

**We Play The Game,  
We Teach The Game**



## **RICHMOND COUNTY YOUTH COMPLEX FIELD 3 GROUND RULES**

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### **GENERAL INFO**

- All coaches, players and team personnel must be inside the dugout with the exception of 1 on-deck hitter (who may only warm up in front of their own dugout) and 2 base coaches. All other team members must be inside the dugout.
- If any ball gets stuck, lodged or goes thru or under or over a fence or gets lost in the shrubbery, it is dead. If the ball disappears behind the padding or tarp, it is dead. Fielders are instructed to raise their hands and back away. An umpire will come out to verify. If a player attempts to make a play on the ball, it is considered live. If the umpire determines that the ball was not stuck or lost, the ball remains alive. Runners should keep running. When the ball is verified as out of play, runners will be placed at their appropriately awarded bases.
- Overhanging shrubbery; if a ball hits a tree and rebounds back onto the field, it is the umpires' judgement as to whether or not the ball left the park. If the tree overhangs onto the field, it is considered off the wall (a legal catch cannot be made) and in play.
- While on defense, all bats, helmets and equipment must be brought into the dugout.
- If any player is warming up in the bullpen, there **MUST** be a spotter with a glove to protect the players. If a Pitcher is warming up, the catcher **MUST** have a mask on. Hitters are not allowed to warm up in the bullpen.
- In order for a catch to be legal: both feet must remain in live territory. If a player steps on or over the dead ball territory line, the ball is dead. Runners advance.
- Bases are secured into the ground. However, should a base become dislodged, players are instructed to go to where the base should be and not where it is laying.
- Foul balls; Teams are required to chase foul balls on your side of the field whether inside or outside of the playing field. Please return all baseballs to the home plate umpire.

### **HOME PLATE AREA**

- If the ball is lying on top of the padding behind home plate, it is live.
- If a ball hits the netting and comes back into the field it is live.

### **DUGOUTS**

- Dugouts; the ball must penetrate dugout to be considered out of play.

### **RF LINE**

- There is an imaginary line that separates live ball and dead ball territory. It runs from the end of the dugout fence, on an angle, to the outfield fence.

### **OUTFIELD**

- The light poles and scoreboard are out of the park.
- Overhanging trees; If a ball hits a tree and rebounds back onto the field, it is the umpires' judgement as to whether or not the ball left the park. If the tree overhangs onto the field, it is considered off the wall (a legal catch cannot be made) and in play

### **LF LINE**

- If a ball hits any of the poles that extend up from the OF fence, the ball is out of play.