

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

2019 MEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. General. This league is sponsored by Beaufort County Parks and Recreation and shall be governed by the following rules and regulations as adopted by team representatives. Contact for Adult League will be Mark Rennix (843-255-6687 or mrennix@bcgov.net).

- League Committee. The following people shall serve to draft, interpret and enforce the rules and regulations of this league:
 - 1) Shannon Loper
 - 2) Mark Rennix
 - 3) Matt Watts
- Protests. All protests must be filed, in writing, within 24 hours after the completion of the protested game. Additionally, a \$25.00 filing fee must be made at the time the protest is filed and made payable to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County. Umpire judgment calls are not to be protested. The committee will rule on all protests within 48 hours of the filing. All decisions made by the committee are final. In the event a protest is upheld, the filing fee shall be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the filing fee shall be used for the purchase of equipment for Parks and Recreation athletic fields.
- Insurance. Beaufort County Parks and Recreation does not provide any insurance for its adult participants. Teams and team members play at their own risk.
- Alcohol. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed on Beaufort County Parks and Recreation facilities. Consequences for violations are:
 - 1st Offense: The team will be suspended until a \$100 fine is paid to Beaufort County. The manager is responsible for the entire team.
 - 2nd Offense: The team will be suspended until a \$100 fine is paid to Beaufort County. The team will also forfeit game(s) played on that date.
 - 3rd Offense: The team will pay a \$100 fine to Beaufort County. Team will forfeit the remainder of the season, along with the entire team roster will be suspended for 1 year.
 - Notes: For players / coaches to be under the influence of alcohol and or drugs while playing softball is prohibited. The umpire or the Parks and Recreation staff member in charge will eject any player(s) if they suspect alcohol or drugs have been used.
- Tobacco. Tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip or any other tobacco or tobacco derived substance) are not permitted on Beaufort County property (includes on the field, outside the fenced areas, in the parking lot, etc.).

2. Eligibility.

- Rosters. A player must be registered with Parks and Recreation to be eligible to play.

3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

- General. Unsportsmanlike conduct, either on the field or within the confines of the field, will not be tolerated. This applies to teams, individual players, coaches and spectators. Violators are subject to appropriate action by the league committee and / or Parks and Recreation, including suspension or expulsion from the team or the ball park. **Any individual ejected from game/field must leave the property immediately.**
- Suspensions and Fines. Any coach or player ejected from a game by an umpire will be suspended for one game and pay a \$25.00 fine to Beaufort County before being reinstated. Each ejection thereafter will increase the fine, for that individual, by \$25. (example – 1st ejection = \$25, 2nd = \$50, 3rd = \$75 and so on...) This includes tournament games. This money will be used to finance youth sports scholarships. Number of ejections will also be the first tie breaker for playoffs/seeding – the team with the least amount of ejections (hopefully NONE!) will win any tie breaker scenarios.

- “Flagrant” Misconduct. If, in the sole discretion of the umpire, such an ejection is due to flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct, then the following penalty will be imposed: a fine of \$25.00 payable to Beaufort County will be levied and a five game suspension will be imposed. Additionally, the offending individual may be subject to banishment from the league. The League Commissioner will rule on this decision, and all decisions are final. “Flagrant” misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - Intentionally trying to cause injury to another player.
 - Pushing or striking a league official.
 - Excessive verbal abuse of an umpire or league official.
 - Fighting or striking an opposing player or coach.
- Ejections and Multi-League Play. If a player is ejected from any game and plays on both leagues, that player must sit out the suspension time and then pay the \$25.00 re-instatement fine payable Beaufort County before that player can play in ANY League game.
- Notification Responsibilities. In the event of an ejection, the umpire shall notify the Parks and Recreation representative / office of the number, name, and team of the ejected individual(s). In the event the ejection was for “flagrant” misconduct, the umpire shall notify the league committee within 24 hours by a written report of the incident.

4. Player Minimum

- Men’s league teams will consist of eleven (11) players and will use continuous batting order.
- A team must have a minimum of nine (9) players to start a game. **If a team does not have 9 players they may borrow a player from the opposing team only.** (This is not mandatory, but is simply an option to help teams avoid forfeits and the opposing coach will choose the player that is borrowed).

5. Game Time.

- The first game time will be 7:00 pm.
- There will be a ten-minute grace period.
- Games will be no longer than two hour in length. Game length is seven (7) innings. Tied games will continue until the tie is broken and a winner can be determined.
- All games are official after four (4) complete innings of play. Any game rained out before the fourth inning is complete will be rescheduled and played **from the time of cancellation.**

6. Line-ups.

- Managers / coaches must give the other team their roster / batting order no later than ten (10) minutes before game time for each game.
- Managers / coaches must notify opposing team of all line-up changes or substitutions as they occur.

7. Mercy Rule.

- After five or more innings of play: margin of 10 or more runs.

8. Courtesy Runners

- Courtesy runner must be used for catcher when there are two (2) outs.

9. Make-up Games.

- All games officially postponed due to weather or other reasons shall be rescheduled by the League Commissioner.
- Games may not be rescheduled or postponed except by prior approval from the Parks and Recreation department. A minimum of one week’s notice is required for rescheduling consideration.

- Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel make-up games which would have no impact on the final standings and / or tournament seeding.

10. Litter. Each team is responsible for picking up trash in and around their respective dugout. Please don't litter!

11. Pets

- **Pets, of any kind, are not allowed on Beaufort County Parks and Recreation properties.** Any persons with pets on Beaufort County Parks and Recreation properties will be asked to leave property. This policy is in place for safety, and sanitary, reasons.