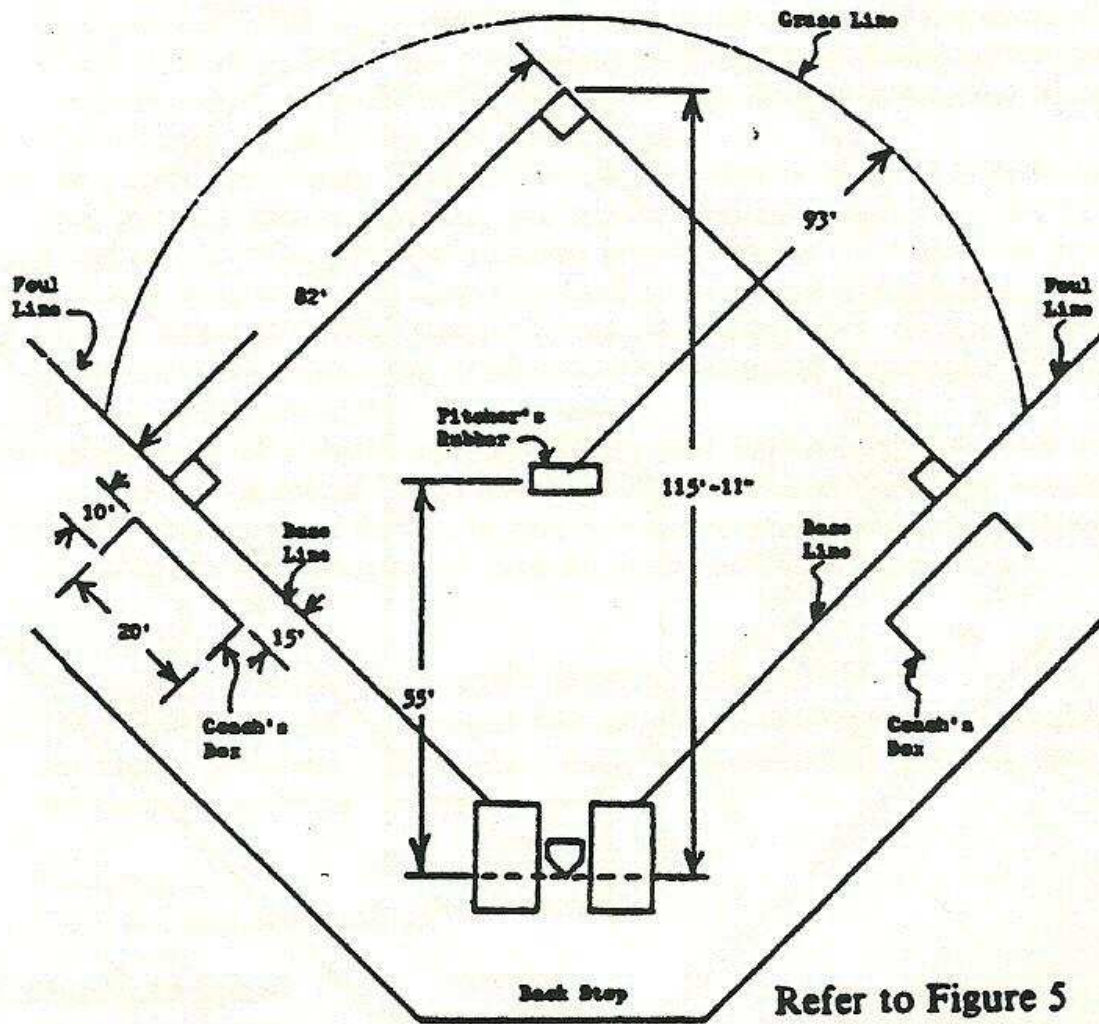


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Figure No. 8

BANTAM FIELD LAYOUT



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Batter's Box

