



## MEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

**PARK DISTRICT STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEATHER DECISIONS WHEN PRESENT. UMP'S MUST WAIT UNTIL THE ALL GAMES ARE CALLED BEFORE THEY LEAVE.**

*Team Captains are responsible for providing the rules to their entire team.*

*There are no league refunds once the meeting has been held!!!*

### **Pre-Season Meeting**

- Team captains or representatives who do not attend the league meeting are responsible for acquiring all the necessary league information rules at [www.quickscores.com/tinleypark](http://www.quickscores.com/tinleypark). The Park District will not call to provide the necessary details.

### **Forfeits**

- Forfeit time is 5 minutes after the first game. Forfeit time for any game after the first game is game time.
- Any team that forfeits and does not give advanced notice (by 3pm on game day) will be fined \$75, which must be paid prior to their next scheduled game to the Athletic Supervisor at the Rec Center between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If a team forfeits TWO games they will be eliminated from the season ending tournament. If a team forfeits THREE games they may be eliminated from the league at that point. No refunds will be given in any event.
- The game will be considered a forfeit with less than 8 players. If a team only has 8 players for their game, it will result in out every time the 8th batter is scheduled to bat. If a team has only 8 players and has two outs and the 8th batter is walked they will not be given the third out for the 9th batter. The batting order will simply go back to the 1st batter. The 9th player may be added when he arrives and no further penalties will be charged to the team. This player must bat 9th in the batting order and so on and cannot be added in the middle of an inning. If neither team has enough players, both will receive a forfeit.

### **Reduction in Team Size During, "The Game"**

- Teams will not be penalized if they fall below the amount of players they started the game with when injuries occur only, however if an ejection occurs the ejected player will be called out every time they are scheduled to bat. If teams fall below 8 players at anytime the game will be forfeited.

### **Rosters**

- **A maximum of 30 players may be carried on the roster. Rosters must be completed online two weeks from the league meeting or it will result in a forfeit for future games until the roster is completed.** No additions to online rosters may be made after they are frozen, unless it is due to a medical issue and / or approved by the Athletic Supervisor. A medical note may be required. New players cannot be added to or right before playoff games. Make sure to have a valid ID on hand at all scheduled games for possible roster checks. Playing a non-rostered player will result in the forfeit of the game and possible suspension from the league with loss of all fees. All players must be 18 years or older with no high school players. **Please see the online roster hand out for more information pertaining to roster requirements and how to complete an online roster**

### **Age Requirements**

- Men's Over-30 League (28 years and up)
- 18 and Over League (18 years and up, with no high school players)

## W9 Forms

- Any team who wins prize money at the end of the year will be required to fill out a W9 form in order to collect their winnings. These forms will be emailed out at the end of the season to the person who registered for the league and they will assume all responsibility. You only will be taxed in the event you receive over \$600.00 per year from the Park District. Prize money will be handed out as stated below and mailed out within 3-4 weeks from the season ending.

### Playoff (first)

\$200 + Championship Trophy

## Protest

- All protests must be in accordance with game rules and house rules. You cannot protest an umpire's judgment call. If the game is under protest, the umpire will stop the game and let the opposing team know as well as sign the Score Card letting the Park District know about the protest. He/she will then continue the game. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Park District office within 24 hours from game time or the protest will not be upheld. The protest must be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee. This will be returned only if the protest is granted.

## Roster Checks

- Roster checks can be administrated during any scheduled game. It is the responsibility of the challenging team to question the opposing team's roster. The umpire will immediately stop the game and ask to see the ID card of the player in question and will write down his/her name and ask the player to submit a signature. If the player does not have an ID he/she will be considered a non-rostered player and can't play. The umpire will then continue playing the game and submit the results to the Park District where a final decision will be made. Any player found playing and not on the roster will result in a team forfeit and a \$50 fine, which must be paid before their next scheduled game to the Athletic Supervisor at the Rec Center between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. If the team is found with a non-rostered player a second time during the season, the team will then be subject to a one year suspension in addition, to forfeiting the rest of their season games.

