

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL RULES

The playing rules as adopted by the Peach County Parks & Recreation Department will be the governing rules of the program, and all involved in the program, be it player, coach, or spectator, shall abide by these rules.

The Park Supervisor is the Department's staff member in charge of that particular park. It is his/her responsibility to see that the rules set forth by the Parks & Recreation Department are followed. He/she has the authority to suspend coaches, players, and spectators for flagrant violations of any rules.

SUSPENDED GAME: All rained out games, or games called off due to light failure, etc., will be replayed according to GRPA, high school, or ASA rules, as pertaining to our local rules. If games cannot be considered a complete game by number of innings played, games will be resumed from the point they were interrupted.

GRACE PERIOD: A ten minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only. If a team cannot field at least eight players after this grace period, the game will be forfeited. Second and third game of the night, game time is forfeit time.

All Leagues--Every Game:

1. After outs, ball must be returned to mound.
2. Five warm ups per inning for same pitcher in baseball, three for softball.
3. One minute to get on field and be ready to play after last out.
4. Next batter due up must get on deck.
5. Speed-up rule in baseball and fast pitch softball - with two outs, if catcher gets on base, use courtesy runner to replace. Use last batter to make out.
6. Only one time out per inning permitted in T-Ball and Coach Pitch.
7. All equipment issued by the Recreation Department is to be considered legal equipment. Team issued hats only will be worn during ball game. Issued team hats must be worn by all baseball and softball players during games. Team issued shirts must be worn and cannot be altered in any way. Shirts must be tucked in pants.
8. Baseball bats not allowed in girls softball. Softball bats not allowed in baseball.
9. Bat sizes for 9-10 Boys is 2 1/4" diameter with max length 33 inches; 11-12 Boys is 2 1/2" diameter with a maximum length of 33 inches; 13-15 is 2 5/8" diameter with max length of 36 inches. Max length in T-Ball and 7-8 is 28", 2 1/4" diameter.
10. Protective cups are to be worn by all baseball catchers. Catcher will not be allowed to play without one!
11. Batting Helmets are to be worn by batters while they are on deck, batting, and running bases. They cannot be removed unless player is in dugout. The first offense for removing helmet prematurely is a team warning. On the second offense, the player will be ejected.
12. No steal cleats allowed in any league.

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13. Jewelry of any kind not allowed.
14. Head first slide not allowed in any league. Runner will be out. Does not include dive back to base.

SUSPENSION:

1. Any coach or player being ejected from a game will be suspended from next game also. This suspension includes park attendance. On the second offense, suspension from program.
2. Any player or coach who is caught abusing equipment (throwing helmet, throwing bat, or hitting rocks or fence with bat, etc.) will be suspended from game in progress and the next game also.

TEAM MEETINGS: Two times Monday through Friday, once on weekends. NO EXCEPTIONS.

GRIEVANCES:

1. Any complaints, protests, or grievances that occur during the course of a game shall be decided on the spot by the umpire-in-chief and/or the Recreation Staff Supervisor.
2. The umpire-in-chief shall be in charge of all playing rules and on-the-field conduct of players and coaches. The Recreation Staff Supervisor shall be responsible for and make decisions concerning league rules. EXAMPLE: Pitching Rules if different from high school rule book; substitution rules; line-ups, etc.
3. Forfeits: Umpires do not have the authority to forfeit a ballgame. The Recreation Department will have the final decision in any forfeits. During the course of a game, if any coach refuses to finish the game, or in any way obstructs the continuance of play, the game will be continued with a member of the Recreation Staff or an assistant coach to coach the team. The coach will be ejected from the playing field and the program.

TOBACCO USAGE: Tobacco products are not allowed in parks at any time. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind are allowed on any Recreation premises.

COACHES RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Recreation Department will approve all head coaches and assistant coaches for each team. An application and background check must be completed on all coaches and team moms.
2. Each head coach may select four (4) assistants in T-Ball and 7-8; two (2) assistants in all other leagues.

3. Coaches and their assistants will be required to comply with the policies established by the Recreation Department.
4. It is the coach's responsibility to see that players are not left unattended at practices and games, and that they have a ride after practices and games. Please don't leave them standing in the parking lot unless a Recreation Staff member is notified.
5. It is the coach's responsibility to see that all equipment is taken care of and returned at the end of the season.
6. Coaches are responsible for letting the Recreation Department know if any player quits for the season.
7. Coaches actions at all times will be governed by the overall intent of the Baseball/Softball Youth Program and in the best interest of his/her team.
8. Coaches are asked to control the conduct of their assistants, team players, and parents. Only the head coach can consult with an umpire.
9. If needed, to prevent individual problems from occurring during a game, a coach may discipline a player who has not completed mandatory playing time by benching them. For example, cursing, dirty tactics, etc.
10. Coaches serve at the pleasure of the Recreation Department and may be replaced if deemed necessary because of conduct considered detrimental to the program.