

Chatham Youth League Baseball Bylaws

ALL LEAGUES

I. Overall Rules

- A. All players must provide a birth certificate in order to play.
- B. The AGE cutoff date for baseball will be April 15th of the current year.
- C. Chatham Youth League has no boundary restriction. All are welcome to participate.
- D. There will be no refunds of registration fees without a doctor's excuse.
- E. No one can request to be paired up with a coach or another player (unless they are siblings), except T-Ball.
- F. Everyone is required to help with the fundraising program of the season.

II. Playing Rules

- A. All games will be played according to the official Chatham Youth League baseball rules.
- B. Players for the Tee Ball & Instructional League divisions will be assigned to teams by the President and Player Agent. No tryouts are required.
- C. Players for the Minor and Major are required to participate in a draft. There will be no player cuts. The draft is to distribute the talent throughout the league. The draft process is a blind draft and subject to change upon discretion of the Board.

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- D. No player wearing casts of any kind, be it for arms, legs, body, constructed on any kind of material (fiberglass, plaster, either hard or soft) will be allowed to play. The player will be allowed to resume play when the cast is removed; however, a physician MUST sign a release stating that the player may resume play.**
- E. All batters and those warming up at bat must wear a protective helmet.**
- F. Big barrel bats are allowed.**
- G. Catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask (including throat protector) during all practices and games. This includes any player warming up the pitcher.**
- H. All catchers in the Instructional, Minor, and Major League Divisions MUST wear a protective cup at all practices and games.**
- I. All players in the Minor and Major League Divisions MUST wear a protective cup at all practices and games.**
- J. Players suspended from school will not be allowed to practice or play in games until the suspension is lifted. Such players may dress out in full uniform and sit with the team in support.**
- K. Each player in all league divisions MUST not sit the bench more than 1 inning consecutively.**
- L. All games at Crider Field MUST be completed by 9:45 pm. Lights MUST be turned off by 10:00 pm per town ordinance.**

III. Team Requirements

- A. The Home team will occupy the third base dugout.**

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- B. The Home Team will provide one person to keep the official scorebook. This person must sit at the designated scorer's table.
- C. The Visiting Team will provide one person to keep the official pitch count record. This person must sit at the designated scorer's table.
- D. All players, managers, and coaches **MUST** wear their uniform shirts and hats during play. Players' shirts **MUST** be tucked in before entering play. No jewelry of any kind can be worn during a game.
- E. No one will be allowed in the dugout during the game **EXCEPT** the Manager, Coaches, and Players.
- F. Players may **NOT** leave the dugout during the game unless it is an emergency.
- G. Food is **NOT** allowed in the dugout. Drinks are allowed but **MUST** be in place at the beginning of the game.

IV. Coaches and Managers

- A. Potential Managers and Coaches will be nominated by the League President and approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. All League Managers and Coaches **MUST** promote and maintain good sportsmanship at all times, including practices, games, or any league functions. Managers and Coaches **MUST** treat all League officials and umpires with courtesy and respect.
- C. Upon the ejection from a game, from an umpire, all persons are required to leave the premises and can stay in the parking lot until the game has ended.
- D. Managers and Coaches **MUST** refrain from the use of **ALL** tobacco products outside of the designated area.

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E. Managers/Coaches may be asked to line the field prior to each game.

F. Managers/Coaches are required to remove trash from their respective dugouts after their game is complete.

V. League Discipline

Players, Managers, and Coaches are expected to maintain a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship. Enforcement of playing rules at league games is the sole responsibility of the umpire(s) who have been assigned to the game. Enforcement of additional league conduct rules is the joint responsibility of the umpires assigned to the game and any board members present at the game. The Player Agent MUST be informed of any incident regarding a player.

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- A. If a Manager, Coach, Player, or Spectator is ejected from a game for any violations, he/she MUST leave the premises, but may stay in the parking lot to pick up child. Failure to act accordingly may result in the forfeiture of the game and suspension from the league for the rest of the season.**
- B. If a Manager, Coach, Player, or Spectator is ejected from a second game during the same season, the manager, coach, player or spectator may be suspended from league play pending a hearing with the Board of Directors.**

VI. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. The League President and Player Agent reserve the right to move a player from one division to another based on the player's ability or lack thereof.**
- B. The use of ALL tobacco products is prohibited except in the designated area.**
- C. Any situation that is not covered in these bylaws will be ruled upon by the Board of Directors in the best interests of the League.**
- D. Bylaws Violations**
 - A. The Board of Directors will review any violations of the bylaws. The Board of Directors may take any action that is deemed necessary. The Board of Director's decision is final.**
- E. Injuries**
 - A. The injured player will be removed from the game.**
 - B. A substitute player MUST be entered.**
 - C. The injured player will NOT be allowed to return to the game until the problem has been corrected. If any part of the player's uniform/clothing is visibly soiled, it MUST be changed before returning to the game.**

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D. Managers/Coaches and anyone else involved with the injured player

TEE BALL LEAGUE DIVISION

- A. No player under the age of (3 ½) at the start of the current season will be allowed to participate in this division without approval.
- B. Tennis shoes or cleats are required for play.
- C. There will be no official umpire on duty for this division. Managers/Coaches will serve as umpires.
- D. Each team will have a Manager (Head Coach) and three (3) Coaches (Assistant Coaches).
- E. Managers/Coaches will pitch to their players. Each player will be allowed five (5) pitches before the baseball will be placed on the tee.
- F. Each defensive team will be allowed one coach behind the catcher and at least two coaches on the playing field.
- G. Each player will take a turn at bat each inning. An inning is complete when the last player comes to bat and completes their turn at bat.
- H. There will be NO throwing of the bat. Penalty will be an automatic out.
- I. A game is complete when a minimum of two (2) innings has been played. There is a time limit of one (1) Hour.