## Umpires

- No game will be considered valid unless worked by an assigned umpire. Teams must wait 30 minutes after the scheduled game time for an umpire to show up before leaving the field or the game could result in a forfeit. Please find our field monitor or call the Park District at the scheduled game time if an umpire is not there so we can try to locate them. The office phone number is (708) 342-4200; please press #9 to be transferred to the front desk. Teams may agree on a person to officiate or simply play without someone officiating. Such a game will be considered valid. If teams cannot agree, the teams must vacate the field, and the game will be rescheduled.

## Score Cards

- Will be in the umpire's possession and it is the responsibility of each team's captain to sign the score card after the game is over. **MAKE SURE THE SCORES ARE CORRECT ON THE SCORE CARD AND UNDER YOUR TEAMS NAME.** Any score recorded wrong will be locked into the standings until both teams can provide a scorebook to prove the correction. Our field monitors will pick up the cards after the game from the umpire. The umpire will not keep track of game stats, nor will the Park District. We recommend each team keeps track of game stats just in case the game is challenged. If a team does not have valid stats and challenges the game, the challenge will not be considered. Each team will be provided with a scorebook.

## Equipment

- The Park District will supply 2 (new) baseballs and (1) used baseball for each game and once the baseballs are gone teams will have to supply their own.
- Teams are expected provide their own equipment other than bases. If they are short equipment, they can ask the other team if they can share or the game will result in a forfeit.
- Metal spikes are allowed.
- Wood bats ONLY will be allowed in the over 30/18+ league.

## Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Any player involved in fighting before, during, or after the game will be subject to discipline by the Park District and ejected from the current game. Any player involved in fighting or touching an official or Park district staff member any time will be automatically suspended from the current game and league and will not be allowed to play in any Park District leagues for the remainder of the year. They may also be subject to the law. The Park District reserves the right to remove any player or team from the league if the situation warrants such action. Any player ejected from a game will receive an automatic one game suspension and be fined \$25 fine. If a player is ejected a second time throughout the season, the team will be fined \$75 and that player will not be allowed to play for the rest of the season. Throwing bats out of anger, not to get them out of the way will also result in an ejection. ASA umpers reserve the rights to remove players at their discretion as well.
  - **Profanity Rule-** If a player uses profanity the following actions will be implemented.
    - First Offense- The player will receive a warning.
    - Second Offense- The player will be called out in his batting order.
    - Third Offense- Unsportsmanlike Conduct rules will apply.

## Pitching

- If a pitcher hits two batters in any inning or four batters for the game, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position. If a pitcher is taken out of the pitching position, then he may not return to that position.
- Balks will be given without any warnings.
- No pitcher is allowed to feint toward third (or second) base, and then turn and throw or feint to first base as this will be labeled illegal and a balk.

## Batting

- Slotted or extra players need to be addressed before the game with the umpire
- The team must declare this option before the start of the game; must remain with it throughout the entire game, including extra innings; and may only add additional players as substitutes to the batting roster once the roster has completed a complete cycle.
- Once a player has been placed in a slot of the batting order, the player may only bat in this slot.
- All players must wear batting helmets while batting and on a base.
- Teams may use a continuous batting order.

## Re-Entry Rule

- Free subs, however if in the batting line-up and you have to be removed you cannot come back into the game.
- Substitutions - Teams may substitute for defensive positions (except pitcher) as many times as they wish, as long as the batting order remains the same. A player does not have to play the field in order to bat. Once a player has been placed in a slot of the batting order, the player may only bat in this slot.

**Courtesy Runner** - A pinch runner can be given for the pitcher and/or catcher ONLY anytime he gets on base. A courtesy runner is allowed at the umpire's discretion and must be the player who made the last batted out. If the player who made the last batted out is hurt, the runner who made the previous batted out before him will run and so on.

