

Quinte Baseball League

Updated Rules for 2008 Season (An * will proceed any changes)

The Quinte Baseball League is affiliated with the EOBA and the OBA. For this purpose the rules will be followed in the following order:

- 1 Quinte Baseball League (QBL)
- 2 Eastern Ontario Baseball Association (EOBA)
- 3 Ontario Baseball League (OBA)
- 4 Official Rules of Baseball

	Series	Birth Year
*	Mosquito	1997 – 1998
*	Pee Wee	1995 – 1996
*	Bantam	1993 – 1994
*	Midget	1989 – 1992

Specific rules as per the Quinte Baseball League

Section 1 – Official Rules: Objectives of the game

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 1.01 All players must wear a protective cup or Jill strap.
- 1.02 Steal cleats are not allowed at any level.
- 1.03 Chinstraps are **MANDATORY** at all levels except Bantam and Midget.
- 1.04 All player uniforms must have numbers.
- 1.05 Players signed to a current EOBA roster may play in the QBL. However players who pitch or catch in the EOBA may not pitch or catch in the QBL after July 1st. It is the player responsibility to inform their QBL coach if they pitch or catch in the EOBA.
- 1.06 Aluminum bats are allowed at all levels within the QBL. No bat shall exceed 2 ¾ inches in diameter and must not have a weight to length differential of greater than 12 ounces.

Section 2 – Official Rules: Definition of Terms

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 2.01 **Infield Fly** rule does not apply at Mosquito level
- 2.02 **Hurry Up Rule** If the catcher is on base and two outs develop, then the last out can be substituted and the catcher can now suit up in preparation of taking his defensive position.
- 2.03 **Blood Rule** A player that has visible blood on their person or clothing is not allowed to remain in the game. They may return once they are cleaned up and all open wounds have been covered.

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Section 3 – Official Rules: Game Preliminaries

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 3.01 SIX RUN MERCY RULE: An inning is completed after 3 outs or six runs are scored.
- 3.02 Ten (10) run mercy rule shall apply after completion of five (5) innings
- 3.03 All players shall be registered and sign an official team roster to be forwarded to the league.
- 3.04 The home team is to supply one new ball and good used balls for the game.
- 3.05 A fifteen-minute grace period will be given before a forfeit is called. If a team uses any of the grace period time, it will be constituted as a game time played.
- 3.06 The starting time of all QBL games shall be the time published on the league schedule, unless altered at the pregame meeting with umpires and with the agreement of both teams and the umpires, because of unforeseen circumstances.

Section 4 – Official Rules: Starting and Ending a Game

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 4.01 A minimum of 7 players are needed to start a game.
- 4.02 If a game is started with 9 or more and for reason of injury your team is reduced less than 9 (but more than 7), play can continue.
- 4.03 Open substitution of players is allowed and any player who arrives late can be added to the bottom of the batting order.
- 4.04 A regulation game is considered to be 7 innings or 1 hour 50 minutes in length. (Whichever comes first)
Exception – When there is not enough daylight to safely continue play at parks that are not using lights.
- 4.05 The end of one inning is also considered the start of the next inning.

Section 5 -Official Rules: The Catcher

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 5.01 Mosquito catchers can catch 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play is considered an inning)
- 5.02 Pee Wee catchers can catch 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play is considered an inning)
- 5.03 Bantam catchers can catch the entire game.
- 5.04 Midget catchers can catch the entire game.
- 5.05 Mosquito Only: Catchers can use a regular glove or Decker. If the catcher misses the ball on the third strike, the batter is out.

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Section 6 - Official Rules: The Batter

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 6.01 All Players in attendance will be included in the batting order.
- 6.02 Players coming late may be added to the bottom of the batting order

Section 7 - Official Rules: The Runner

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 7.01 In the event a runner intentionally removes their helmet, while in the process of trying to advance, they shall be called out.
- 7.02 If while standing on base while play is in, and a player removes their helmet, the umpire shall call time and advise the runner to put the helmet on.
- 7.03 Mosquito runners will not leave any bag until the ball crosses home plate.

Section 8 - Official Rules: The Pitcher

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 8.01 Mosquito pitchers can pitch 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play constitutes an inning)
- 8.02 Pee Wee pitchers can pitch 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play constitutes an inning)
- 8.03 Bantam pitchers can 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play constitutes an inning)
- 8.04 Midget pitchers can pitch 4 innings per game. (One pitch/play constitutes an inning)
- 8.05 If a pitcher hits 2 batters in an inning, they can no longer pitch the rest of the inning. They can however come back and pitch the next inning.
- 8.06 Any player who assumes the pitching position in an inning will be charged with an inning pitched.
- 8.07 Girls teams will pitch from their regular mound distance, regardless of if they are playing in a higher division.
- 8.08 A pitcher may re-enter the pitching position as long as they have not fulfilled their inning limits as stated above for each division.

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Section 9 - Official Rules: The Umpire

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 9.01 The home team will supply two umpires.
- 9.02 If the home team is unable to supply either, the visiting team has the right to supply either.
- 9.03 Umpires cannot overrule this and say they will do it alone unless the teams both agree.
- 9.04 A carded umpire at Pee Wee level and up should be supplied.
- 9.05 A Home plate umpire that is not from either of the team's centers shall do officiating in the final Championship games of the playoffs. The League will incur travelling costs, if required.

Section 10 - Official Rules: The Official Scorer

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 10.01 For all regular season and playoff games, the home scorekeeper shall be the official scorekeeper

Section 11 - Official Rules: Protests and Appeals

The Quinte Baseball League will follow the EOBA, OBA and Official Rules of Baseball with the following amendments:

- 11.01 All protests must be filed (phoned or email) with the league president and cc to your convener with 24 hrs of the scheduled start time of the game being protested.
- 11.02 Protests must be resolved within 72 hours of receiving notification and evidence in support thereof.
- 11.03 A deposit of Fifty (\$50) dollars will be given to a QBL executive and held in trust. The person holding the deposit in trust must be noted in the protest.
- 11.04 When the protest is allowed the money will be returned by the QBL. If the protest is disallowed, the deposit will be retained by the QBL.
- 11.05 Any ruling handed down by the QBL will be considered final. No further actions can be taken.
- 11.06 Protest based on umpire's judgment decisions will not be permitted.
- 11.07 Protest based on the umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the umpires before the game resumes, and the opposing team must also be advised by the umpire before the game resumes.