**SCARBOROUGH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Senior Midget (Junior) 2015 INTERLOCK RULES**

**AGE LIMITS:**

Maximum age, 21 years old as of Dec. 31, 2015

**FIELD DIMENSIONS:**

# Pitching rubber is 60 feet, six inches from the plate; bases are 90 feet apart.

**Regular baseball rules apply except for the following:**

**1) All players in attendance bat in rotation.** A team must field a **minimum of EIGHT players.** Latecomers must be added to the bottom of the batting order. A player’s name cannot be listed on the batting order until he arrives at the park.

**NOTE:**  If a team only has eight players, **the vacant 9th SPOT IN THE BATTING ORDER WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC OUT.**

If a 9th player arrives later in the game, that automatic out no longer will be in effect.

**NOTE:** If a player must leave the game for any reason, his spot in the

batting order will simply be skipped for the remainder of the game with no penalty to his club, unless it then leaves the team short the required minimum of eight players, therefore resulting in a default. If a player must leave the game and therefore leaves the team with only eight players, his now vacated spot in the batting order will be an automatic out.

2) **Free defensive substitutions**.

3)   **Once a pitcher is removed** from the mound, **he may not return as a pitcher in that game**, but may play any other position. (Pitchers**must** be replaced if a coach or manager makes a second visit to the mound in one inning.)

4)   **Pitching Limits** is five innings per game (maximum of 7 innings in one night if team is playing a double header)

5)   **Game lengths**: 7 innings or no new inning may be started after 1 hour 45 minutes from scheduled game start, game over at two-hour mark.  (Exceptions may be made during playoffs).

6)     **OBA Contact rule is in effect. Please see**[www.baseballontario.com](http://www.baseballontario.com/)**for clarification if needed.**

7)     **Mercy Rule**:if the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings by 10 runs, or the visiting team is leading by 10 runs after 5 complete innings game is over.

**Each club must supply a new baseball and pay one umpire** (2 umpires scheduled per game). Umpire fees are established annually by the SBA; 2015 rate is $40. per umpire. Please remember to bring $80. to every game in case of a forfeit. If a team defaults their game then they are responsible to pay for BOTH umpires. The umpires will officiate an exhibition game provided there is a minimum of 16 players on hand.

**8) Home team is responsible for setting up the field**: Install or set bases and put bases away following the game **Home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper**. The home team’s game sheet is the official game sheet and must be retained in case of protest or later verification requirements.

9)  **Game results must be reported by BOTH teams.**  The home team is responsible to maintain a copy of the official game sheet. Please remit game results to the Interlock Convener by week’s end. Both teams should forward their results and any game comments.

10)  **Players may not wear any exposed jewelry,** exception made for medical alert   bracelets.

11)  **Metal cleats and metal bats ARE not allowed.** Wood or composite bats will be used. Players must wear double flap helmets

 **EJECTIONS:**Any player or coach ejected in a game is automatically suspended from that club’s next game. No appeals.

**CALL-UPS:** Only players from Midget are eligible as call-ups, preferably 18 year olds and up

**RAIN-OUTS:** Game cancellations will be done in a timely fashion, coaches will be contacted by text or phone call. If you do not hear otherwise, assume games are a go.