

W.C.B.A. RIVER LEAGUE APPENDIX

River League Requirements

- River League Registration Fee is \$100 per team.

Playing Rules- ALL DIVISIONS

- Playing rules for all divisions in River League play will adhere to the following rulebooks, in the following order of hierarchy rules of play: Baseball Canada, Ontario Baseball Association (OBA), Western Counties constitution, River League Amendments.
- River League playing rule amendments listed below. Any modifications made at the annual coaches meeting to be approved by division convenor and directors for River League.
- All Players in all divisions are to be not only listed on the batting order but also are required to play a field position for a minimum of 2 innings out of the first 4 innings of the game.
- Run cap of 5 runs per inning for all levels, except at U11, where OBA run cap rules apply (currently 4 in 2025).
- Time limit for U9 to U11, to be 1 hour and 30 minutes from the time of first pitch. U13 to U15 to have a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of first pitch.
- Only at 2 outs in the inning will a courtesy runner be allowed for the catcher. Runner to be last recorded out not currently on the base path.
- There will be unlimited substitutions permitted at all levels.

Playing Rules- U9 amendments

- No player will be permitted to score or advance on overthrows.
- In a ball hit to the outfield, the maximum amount of bases that a batter runner can advance is two bases. Current base runners can also only advance two bases on any ball hit.
- Bat rules: metal bats with minus 10 length/weight (drop) differential are permitted

Rules- U11 amendments

- For overthrows, ball to be declared out of bounds, play is considered halted, and 1 base will be awarded to runners.
- No players permitted to steal home, or score on overthrows from the pitcher, or overthrows from the catcher to the pitcher.
- Bat rules: metal bats with minus 10 length/weight (drop) differential are permitted

Rules – U13

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- There is no open inning in the last inning of any game.

Rules – U15-U18 merged Division

- As of 2025, this division will allow for the expansion to 18U players.
- All players who are 16U and above will be identified on the lineup card.
- All teams will follow bat rules as outlined by the OBA.
 - For 15U players, wood bats and non-wood bats may be used. Only non-wood bats with a length-to-weight differential of -5 or less are permitted.
 - For 16U players and above, only wood, wood composite, and wood-like material bats are permitted. Wood composite bats include wood or bamboo bats with fiberglass sheathing and wood-barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.

Overaged Players

- Except at 9u a maximum of 3 overaged players can be permitted upon approval by the River League chair or committee to play at a lower level.
 - These players cannot pitch or catch.
- At 9u there no overaged players are permitted. Centers in desperate need to ensure they have numbers to form a team can be requested on a case-by-case basis.
- An overaged player is considered maximum of 1 year above the playing age of that level of play.
- All overage players to be presented in the lineup with an asterisk on the lineup card. If a team has multiple overage players, these players must be staggered in the lineup and cannot bat consecutively.
- Any special requests for overage players can be requested but would require approval of the River League committee (ie. 2 years older, more than 3 overage players, etc).

OBA/REP Affiliated Players (AP) In Same Division

- A local OBA/REP team in the same age division can sign a maximum of 3 River League players from the same division laterally.
- Teams must have the OBA boundary rights to the players or a valid release with Western Counties and OBA.
- These players must be made known and approved by the River League to avoid any conflict. They must be identified on the River League roster and on lineup cards at all games.
- AP players are only to be used occasionally in times of need to ensure centers can field teams. If it's reported and proven that a center has abused the AP process the AP player(s) and coach will be ineligible for postseason games or tournaments. The River League committee will meet to review each case reported. Priority is given to the RL team the player is rostered to.

Year End Championships

- All tournaments are run on a voluntary basis.
- If no centre applies to host a year end tournament, no year-end tournament will occur.
- At the discretion of the division convenor, a playdown format can be developed.
- Western Counties will provide medals for 1st and 2nd place for each division for the year end tournaments. In the event there are multiple tournaments running for one division, a 1st place medal will be provided for each tournament.
- Ordering for medals will be done by host.
- All meals, baseballs, umpires and tournament convenor will be supplied by tournament host, and to be covered by team fees.
- Tournament weekend to be determined by host.
- Deadline for hosting to be submitted to the River League Committee by the first Saturday of July.