**2019 Greater Vancouver 13U AA Interlock Rules**

**NOTE**-Please ensure that a copy of the attached Interlock Guidelines and Rules are circulated to all Umpires and Coaches so that they are aware of the following:

* Protests- No protests allowed during regular season Interlock play.
* Balks-               Pee Wee AA – 1 warning per pitcher in April, all balks called in May and June.
* Run Limit-         Pee Wee AA – 5 run limit in 1st and 2nd inning, remaining innings open.
* Ending Game-   Umpire’s discretion due to darkness. No new innings to begin after 2 hrs. 15 min. Time limit applies to all games regardless of light issues, following games, etc.
* Extra Inning-  In the event of a tie, ONE extra inning can be played if time limit and light permits.
* Rain-outs-         Home team must contact the Visiting team within 72 hours to re-schedule a rain-out. They must offer a make-up date taking both team’s schedule/availability in to account. If the Visiting team can’t play first date, Home team must offer an alternative date. If the visiting team refuses second date, game may be scored as a default win for Home team. Conversely, if Home team does not contact the Visiting team within 72 hours, the Visiting team should advise Division Manager to request assistance as required in rescheduling of rainouts. If Home team refuses to provide a date for make-up game, then game may be scored as a default win for the Visiting team.
	1. **Dispute Resolution:**
* Where possible, disputes should be settled locally by Division coordinators of the associations involved. Where this is not successful in resolving disputes, the Division coordinators will be called on to resolve it.
	1. **Reporting of Umpires:**
* Umpire issues should be dealt with locally by Division coordinator and Umpire-in-Chief of association. It should not be necessary to be contacting association Presidents with umpire complaints.
	1. **Code of Conduct:**
* All associations should make it a priority to inform all coaches, players and spectators of the proper Code of Conduct for minor baseball.
* Zero tolerance of abuse should be standard practice in all parks and should be enforced.
* For first offence, the umpire will issue a warning. For second offence, the umpire shall stop game and instruct the coach of the offending team that the game will not proceed until the offending individual (coach, player or spectator) has left the park.
* It is important that coaches of BOTH teams should be seen to be supporting the umpire in these decisions, instead of it looking like a “home” umpire issue.

 4 All Rules not covered above will be defined and implemented using first, the 2019 BC

 Baseball Rulebook and secondly the 2019 Baseball Canada rulebook