## Slide / Contact Rules

- Contact must be avoided by both defensive and offensive players. Anyone who fails to avoid contact will be called out or award the base depending on the situation. This is at the umpire's/field staffs discretion.

## Infield Fly Rule

- Will be in effect when applicable.

## Official Game Rules

- Games are scheduled for 7 innings of regulation play unless these situations occur.
- Complete games are 4 ½ or 5 innings if called because of darkness, rain and Etc. If the home team is winning, 4 ½ innings must be completed. If the visiting team is winning, 5 innings must be completed. If a game is not completed, the game will be replayed from the point the game is stop at future date.
- No new inning can begin after the time limit (2 hours 05 minutes from the start time). Games are scheduled to be 2 hours 15 minutes long. Games that are called after this point will be considered complete games. In the event a game ends in a tie, it will be recorded as such. The only time there is an exception is during playoffs. During the playoffs, games cannot end in a tie.
- The ump will announce the starting game time and from that point on teams are responsible for keeping track of where they are in the game as the ump will just simply call game time anytime after 2 hours and 5 minutes.

The ump cannot end the game until three outs have occurred and he must allow the visiting team a chance to bat if they are losing. After this point the game will be called.

### **Slaughter Rule**

- Any team leading 10 runs 5 ½ will result in a slaughter depending on which team is winning, visiting or home.

### **Tie Breaker for League Standings**

- Winning Percentage
- Head to Head Competition (2 teams only)
- Average Run Differential (Max 10 runs for game)
- Forfeit
- Coin Flip

### **Playoffs**

- Playoffs will be announced towards the end of the season and all teams will make playoffs. The top seeded teams will be considered the home team. Games must produce a winner, unlike the regular season where we can have a tie. Playoff games do have a time limit besides the championship game. The slaughter rule will not be in effect for the championship game ONLY. Prize money and or trophies will be discussed at the league meeting.

### **Shirts**

- All players must play in a shirt. If a player does not have a shirt, he will not be allowed to play.

### **Weather Information**

The rain out number is (708) 342-4346. A message will be placed on the machine at least one hour before the start of the first game time on questionable days. The athletic website will also be updated one hour before the first game time. This can be accessed at [www.quickcores.com/tinleypark](http://www.quickcores.com/tinleypark). The Park District will try to update weather information throughout scheduled games, but it is not guaranteed due to the office closing at 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and closed on all weekends. Please always check the weather information before your game time in case the first sets of games were canceled, but not the second. The Park District will try to make up every rained out game, but may not be able to due to unforeseen circumstances. Make ups may or may not be on your scheduled playing day, depending on how the season folds out, but more than likely they will be on your scheduled day. If make-ups, towards the end of the season will not affect final standings, the Park District may cancel these games. The umpire or field staff will call the game if field conditions are not playable. It is every team's responsibility to show up during their scheduled game time if the games are not canceled.

### **Injuries**

- The Tinley Park-Park District will not be held responsible for any injuries that occur during the softball season. If teams wish to purchase their own insurance they may do so, but the Park District will not provide insurance and will not be responsible for seeking or paying insurance. Please notify the Athletic Supervisor or our field staff of any injuries.

### **Park Rules**

- Alcohol and illegal drugs are not allowed on any Park District property. Any violators may be subject to law enforcement. Teams and/or players seen or caught drinking or using drugs by Park District staff will be given an automatic forfeit without any warnings. Smoking cannot occur on the field. **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF. TEAMS WHO DO NOT CLEAN THE DUGOUTS AFTER THE GAME WILL BE FINED \$50 OR SUBJECT TO A FORFEIT DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION.**

**The Park District reserves the right to change or alter any rule or league schedule in order to improve the quality of the league. The Park District reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to complete the league/tournament in a timely manner. This is not limited to, but includes playing any day or night of the week, having games canceled or calling a game completed if ended early due to weather. Any rules not discussed above will be trumped by MLB rules.**

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