

# CARROLL COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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## 9 & 10 BOYS BASEBALL RULES

**All communities entered in this league are expected to give their coaches these rules. Each community is expected to play by these rules and these rules only! Each community should go over these rules with their game officials and must follow these rules while officiating.**

### PLAYING FIELD:

- Base distance is 60 feet.
- Pitching distance will be 46 feet from the back point of home plate to the front edge of the pitching plate.

### GAME REGULATIONS:

- Age control date is prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Roster limit will be no more than 15 players.
- Players cannot play or participate in two different county recreation leagues
- Players are required to play at least two (2) defensive innings, unless they are being disciplined for any reason.
- There will be **FREE DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTION** in 9 & 10 Boys baseball.
- Injured players - will not be allowed to play with any type of plaster or metal cast on any part of her body.
- Injured player-if an umpire removes an injured player, he or she may not re-enter if the coach removes an injured player, they may re-enter per the substitution rule.
- Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will sit out the remainder of that game plus his or her team's next scheduled game. The player may attend the game he/she is to sit out and sit on the team bench. **Exception** – any player ejected due to equipment violation, substitution violation or carelessly swinging his or her bat will not be required to sit out the next game.

### STARTING, ENDING, GRACE PERIOD OF ALL GAMES

- A regulation game played Monday – Friday shall be 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) or 1 hour and 15 minutes, whichever comes first. The inning at the 1 hour and 15 minute mark will be completed. Tied games will remain tied. Games played on Saturdays will be played 4 innings with a time limit of a 1 hour and 30 minutes. The inning at the 1 hour and 30 minute mark will be completed.
- There will be a 10-minute grace period for the first game of the day. Game time will be forfeit time thereafter.
- Teams must have 8 players to begin a game. If the team begins with 8 players, an out will be charged in the 9<sup>th</sup> batting spot.
- Teams must have at least 8 players to finish a game.
- 3 ½ complete innings constitutes a completed game if called due to bad weather (rain, lightning, etc.). Make-up games will be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.
- Home team will be responsible for providing game balls.

### EQUIPMENT:

- Helmets – all batters, base runners and on-deck batters must wear helmets with double earflaps.

- Chinstraps – are required.
- Facemasks – are required.
- Bats – bats must not exceed thirty-three inches (33') in length and two and one-quarter inches (2 ¼) in diameter.
- Balls – will be Wilson 1074 or equivalent baseballs.
- Uniform – matching jerseys similar in color and style with number on back.
- Catchers will wear full catchers gear: helmet with face guard, chest protector, and shin guards. **It is mandatory for all catchers to wear a protective cup.**
- Rubber-molded cleats only in this league.

## OFFENSE REGULATIONS

### BATTER / BATTING ORDER:

- All players present at the start of the game must be placed on the line up sheet, in batting order. The intention is for every player in the batting line up to bat regardless of whether they are playing defense or not. Every player will not necessarily bat every inning, but will be in the lineup to bat when their turn at bat approaches.
- **Any player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the line up if and only if the lead –off batter has not come to bat for the second time. If a player arrives after the leadoff batter has batted twice, then he or she will not be allowed to participate in that game.**
- Line-up should be turned into the scorekeeper no less than 10 minutes prior to game time with all players full name and jersey number listed.
- Bunting is allowed.
- If the batter slings his or her bat, the offense will be a warning. The second time the bat is slung, batter will be called out. Coaches need to teach proper swing technique for safety.
- Infield fly rule does apply to this league.
- Third strike foul-tip rule IS in effect.

### BASE RUNNER:

- Stealing is allowed.
- Runners must stay in contact with the base until the pitch reaches home plate. Penalty for leaving early is an out. After the ball has reached home plate, the runner may advance at the risk of being put out.
- There is no appeal in this league. The umpire will call out any runner, who misses a base or leaves a base early when tagging up on a fly ball, when play stops.
- No courtesy runner.
- Base runners CANNOT intentionally run over or collide with a defensive player runner will be out.
- Headfirst sliding is not allowed. Diving back to a base to avoid a tag or throw is allowed.
- **The batter is not allowed to run if the catcher misses or drops strike three. The batter is out but the other runners may advance at their own risk.**

### RUN LIMIT:

- Maximum of 4 runs per inning EXCEPTION: unlimited runs allowed in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning only!

- An inning will end after: 3 outs have been made OR the 4 run rule limit is met OR every player has had a turn at bat in that inning.
- Games ending in a tie will remain a tie, no extra innings.

## DEFENSE REGULATIONS

### PITCHING REGULATION:

- A pitcher who hits three (3) batters during a game intentional or not, shall be removed from the mound for the remainder of the game.
- Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he or she may be returned as a pitcher only once per inning provided the return as a pitcher does not violate either the pitching, substitution or charged conference rule. Ten warm up pitches are allowed for relief pitchers.
- Balks will not be called in this age group.
- For regular season games, the maximum innings allowed per week is eight. The maximum allowed for one day is 6. A pitcher who throws 3 innings in a day is available the next day. Once a pitcher takes the mound and throws one pitch; that will count as a full inning. No intentional walks are allowed. A pitching week is considered Monday – Saturday. A pitcher requires two (2) days of rest if they pitch more than three innings in one day. After three innings, the next available day to pitch is listed below.

Monday .....	Thursday
Tuesday .....	Friday
Wednesday .....	Saturday
Thursday .....	Monday
Friday .....	Monday
Saturday .....	Tuesday

### CHARGED CONFERENCE:

- Each team when on defense will be granted not more than three (3) charged conferences during a game without penalty. Any coach or player may make a request for this conference. Time allowed for injury shall not constitute a charged conference nor shall a conference be charged whenever there is a pitching change. Anytime two visits to the mound are made in one inning, the pitcher must be replaced.
- Each team, when offense may be granted no more than one charged conference per inning, including extra innings. The umpire shall deny any subsequent requests.

### COACHES:

- No coach or player will be permitted to use any type of tobacco products within the dugout or playing area.
- Profanity is strictly prohibited.
- Any coach under the influence of drugs or alcohol, at practices or games, will be dismissed immediately.
- There is a limit of **3** coaches/adults allowed in the dugout during games.
- All coaches must stay inside the dugout when his or her team is on defense. Coaches will not be allowed to sit or stand outside the dugout during the game.

- If a coach and/or spectator are ejected from a game, they must leave the playing and/or practice facilities immediately and will be banned from all facilities for the next two (2) scheduled games and any practices during this time. Any coach and/or spectator causing problems during their ejection period and/or two (2) ejections during the season, will carry a penalty deemed necessary by CCPRD, which could include but not limited to the following:
  - Coaches or spectator 1 – year ban from all CCPRD facilities, sponsored events and leagues.
  - Coach's indefinite suspension from any coaching duties.