

Fair Play Policy

Tuxedo Community Centre Baseball believes that every player is entitled to a fair and equitable amount of playing time over the course of the regular season as well as the opportunity to develop skills at various positions. Parents with concerns about fair play, either with playing time or defensive position play, should first quietly and privately talk with or email the head coach about their concerns. If that does not resolve the issue, they should contact the Tuxedo baseball convenor with their concerns.

Rally Cap and Grand Slam

All players normally play in the field for every inning. At Grand Slam, all players should have the opportunity to play every defensive position during the baseball season.

Playing Time (11U-18U in A-Leagues, 11U-15U in AA-Leagues)

All players who attend practices and games, work hard, notify coaches in advance for any absences, and conduct themselves appropriately should have close to equal playing time over the course of the regular baseball season. A player's playing time can be reduced for inappropriate behaviour, and unexpected or frequent absences from games or practices. At **11U-A, 11U-AA, and 13U-A**, close to equal playing time should continue for all players during playoffs. At **13U-AA, 15U-A, 15U-AA and 18U-A**, some players usually play more innings than others during playoffs. For all ages, every player should play at least 2 innings in the field at every playoff game they attend (Baseball Manitoba recommendation). As in the regular season, a player's unexpected or frequent absences or inappropriate behavior can reduce playing time.

Defensive Position Play, 11U-18U in the A-Leagues, 11U-15U in AA-Leagues

All players should have the opportunity to play a variety of defensive positions throughout the regular season and play at different spots in the batting order. During the regular season, every 11U and 13U player should be taught, and have the opportunity to pitch and be taught and have the opportunity to play almost all the defensive positions. Players in the 15U and 18U age divisions have often developed preferences in a couple of defensive areas and may prefer to improve their skills in their preferred areas rather than learn new defensive positions. However, any player who wants to learn a new defensive position should be given the opportunity to do so during the regular season. During playoffs, players usually play only their stronger defensive positions, and coaches often have a fairly static batting order.

18U-AA Teams

The 18U-AA League is unique in youth baseball because it does not have a continuous batting order or unlimited substitution. It does have very limited re-entry rules but is pretty much played the same as

professional baseball. Thus, the strict application of this fair play policy is unrealistic at 18U-AA. However, the spirit of this policy is to apply wherever possible, with approximately equal play during the regular season as the goal. At this level, players have developed preferences in a couple of defensive areas, and usually prefer to improve their skills in their preferred areas rather than learn new defensive positions. However, any player who wants to learn a new defensive position should be given the opportunity to do so during the regular season.

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