

Moore County Parks and Recreation
2021 AAA (9-10) League Baseball
Local League Rules and Regulations

Covid-19

1. Line-up cards can be obtained from the field supervisor. Once you have filled out your lineup card – deliver it to the field supervisor - they will deliver it to the official scorekeeper.
2. MCPR encourages teams that play on fields #1 & #2 to enter and exit through the Front Gate near the playground area – teams that play on fields #3 & #4 are encouraged to use the Back Gate to enter and exit. This will hopefully cut down on crowding.
3. Coaches will need to use the disinfectant wipes on helmets, bats and catching equipment that is used by more than one player after each use.
4. Coaches will be required to wear a face covering.
5. Players are required to wear a face covering while in the dugout area. They are not mandatory while playing in the field or batting.

General Policies:

1. Head Coach must fill out his/her coaching application before receiving their roster.
2. A regulation game will be one (1) hour fifteen (15) minute time limit. After the one (1) hour fifteen (15) minute time limit is over, the batter at bat will finish his/her at bat and the game is over. The clock will begin on the first pitch of the game.
3. By using the drop-dead time limit for the 2021 season no standings will be kept.
4. The 15 (fifteen) run rule will apply after 3 (three) complete innings, the 10 (ten) run rule will apply after 4 (four) complete innings even if the one (1) hour fifteen (15) minute hour clock has not expired.
5. In the AAA (9-10) League there will be a 5(five) run per inning limit for each team. If a team at bat scores 5(five) runs before 3(three) outs are recorded, the teams will automatically change sides – this will be done for the entire game.
6. A continuous batting order will be used for the entire game. Local league rule.
7. The on deck batter must be in the on deck circle to back of the batter.
8. Teams will play with 4(four) outfielders.
9. Speed up rules for the catcher will be used. A courtesy runner is optional for the catcher until there are 2(two) outs. **It is mandatory with 2 (two) outs.** The courtesy runner must be a substitute (someone not currently in the batting order) if a team does not have any substitutes available; the player making the last out who batted prior to the catcher must be used as the courtesy runner.
10. All coaches must be in their respective dugout (door closed) when their team is on defense, with the doors to the dugout closed.
11. If a game is suspended due to weather, 4(four) complete innings constitute a regulation game.
12. On rainy days, coaches and parents may call the recreation office at 910-947-4495 for game cancellations or go to our website www.moorecountync.gov/parks-and-recreation to check the status of the games for that day.
13. **Absolutely No tobacco products of any kind are permitted on the field during games or practices. No Smoking allowed on Moore County Property.**

Helmet Rule:

1. Helmets **do not** have to have a Facemask. No head first sliding, only when runner is returning to the base. Local league rule.
2. A player shall not remove their helmet while outside the dugout on offense. **Penalty:** First offense **the team** shall receive a team warning by the umpire. Second and subsequent Team Offenses; the player shall be called “out”. If the player was already “out” due to a play on the field, then that player will receive a warning by the umpire and the next offense by that player will result in ejection from the game.
3. All youth base coaches and batboys under the age of 15(fifteen) shall comply with the helmet rule. **Penalty:** non team players shall be removed from the playing field and team players will be returned to the dugout and replaced by an adult or another player.

Bat Rule: See Bats in Dixie Youth Baseball Rule Book page 28

1. Bats: All non-wood bats and multi-piece bats must be stamped with the USA Baseball mark signifying that the bat meets the bat performance standard established by USA Baseball. The barrel of the bat shall not exceed 2 5/8” inches in diameter nor exceed 33”inches in length.

Pitching Distances:

AAA (9-10) League will pitch from 46 feet.

Pitching Rules:

1. During the regular season, pitchers are limited to six (6) innings per week. A week is defined as Monday thru Sunday.
2. If a pitcher pitches four (4) or more innings during a game, the pitcher must have a minimum rest period of thirty-six (36) hours before the pitcher is eligible to pitch again. The rest period begins when the pitcher leaves the mound. One (1) pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
3. A pitcher removed from the mound for any reason **shall not** return to the mound to pitch in the same game.
4. **After the game is finished, the head coach from each team participating team will call the official scorekeeper to confirm the number of innings his players has pitched.** If the coach does not confirm innings pitched with the scorekeeper – we will use the innings the official scorekeeper has on the Pitching Record Chart.
5. Innings pitched in games declared “no contest” shall count if the umpire calls the game.

Zero Policy for Coaches

1. Head Coaches are not allowed on the field to argue or appeal calls and Assistant Coaches do not argue calls period.
2. An Assistant Coach will be issued a warning (IF not overzealous) if on the field. No more after that. An ejection is warranted immediately for an overzealous assistant coach or a second complaint after a warning. If the assistant coach is in the dugout a restriction can be used the first time **if desired** without warning.
3. If the Head Coach wishes to communicate with the umpire for assistance with a judgment call or a rule; they may come out of the dugout in a professional manner and stay between the dugout and the foul line. The plate umpire will go to the coach. After the Head Coach tells the plate umpire what he is appealing, he is to return to the dugout. If the Head Coach comes back out of the dugout after the umpire's discussion on the play call or rule, they will be ejected. If the call is changed the opposing coach can come out of their dugout between his dugout and the foul line for an explanation. Once the explanation is given the coach is to return to the dugout. No Arguing.
4. If the Head Coach is acting as a base coach; he may ask to speak with the home plate umpire in a professional manner as above. Coach must remain in coach's box and home plate umpire will come to the coach. Procedures same as above.
5. After the game is complete; there is to be **No Communication or Contact** between coaches and umpires. If you have a question about a rule; you can ask the field supervisor or call the parks and rec office the next day.

Sportsmanship:

1. A **coach** that is ejected from a game must serve a two game suspension for the next two games his/her team plays. The coach that has been ejected may attend the next two games as a spectator; but will not be allowed inside fenced area or participate in **any** form with the team or game. The coach must meet with Parks and Recreation staff before continuing to coach his/her team.
2. A **player** that is ejected from a game is restricted to the dugout for the remainder of that game and must serve a one game suspension for the next game his team plays.
3. Any **spectator** ejected from the park must leave the premises immediately; the game will be delayed until the offender leaves. If the spectator does not leave the premises in a timely fashion the game will be forfeited. The person who was ejected is subject to the two game suspension rule (same as a coach); they may come to the games but must remain outside the park area (fenced). The person who was ejected may not attend another game until he/she meets with a Moore County Parks and Recreation staff person.

All other rules and regulations are governed by the Dixie Youth Baseball Official Rule Book.

Moore County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change, add, or delete any rule, rules or regulation at any time.

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