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7-12 YEAR OLD CITY RECREATION BASEBALL LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

Players/Team Conduct

1. A defensive playing team shall optimally consist of 10 players, but may play with 8 players. The 10th player may play anywhere in fair territory. The batting line-up will consist of all players who show up for the game.
2. NO Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League player will be allowed to play in this League after playing in any part of a Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth game during the current season.
3. A player's age for the current playing season is how old they are as of April 30th of the current year.
4. Players who are 7 years of age are ONLY allowed to play in the Outfield.
5. If the throwing of helmets, bats or other equipment occurs:
1st time – team warning
2nd time – player out
6. NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco, is allowed by anyone at Nordstrom Park, or any area within the Jamestown City Parks system.
7. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN ANY CITY PARK.
8. Use of foul language or abusive behavior by a manager, coach, players or spectator will result in expulsion from the game. Players who use foul language or are abusive will also be suspended from the next game they are scheduled to play. Players are not allowed to be in attendance at a game where they are suspended.
9. If an ejected spectator, coach or manager refuses to leave the park, the Umpire will call a forfeit of the game. The Umpire has the power to call a forfeit of the game due to abusive behavior, including persistent use of foul language, by a manager, coaches, players, or parents.
10. No metal spikes shall be allowed. All players will wear long pants. (NO exceptions)
11. NO jewelry is allowed on the field. Managers and umpire will enforce.

12. The pledge of allegiance to the flag will be held prior to every game. Players will line up on the first and third baselines.

Game Rules

1. Game times: Monday, Weds.-Friday nights 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Nights 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. (games can begin earlier if both managers agree)
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
2. Teams shall rotate all players at the game through when at bat.
3. No runner shall be allowed to score on a passed ball or wild pitch.
4. A runner may only advance from third base by means of a batted ball or during a defensive play.
 - a. Exception: bases loaded – no advancement after ball passes home plate
5. Pitching machine:
 - a. Only the umpire will set up the machine on game days.
 - b. The umpire will feed the machine and conduct the game from that site.
 - c. Pitching machine will not be adjusted for individual players.
 - d. Players at bat must hit from home plate.
 - e. Only City Rec. League players can use (bat) the pitching machine (whether it be during a game or batting practice)
6. Each team will receive a warning if a player leaves a base early, after that the player will be called out.
7. All players shall play both offensively and defensively in each game, a minimum of two innings.
8. Free substitution shall be in effect for all – affected players must bat in their normal batting order.
9. “Pitcher” must wear helmet with face guard.
10. Bunting is allowed.
11. There is NO infield fly rule.
12. When the catcher throws the ball to the pitcher, the play is over unless the base runner is already in the process of advancing. (Base runners only get one base for a passed ball)
13. Once a team has scored ten (10) runs in an inning, they will automatically take the field, as if they had made three (3) outs.

Game Limitations

1. Games shall consist of **seven innings or two hours** – in case of two hours, the half inning must be completed (at discretion of umpire if a close game). If the visiting team has played four full innings and poor weather forces the end of the game, the game is considered complete.
2. 10 Run Rule is in effect after 5 complete innings. If the home team is ahead by the requisite number of runs, the game will end after the top half of the inning.

Protests

1. If a team desires to protest (this includes ineligible players), the protest must be filed in writing by the Team Manager or Coach in the City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Office not later than 24 hours following the completion of the game (48 hours if the game happens on a Saturday), and also with the umpire before play resumes. The umpire shall also mark the scorebook of team making the protest.

Bats

1. No composite bats allowed, including “half and half” bats. Aluminum bats are the only ones sanctioned for use by the City of Jamestown in City Rec Baseball games. Bats may be 2 ¼ inch barrel or the Little League approved 2 5/8 inch barrel

Play-Offs

1. It will be the intent that the Championship Game be played at Bergman Park under the lights if fields are available.

Miscellaneous

1. The Umpire is provided and compensated by the Jamestown Parks & Rec Department. Coaches, managers, players, and players’ families, are precluded from providing financial compensation or benefits to the Umpire.
2. Teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugout area after the end of the game.
3. Field Conditions are available by calling 661-6477, visiting www.jamestownny.net, www.facebook.com/jamestownparks or www.twitter.com/jamestownparks.