COMBINED CITIES RECREATION

SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SUMMER 2021 BYLAWS

7/9TH GRADE

PLAY WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL RULE BOOK WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

I. GAME FORMAT

1. A game consists of 7 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes. No new inning after 85 minutes.

2. An inning or half-inning ends when a team scores 7 or more runs regardless of the number of outs. All runs will count until the completion of the play in which the seventh run is scored.

3. Games ending while tied will be counted as a win for both teams, during regular season play. Tournament games ending in a tie will play additional innings to determine a winner.

II. PLAYERS

1. Any team unable to take the field at the scheduled time will forfeit the game; forfeited games will be played for fun. A complete team consists of 9 players. However, teams may play with a minimum of 6 players and take automatic outs for team members not present. The coach or team manager may designate, prior to the game, where those automatic outs will fall in the line-up. Players arriving late may be slotted into the automatic out positions.

2. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings defensively provided they were notified of and attended at least 2 of the team’s scheduled practices.

3. Batting order consists of all team players present, each batting in the same rotation through out the game.

PITCHING RULE

A. 7 innings maximum per week. A **starting pitcher** once removed as a pitcher may re-enter the game only once as a pitcher, but may continue to play any other position.

B. If any pitcher throws in 4 or more innings a game he must have 3 days rest. (4 innings Monday, the pitcher can not pitch until Friday.) A single pitch to a batter is considered pitching an inning.

5. Metal Cleats are Not Allowed.

III. BASE RUNNERS

1.. Base runner must attempt to avoid contact with the catcher by sliding into home plate whenever there is a play at home (as determined by the umpire). Penalty: base runner may be declared out and may be ejected if the contact is deemed intentional by the umpire.

IV. COACHES

1. One adult coach is permitted in each coach’s box. All other coaches must remain in the dugout. If an assistant coach is under the age of 18, he /she must wear a helmet if they are in a coach’s box.

2. Conferences: Defensive Conference – Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than **three** charged conferences during a six-inning game, without penalty, to permit coaches or their non-playing representatives to confer with a defensive player or players. In an extra inning game, each team shall be permitted one charged conference each inning while on defense without penalty. The number of charged conferences permitted is not cumulative. A request for time for this purpose shall be made by a coach, player substitute or an attendant. Time granted for an obviously incapacitated player shall not constitute a charged conference. Prior to accumulating three charged conferences in six innings or less, a conference is not charged if the pitcher is removed as pitcher. **PENALTY:** After two charged conferences in a six-inning game, or for any charged conference in excess of one in each extra inning, the pitcher shall be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.

3. Coaches are directly responsible for their spectators. Spectators should not interrupt the game that is being played. If a spectator, coach or player has become disruptive, the umpire and / or field supervisor may ask them to leave the park (see VII Protests: C).

V. RESCHEDULING

1. All games will be played when scheduled conditions permit.

VI. SCOREKEEPER

1. The home team is responsible for the official scorekeeper and score book, however; both teams must provide a scorekeeper and match score books after each inning. Discrepancies between the home and visiting team score books must be reconciled prior to the completion of the inning; otherwise the home team score book will be considered correct.

2. All line-ups must be submitted to the scorekeeper(s) at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

VII. EQUIPMENT

1. Catchers must wear a face mask with helmet, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, and use a catcher’s glove. Batters and BASE RUNNERS will be required to wear batting helmets.
2. The pitching rubber will be set at 60 feet, and the bases are set at 90 feet.
3. Legal bats in this league must have the USA baseball stamp or the BBCORE stamp on the barrel. NO USSSA bats will be used in this league.

VIII. PROTESTS

1. A. Any violation or misinterpretation of a rule (not a judgment call) must be brought to the attention of the umpire before the next pitch.

B. If the umpire cannot solve the problem the site supervisor should be found to make a final ruling on the play in question.

C. Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game must schedule an appointment with the Recreation Director, or program coordinator within 24 hours of the game in order to be reinstated in the program. An ejection will result in that individual not participating in the game following the ejection and may face expulsion from the league.

IX. SPORTSMANSHIP PHILOSOPHY

A. The City Recreation departments are dedicated to providing quality recreational sports programs in a spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship for all of our families, friends and neighbors. It is expected that all players, coached, parents, and spectators will strongly adhere to all rules of play and etiquette involving the program.