



Fair Play Policy

The Charleswood Minor Baseball Association (CMBA) believes that every player is entitled to a fair and equitable amount of playing time over the course of the regular season as well as the opportunity to develop skills at various positions.

Rally Cap and Rookie: Because all players normally play in all innings at the Rally Cap and Rookie age divisions, no special fair play policies are required for these age groups.

Mosquito, PeeWee and Bantam: This fair play policy applies to “A” and “AA” teams at these age levels. Under this policy, all players who attend practices and games, work hard and conduct themselves according to the CMBA Player Code of Conduct are guaranteed fair treatment over the course of the regular season. Baseball has some complicated rules regarding the number of innings that a player can pitch, shortened games, substitution of players and injury substitutions that will affect the application of this policy in any single game. The intent is that this policy will be applied over the course of the regular season.

Fair and Equitable playing time means that all players will be required to “sit” approximately the same number of innings over the course of the regular season. To be considered to have “sat” an inning, a player must have been present, healthy, and available for play [i.e., if the player is absent from a game, he/she is not considered to have sat for that game].

Coaches may choose to sit a player for all or part of a game, to enforce discipline with respect to the Player Code of Conduct. The player is not considered to be available to play for those innings, so the innings are not included in the “sat” total.

Coaches will hold a team meeting with parents and players at the beginning of the season to discuss the Fair Play Policy and the Player Code of Conduct, and to describe the discipline rules that will apply over the course of the season. In the event of a disagreement over these rules, the CMBA Convenor for the age division and a representative of the CMBA Board of Directors shall help resolve any disputes.

Coaches (or their designates) are asked to track the number of innings sat by each player at all regular season and tournament games. Players or parents can request this information in writing from the coach and the convenor who are asked to respond within 36 hours of receiving the request.

Playoffs: During the regular season, players will develop and display their skills in a variety of positions and places in the batting order. During the playoffs it is acceptable for coaches to assign players to one or two positions that the players have demonstrated the ability to play successfully, and to establish a batting order at the discretion of the coach. Even in circumstances where coaches, players and parents have agreed that equal playing time is not to apply during the playoffs, every player should have an opportunity to play at least one inning at each game they attend.

Midget and Junior: CMBA recognizes that at the Midget and Junior age divisions, positional specialization has occurred, re-entry may be limited or impossible, and the strict application of this fair play policy may not be achievable. Thus at the Midget and Junior age divisions the spirit of this policy is to apply where possible.

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