



2019 Things to Remember

Minors & Majors

1. The home team will occupy the first base dugout; the visiting team the third base dugout.
2. The home team is responsible for supplying the home plate umpire with two new balls. The visiting team supplies two good used balls and the base umpire. If no umpires show up then the Home Team is responsible to supply the Home Plate Umpire and the Visiting Team will supply the Base Umpire
3. Each team will supply its own scorekeeper. Scorekeepers will provide their batting order to the other team's scorekeeper before the game. All lineups must be recorded clearly using first and last names, both on the lineup cards and in the scorebooks. The Home team's scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper. The scorekeepers should confer regularly during games to confirm that both parties agree on the score and the current batter. The official scorekeeper shall sit near the official pitch counter behind the backstop in a location easily accessible by the umpire.
4. A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players present at the beginning of the game. If a team cannot field the minimum within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the game shall be forfeited. In the case of a game happening with only 8 players (there will be no automatic out when the 9th batter should come up in the order, the game is completed with only 8 batters in the lineup). If the manager has advance knowledge of the shortage up to 24 hours before game time, he may reschedule the game. MANAGERS are expected to call up players from minor divisions if necessary in order to field a team. Call-ups are to be done through the Player Agent.
5. Each player must play in the field at least one half the game (not necessarily consecutive innings). If this does not occur, then players playing less than the minimum shall play extra innings in the next game. At the end of the season, the differential of innings sat out shall not be more than 20 between any two players. Missed games do not count as innings sat out.

6. All players present for the game shall be placed in the batting lineup and will bat throughout the game in that batting order, regardless whether they are playing defensive innings or not. Players arriving late must be added to the bottom of the batting order. The batting order cannot otherwise be changed during the game. If a player is unable to bat (injured or ejected) his spot in the order will simply be skipped. If a player is injured while on the bases, the player who was the previous out for the team at bat shall take the place of the injured player on the bases. No player shall bat in the last 3 batting positions for two consecutive games.
 - a. Note 1: a player shall be considered to have arrived late if they are not present 20 minutes prior to game time.
 - b. Note 2: should a player bat in the last 3 batting positions in a game, then miss or arrive late for his/her team's next game, he/she may bat in one of these positions in the next game that he/she is present for.
7. As of January 1, 2018, the new USA Baseball Bat Standard was implemented. USABat Standard bats must be used in the little league Major Baseball Division and below. Little League approved baseball bat that were approved for use in 2017 season **will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity** as of January 1, 2018. For more information on the USABat Standard and a complete list of bats approved through USABat Standard, visit www.fcll.ca.
8. Practices shall be booked through the coordinator. The only exception is the appointed practice times. MANAGERS are to ensure all bases and equipment is returned to the lockbox after their teams practice or ensures the next team taking the field is aware they are responsible for returning the equipment
9. Rain out games is the responsibility of the two managers to decide if field of play is acceptable to play baseball. This should be decided upon at the diamond prior to game time and no ASSUMPTIONS should be made on current weather conditions, as it can change very quickly in spring time in Calgary. Only exception is if the VP or Coordinator decides a minimum of 6 hours prior to game time that fields are closed. An umpire may also make a call that due to safety a field is not suitable for play. Once the umpires, at the plate meeting, receive the lineup card of the home team the umpires take responsibility.
10. The home team is responsible for rescheduling games postponed due to weather. MANAGERS must contact the coordinator for diamond availability. The manager is also responsible for rescheduling the umpire through the umpire coordinator for rescheduled games. Rescheduled games will take priority over scheduled practices.
11. No exhibition games after league play starts and any exhibition games need to be approved by the Division Coordinator prior to happening

12. Fill out pitching records and have opposing coach sign them at the end of each game and have it available at the beginning of each game for inspection by the opposing coach
13. The WINNING team MANAGER must e-mail in scores and both teams' pitch counts to the coordinator immediately following the game.