Brief Overview of the Rules for Mosquito 2019 (some are adjusted for our specific league)
*******PLEASE REFER TO BC MINOR RULES FOR MOSQUITO**

Let's make sure our players are safe, having fun and developing skills throughout the season.

Fair Play – BC Minor rules

- All players must play 3 innings and must play **at least 1 inning in the infield**.
- **No player may sit 2 innings** before all players have sat 1 inning.

Code of Conduct

- BC Minor rules

Field & Game Play

- **46'** pitching distance and **60'** baselines
- Max 6 innings – no new inning after 2 hours
- Open inning may be called for the 4th or 5th inning – if an open inning is played prior to the 6th inning and completed with time to play another inning then **the next inning will also be open**
- Max runs per inning: **2** in the first**, 2** in the second**, 4** in every other inning until the open inning
- 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings
- The play is dead when the ball is in control on the mound – players cannot advance
- Teams must report scoresheet and pitch count records after each game (to the Coordinator)

Batting

- All players on the roster will bat in order
- Bunting is permitted
- Infield fly rule is in effect

Base Running

- Runners must be on their base when the ball is pitched – can step off once the pitched ball **crosses home plate**
- Runners may steal bases
- **Runners CANNOT steal home base in the first 2 innings of play**
- A ball overthrown at any base is live and runners may advance at their own risk. If the ball leaves the playing field, the ball will be called dead and runners will automatically advance to the next base.
- Once a runner stops forward motion then he must go back to the previous base (this is generally just a time waster)
- Runners must 'slide/avoid'
- Baserunners must stop and go back to last base when ball is on the mound in control

Pitching

- A first year pitcher (2009 birth year of younger) or inexperienced 2nd year pitcher must pitch the 1st and 2nd innings
- Players may pitch and catch in the same game
- Pitch counts must be recorded to calculate mandatory rest between games pitched (see BCMBA rules)
- Pitchers may 'finish a batter' but those pitches count towards the pitcher's total pitch count (e.g. a pitcher is at 25 and then pitches 2 more in order to finish off a batter then that pitcher has 27 pitches and must rest 2 nights)
- Players may pitch more than 2 days in a row as long as their total pitches for the previous consecutive days is less than 25

Teach the players to return the ball to the pitcher as quickly as possible, that is when players have to stop running and return to their bases anyways. This will limit the multi-error plays, the overthrow to first, followed by the overthrow to second on the same play, etc.

Players can't steal home on a throwback to the pitcher, we aren't teaching the kids to take advantage of pitchers who have trouble catching the ball on the mound!