

CHSAA BASEBALL RULES

The official rulebook will be the NATIONAL FEDERATION RULEBOOK with the following exceptions:

- The official ball for Varsity baseball will be a Rawlings FSRHS Baseball. The official ball will be the WILSON A1010 HS1-RS for Junior Varsity until supplies are diminished. The Wilson 1030 may be used on the freshman level.
- All games are to be seven innings.
- The home team must provide an adequate number of baseballs. For varsity games at least six, for junior varsity and freshman, at least four.
- Each team must be completely uniformed. Jewelry (including all types of necklaces and bracelets) may not be worn. Umpires should remind coaches as part of pre-game ground rules.
- EXTRA PLAYER - FRESHMAN AND JV ONLY – A ten man batting order may be used on the freshman and Junior Varsity level. Any nine of the ten players in the lineup can play the field at any time. You may use a Designated Hitter and Extra Player in the same lineup
- Pitchers are now on a pitch count. 105 pitches is the limit, but this is not a drop dead count. Another words, the pitcher can complete the batter even if he has reached the 105 limit. Pitches will no longer be thrown for intentional base on balls.
- Discrepancies on pitch counts should be handled by the coaches; however the umpire may have the final say if the coaches cannot agree on the appropriate pitch count. Opposing coaches can bring to the attention of the umpire the approaching 105th pitch.
- LINEUP CARDS are required to show non eligible pitchers for that day's game. If the coaches disagree on who is eligible it IS NOT the umpire's decision. Play the game and let the league handle it! You must report the incident to Frank or Joe.
- Appeal plays must be carried out according to major league rules.
- A modified version of the Federation "Mercy Rule" will be used. All levels will use a "10 run rule"
- If a coach is ejected, there must be a member of the school staff present to replace him in a supervisory capacity or the game will be considered a forfeit. Major league rule concerning trips to the mound will be used. 2 per inning.
- A pitcher must come out of the game as a pitcher on the second visit by a coach or representative in an inning. *He may not pitch again in that game.* A pitcher who is removed at any other time may return to the mound as long as he has retained his re-entry rights.
- Any player or coach ejected from any contest (non-league included) FOR ANY REASON will receive a TWO GAME SUSPENSION from C.H.S.A.A. league and/or playoff competition. **SUSPENSIONS MUST BE SERVED IN THE NEXT TWO LEAGUE GAMES AND CAN NOT BE SERVED IN NON-LEAGUE COMPETITION.** An umpire may restrict a player or coach to his dugout for various infractions. Following restriction to the dugout, the player or coach cannot participate in the game in any way. Violation of any part of this restriction will mean immediate ejection and subsequent suspension. Restriction is not intended to be a replacement for immediate ejection by an umpire for egregious infractions. Rather, it is intended to be used as another game management tool by the umpire. Ejected coaches must leave the facility (out of "sight and sound") as determined by the umpires. **Ejected players may remain in the dugout.** Coaches engaging in unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior following an ejection may be subject to additional penalties. Coaches and players serving a suspension may not travel with or be present at a facility while under suspension.

- Coaches are to be given a verbal warning. If he continues to engage in unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior the coach is then restricted to his dugout. The coach is not to have any verbal contact with the umpires and the coach is not allowed out of the dugout to speak to his team or any of the umpires. **THIS MUST BE NOTED ON THE LINEUP CARD!!** And included in your game report. If the coach continues he then is ejected from the contest.
- A fly ball caught by an outfielder that is carried in to dead territory will result in a dead ball with all runners advancing one base from the time of the pitch. A fly ball caught and carried in to dead territory by anyone else will result in a dead ball with no advance. A ground ball gloved by a fielder and carried into dead territory will result in an award of two bases from the last base touched
- Effective September 1, 2007, the use of non-wood bats as described by New York City law is banned in all C.H.S.A.A. league and playoff competition.
- All types of “artificial noise” and noisemakers are banned at all games. Each team is responsible for making every effort possible to control what occurs on both the bench and in the stands.
- Officials are to be notified of postponements by 1:00 on the day of the game. Officials not so notified are entitled to a half game fee. Once a game begins, the officials are entitled to their full fee.
- Officials receive a full fee once a game begins. A half fee is paid for make-up games of three innings or less only if the game is played along with a complete game.
- DH - A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. A team forfeits the use of a designated hitter if it fails to declare a designated hitter prior to the game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. The player who was the designated hitter may re-enter as the designated hitter under the re-entry rule. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation.

The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when:

- A. the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter; or
- B. the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

A Defibrillator **MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL PUBLIC FIELDS!** Clove Lakes, Berry's and Father Macris are public fields with a permit. **DO NOT** play the game without a defibrillator present.

Confirm game info with the home coach the day before the game.

Be prepared to wait for teams traveling from off island schools.

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