

HOWARD COUNTY OFFICIALS LOCAL RULES TEST - 2006

Howard County Recreation And Parks

1. The batter enters the batter's box and fouls off the first 2 pitches. The batter is out.
2. An ejection for any unsportsmanlike behavior must be accompanied by the charging of a technical out against the offending team.
3. Team A starts the game with 9 players. Team B starts the game with 10 players. A Team B player is injured and removed with no eligible substitute. Team B will have an automatic out for the vacant spot in the line-up; Team A will not have an automatic out.
4. At 6:00, Team A has only eight (8) players. At 6:15, Team A's 9th player arrives:
 - A. Team A may now start the first game.
 - B. Team A forfeits the first game and must now start the second game.
 - C. Team A forfeits the first game and can wait until 7:00 to start the second game.
 - D. Team A forfeits both games.
5. At 6:00, Team A has only eight (8) players. At 6:40, Team A's ninth player arrives:
 - A. Team A may now start the game.
 - B. Team A forfeits the first game and must now start the second game.
 - C. Team A forfeits the first game and can wait until 7:00 to start the second game.
 - D. Team A forfeits both games.
6. If a player is ejected from the first game of a double header, they are ineligible for the second game that night.
7. A Men's or Women's team can drop from 11 to 9 players without a forfeit being declared.
8. A Co-Rec team can drop from 12 to 10 players without a forfeit being declared.
9. Team A starts with 10 players. Before Team A has gone completely through the batting order, an additional player arrives. The additional player may be inserted in the 11th batting position.
10. There shall be a 65 minute time limit for all games regardless of the number of innings played.
11. Since games can end in a tie, no extra innings will be played.
12. There will be a 10 minute grace period for all 6:00 games.
13. In the event the grace period is used, the team having less than 9 players gives up home team status for the game (or both games of a double header).
14. The slaughter rule is 10 or more runs after 5 innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead).
15. The ASA Coed defensive position rule does not apply.
16. In Co-Rec, if a team is short-handed and has 2 males batting back-to-back in the order when the first of the two is walked, he is awarded 2nd base on the walk.
17. In Co-Rec, if a team starts a game with 9 players, the line-up must begin with the sex which has 5 players present.
18. There shall be at least one strap and one spike per base. Failure of the home team to provide bases will result in forfeiture of that game. (Only applies at Alpha Ridge.)
19. All exposed jewelry must be removed and must not be worn during the game. Exception: Flat wedding bands.
20. There is a drop dead curfew of 10:30 p.m. at Cedar Lane Park #4.

Woodbine League

21. The batter enters the batter's box and fouls off the first 2 pitches. The batter is out.
22. At 6:15, Team A has only eight (8) players. At 6:30, Team A's 9th player arrives:
 - A. Team A may now start the first game.
 - B. Team A forfeits the first game and must now start the second game.
 - C. Team A forfeits the first game and can wait until 7:15 to start the second game.
 - D. Team A forfeits both games.

23. At 6:15, Team A has only eight (8) players. At 6:50, Teams A's ninth player arrives:
 - A. Team A may now start the game.
 - B. Team A forfeits the first game and must now start the second game.
 - C. Team A forfeits the first game and can wait until 7:15 to start the second game.
 - D. Team A forfeits both games.
24. If a player is ejected from the first game of a double header, they are ineligible for the second game that night.
25. The slaughter rule is 10 or more runs after 5 innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead).
26. Team A starts with 10 players. Before Team A has gone completely through the batting order, an additional player arrives. The additional player may be inserted in the 11th batting position
27. There will be 135 minute (2 hours and 15 minutes) time limit to play a double header.
28. If a player is injured and there are no eligible substitutes, the opposing coach may select a player from the team's previously used players, or may yield this decision to the injured player's coach.
29. A team can drop to 11 to 9 players without a forfeit being declared.
30. On over the fence home runs the batter and all runners only need to touch one base.

Kickball

31. The strike zone extends 1 foot on either side of home plate, and up to 1 foot above the plate.
32. The time limit is 50 minutes, with no new inning after that point.
33. All defensive players (except the catcher) must be behind a line drawn between 1st and 3rd bases until after the ball is kicked.
34. With bases loaded and 1 out, the "batter" kicks a high pop to the short stop. The umpire should invoke the infield fly rule.
35. A kicked ball which is not touched, but does not get beyond the line between 1st and 3rd bases is a foul ball.

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36. If a player cannot bat in her scheduled turn because of injury, her at bat is simply skipped and the next scheduled batter will bat. She may bat again on her next turn.
37. A pitcher must start with both feet on pitching plate.
38. A pitcher may start with both feet on the pitching plate and take one step backwards before the hands come together.
39. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters (regardless of location hit) in one inning, she must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of that inning. If she returns in a subsequent inning, and hits 2 more batters in any subsequent single inning, then she will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the game.
40. The second defensive conference of an inning will require that the pitcher be removed for the remainder of that inning.
41. An illegal pitch will be called a ball. No automatic advancement of base runners due solely to the illegal pitch.
42. The first time a batter throws a bat after swinging, the umpire will issue a **warning** to both teams.
43. The player who made the second out of the inning may be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher.
44. All games shall be scheduled as seven (7) inning games.
45. At Wallas Park, cancel or delay due to lightning may be called by the P.A. announcer.