



## Town of Rolesville Parks & Recreation

**Title:** Youth Spring Baseball Rules  
**Leagues:** Little League(11-12)

### **ARTICLE 1: Governing Rules**

- 1.1 North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules will govern play with exceptions covered herein.
- 1.2 Coach must submit a batting order to the umpire and scorekeeper with player's name and jersey number a minimum of 10 minutes before your scheduled game time. All players must be listed in the batting order and that order will not change during the game. In the event that a player is injured, the scorekeeper will be notified and the player will be out for the remainder of the game with no penalty.
- 1.3 All age groups will use continuous batting. All players present will be placed in the batting lineup. Late players will be added to the bottom of the lineup. No player shall sit in the dugout for two consecutive innings (defensively).
- 1.4 A team may play if they have (8) or more players. If a team has (7) players or less at any point during the game, then that team must forfeit.
- 1.5 A catcher is required at all times during the game. Therefore, if a team has only (8) players, then one of those players must play the catchers' position.
- 1.6 A player throwing the bat will receive one (1) warning, any further occurrences during the game, the player will be record as an out.
- 1.7 All batters and base-runners must wear a helmet.
- 1.8 The umpire, upon completion of the play, shall call out base runners that miss touching a base. There will be no appeals on missed bases. This will be a delayed dead ball called by the umpire.
- 1.9 The pitcher and catcher may have a courtesy runner at any time but it is mandatory for the catcher with two (2) outs. The runner will be the last player to make an out in the lineup. **The catcher MUST be the catcher of record.**
- 1.10 If a player is ejected, an out will be recorded in the lineup each time their name appears.
- 1.11 Any coach or spectator ejected must leave the facility immediately or the game will be ruled a forfeit. Any coach, spectator or player ejected will also serve at least a (1) game suspension at their team's next game(s). A longer suspension is possible and will be based on the actions that caused initial ejection. Any player ejected may stay in the dugout. Any further problems from the ejected player can/will result in game being forfeited.
- 1.12 The infield fly rule will be in effect for **Midget and Little Leagues**.
- 1.13 All players should be dressed alike. All uniforms (shirt, sock and hat) that are provided by the Town of Rolesville must be worn by all team members. No one is allowed to alter their uniforms at any time.

- 1.14 Every team will play (8) regular season games, with a single elimination tournament after the regular season (2 game guarantee). Brackets will be a random draw.

## **ARTICLE 2: Player Eligibility**

- 2.1 All ages will be determined as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

<b>Ages</b>	<b>League</b>
7-8 year olds	Coach Pitch
9-10 year olds	Midget League
11-12 year olds	Little League

## **ARTICLE 3: Base Running**

- 3.1 **Little League** - Players may steal at any time and leading off bases is allowed.

- 3.2 **Balking** – Each pitcher will receive 1 warning for balking. After the second time a penalty shall be enforced.

**Penalty for a balk:** The ball is dead, and each runner shall advance one base without liability of getting out.

## **ARTICLE 4: Pitching**

- 4.1 **Little League** - No pitcher may pitch more than 2 innings per game. One pitch constitutes an inning. A pitcher removed may not return to the mound as a pitcher in the same game.

## **ARTICLE 5: Time Limits**

- 5.1 Time starts with the first pitch of the game. If game time is 6:15pm please have everyone in position so the first pitch is at 6:15pm.
- 5.2 **Little League** - 6 innings will constitute a game unless one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 4 complete innings (3.5 innings if the home team is ahead). No new inning can begin after 85 minutes has elapsed. There will be a stoppage time of 100 minutes.

## **ARTICLE 6: Coaches**

- 6.1 Only coaches who have been certified and approved by the Rolesville Parks & Recreation Department will be allowed to be on the field of play at any time, this includes but not limited to, practices and games.
- 6.2 **Midget and Little League** - Each team will have one (1) head coach and (2) assistant coaches on the field and/or in the dugouts at all times.

## **ARTICLE 7: Equipment**

- 7.1 The catcher must wear a mask with throat protector, helmet with earflaps, shin guards and a chest protector.
- 7.2 No steel cleats are allowed.

**ARTICLE 8: Bats**

1.1 Midget and Little League - The bat standards will have to have the USA Stamp on it to be legal. Go to

[www.usabats.com](http://www.usabats.com) for details. Baseball Bat Stamps



**ARTICLE 9: Balls**

2.1 Regulation Baseball

**ARTICLE 10: Field Playing Dimensions**

3.1 Little League – 70' bases and 50' pitcher's rubber