

South Elgin Minor Ball League General Rules of Play

1. The League is governed by the C.A.S.A. rulebook unless otherwise indicated by a specific League rule.
2. The home team is responsible for supplying game balls. Requirements for specific types of balls are noted under Division rules
3. Each team must have at least 5 batting helmets complete with ear flaps. Helmets must also have chin straps, which must be fastened while in use. Helmets are worn by the batter, the on-deck batter, and all base runners. If a helmet is purposely removed while the player is running the bases, that runner will be called out. Catchers must wear a catcher's helmet, mask and chest protector.
4. Shoes with fixed plastic cleats and turf cleats are allowed. Shoes with metal cleats and removable plastic cleats are not allowed.
5. A safety base must be used at 1st Base.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct from players, coaches and managers will not be tolerated. Offences will be handled as follows:
 - 1st: offender ejected from game, verbal warning.
 - 2nd: offender ejected from game + additional game suspension.
 - 3rd: offender ejected from game, further action reviewed by League.It is the responsibility of the other team to report any ejections of other team players and/or officials to the League Convener, and to ensure that the umpires also report the incident.
7. No inning may start after 1 hour 20 minutes from the game start time. If an inning cannot be completed due to darkness, the score at the end of the last complete inning will stand.
8. If a team wishes to cancel a game they must advise the other team within 24 hours or they will forfeit the game. If a game is to be cancelled due to weather, the home team must contact the away team at least 1.5 hours before game time.
9. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in one inning, that pitcher must be replaced for the remainder of that inning. If the same pitcher hits another batter in another inning, then they must be replaced for the rest of the game.
10. Players are only allowed to compete in 1 age division in any given year, unless a center is unable to field a team because of too few players. In these special circumstances, a player will be allowed to play in a higher age group. Players should play for the closest center, but this is not mandatory. Complaints on this subject will be handled by the League.
11. Maximum age levels for all Divisions are determined by the age that the player turns within the specific calendar year. If there is not a proper age team, a player may play in a lower age Division if they are just one year above the maximum age for that Division. Over aged players are not allowed to play the position of Pitcher or Catcher unless approved by the other team. Over age players must be identified to the opposing team/coach. Complaints on abuse of the privilege to use over aged players will be handled by the League.

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