

STRATHROY ADULT COED BASEBALL RULES

1. Two pitches per batter.
2. Ten players maximum allowed on the diamond. Teams must field 4 women and 4 men for a minimum of 8 players at scheduled game time (plus 5 minute grace period.) For up to 4 games per season you may play with a minimum split of 4/3. The missing player will constitute an automatic out and you must play with a maximum of 9 players (6/3 split) in the field. After you have used your 4 games, if you have less than 4 men & 4 women per game it will count as an automatic forfeit.
3. A pitcher hit by a batted ball or interfering in a play will result in the batter being automatically called out.
4. Once a play becomes dead the ball is thrown to the pitcher. The ball must be thrown to the pitcher by an infielder. Rovers are not considered to be infielders.
5. On plays at home plate a runner coming from 3rd base must continue home after crossing the commitment line thereby creating a force play. The runner must not touch home plate and if does so is automatically out and the run does not count. There is to be NO tagging of the runners at home plate once they pass the commitment line. If the runner is tagged the runner will be called safe.
6. The batting team must alternate males and females.
7. No lead offs are permitted. The runner must maintain contact with the base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
8. There is NO stealing of bases nor is sliding into a base permitted.
9. Pitcher must wait until defensive team is ready before pitching.
10. No bunting is allowed. No chopping is allowed. A full level swing is required.
11. Any ball that does not pass the arc foul line will be considered a foul strike and count as a pitch.
12. Safety Base: Batters running to first base must play the orange safety base unless there is not going to be a play at 1st base. After the initial play the runner must play the white bag at all times. The defensive team plays the white bag at all times.
13. All games will be one hour in length. With any time remaining on the clock the next inning will be played.
14. All teams must have a minimum of fourteen players registered by the second week of play.
15. No roster player from one team may play on a second team unless the second team has forfeited the game.
16. All players are to be used in the batting order and are to play on the field at least one inning.

17. **OVERTHROW:** On an overthrow out of play two bases are awarded from the last base touched at the time the thrown ball was released by the fielder.
18. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** An infield fly is a fair ball, not including a line drive, which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort when first and second or first, second, and third bases are occupied, before two (2) are out. Any fielder can catch an infield fly.
19. **UMPIRES:** The umpires are volunteers in a non-competitive league. Therefore, any abuse will not be tolerated. Please have your team rep inform the league if any problems develop with the umpiring.
20. First team roster sheets must be submitted with your score sheets by the second week of the season and the final roster must be submitted with your score sheets by the last Sunday in July or games will be forfeited until it is handed in. No new players may be added after the second roster sheet is submitted.
21. Any player showing up late to a game may be added to the bottom of the batting order. This player must adhere to rule #16 and play at least one inning in the field.
22. **INJURIES:** Any player sustaining an injury or personal crisis during a game may be removed from the game without penalty. He/she may be replaced with a substitute runner, which must be the last male/female out. If a substitute runner must be used, then the removed player may not return to the game. **NO COURTESY RUNNERS ARE ALLOWED.**
23. In the case of a dispute over whether a diamond is playable (i.e. rain or snow) each team will be allowed one vote, with the umpires casting a single vote between them.
24. Failure to provide a game ball for your home game will result in the loss of 1 point in the standings.
25. All players must be at least 15 years old to be eligible to play.
26. All teams must provide 2 UMPIRES at their designated games or will be penalized 1 point in the standings. Please note on your score sheets if there were not the required number of umpires at your game.
27. **EJECTIONS:** Any player ejected from a game is automatically suspended for 1 additional game. In the original game, the player is removed from the batting order and does constitute an automatic out. Umpire decisions on ejections are final.
28. Each player must play 5 games to qualify for post season play. The players full name or first name and initial must be used on score sheets where there are two players with the same first name, or neither will be credited a game played.
29. No steel cleats.
30. A game is considered to be an official (complete) game after 31 minutes has been played.

31. In case of a rain out, where you will be playing the team a second time later in the season and cannot reschedule the rain game, you can have the second scheduled game be worth 4 point versus 2 points. Both teams must agree and you must note on your score sheet that it is a 4 point game due to rain out.
32. Unbecoming conduct will not be tolerated by the league, umpires or opposing teams.
33. No forfeit in the year end tournament.
34. Normal rules apply for the year end tournament. Inning by inning including extra innings.
35. **FORFEITURES:** Teams are allowed 3 forfeited games and then the team is evicted from the league. The team can buy back in at a price of \$100 and the money will be refunded if you don't forfeit any other game for the remainder of the season.
36. **FOUL TIPS:** no height restriction on foul tips.
37. **HOMERUN RULE:** At Welch & York Optimist there is a homerun rule: Only one over the fence hit per inning. All other over the fence hits during that inning will be an automatic double. There is **NO** homerun rule at York Rotary.
38. No hardball bats.
39. **RESCHEDULED GAMES:** There will be no rescheduling of games due to prior commitments, tournaments etc. If you cannot field a team at your scheduled game time it will be a forfeit. The only exception to rescheduling is rain out games.
40. The pitching cage may be moved to either side and/or forward a couple of feet if desired but it must remain within the foul arc. If a batted ball hits the cage on the first pitch it will become a dead ball and count as a strike. If a batted ball hits the cage on a second pitch the batter is out.
41. There is to be **NO** smoking (Smoke Free Ontario Act) or alcohol (Liquour License Act) on the sports fields.
42. Year end tournament divisions (i.e. A & B or A & B & C) will be decided after the last scheduled season games. Divisions and number of teams in each division will be decided by point differentials in the end of season standings.

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