

Travel Baseball/Softball Coaches Meeting

12-8-2009

Game and Practice Regulations

- All travel teams are to operate under the rules laid out in the FCPRD county rule book. There will be a travel section in that book this year and all teams will receive a copy.
- This applies to practice and game times once the recreation teams start practicing. That date is Feb 15. The rule states that no team may hold more than 3 scheduled activities (games or practices) on a county field in a one week period; practices may not exceed 1 hr. and 30 min. Monday through Saturday. Travel teams may practice for 2 hrs. on Sunday if field space is available. Batting cages are scheduled at the discretion of and through the booster club and are not counted as one of the 3 activities.
- It is required this season that a travel team schedule their practice days on the same days they have requested games.
- Games can and will be moved by the FCPRD athletic staff prior to the recreation season to avoid single game umpire fees. This may include moving games between parks in close proximity.
- Games may be scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday (at the conclusion of recreation play and if umpires can be obtained) and Sunday. A game scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday must have a start time of 7:30pm in ages 9-10(BB and SB) and 7:45pm ages 11-12(BB) and 11-18(SB) unless it is a doubleheader. Travel games may begin in the 6pm time slot in these ages if the game is followed by another travel game. Game times for 13-14 BB may be in either time slot, since the rec. games for these ages follow closely the same time limits as travel.
- All game schedules must be submitted to your FCPRD park coordinator when you receive them and are not final until approved by your FCPRD park coordinator.
- All umpires for scheduled games will be contacted and secured through the FCPRD. Teams may not secure their own umpires for scheduled games.
- Games may not be rescheduled on county fields for any reason other than a cancellation by the FCPRD due to inclement weather or other acts of God that render the fields unplayable. Games cancelled for these reasons must be rescheduled and approved through your FCPRD park coordinator.

Rosters

- All travel teams must submit their final team roster to their FCPRD park coordinator by 12pm on January 15th. Failure to do so will result in that team not being allowed to use a county field for games and practices. Rosters must include the players name, school attended, and physical address.
- According to the county travel policy, each county travel team must have a minimum of 75% county residents. For teams that carry 11 players, 8 must be county residents to be in compliance. If, after submitting your roster, a player quits the team or is forced to stop playing due to injury and that places the team in conflict with the 75% rule, they will not be required to add a player to get into compliance. However, if the coach chooses to add a player, it must be done in a manner that will comply with the policy.
- Number of players on a roster must comply with roster limits of the sanctioning body the team is affiliated with (USSSA, NWGA, NGFP etc.); however, all listed players must be active participants of the team, not just a name on the roster. This means all players on the roster are in attendance and participating at practices and are in uniform and in the team area for all games.
- Once rosters are submitted on January 15th, the players on that roster are bound to that county team for the duration of the spring season. A travel player on a submitted roster may not leave a travel team and play for a recreation team during the same season. Likewise, a recreation player may not leave their rec. team play for a travel team during the same season. The penalty for violating this rule in either instance will be a suspension for the player and head coach of the offending team for the remainder of the season. The only exception to player movement rules will be from team to team at the same level (travel or rec.) within the park. This means a player from team "A" at a park could be moved to team "B" (same age group or one group higher) should a situation arise through injury or attrition that left the team with an insufficient number of players to field a team. Should this situation arise, any player movement must be made with the knowledge and consent of your FCPRD park coordinator.

- Players may be added to travel rosters after the roster submission date for the reasons outlined above for players transferring from one team to another. If this occurs, the coach adding a player(s) must conform to the following procedures.
 1. The player must not be on another FCPRD sanctioned team's roster.
 2. The player must not cause the team to fall out of compliance with the residency requirements of the county travel policy.
 3. The addition must follow any other rules set forth by the sanctioning body of the league the team is affiliated with (USSSA, NWGA, NGFP etc.)
 4. All roster additions or subtractions MUST BE reported promptly to you FCPRD park coordinator.

Season Dates

- The spring season is considered by the FCPRD to run from the roster submission date on January 15th until the end of the recreation season.
- Once the FCPRD recreation season is completed, travel teams may obtain additional practice times through their FCPRD park coordinator.
- Roster and residency requirements are also relaxed at this point. Players from recreation teams as well as additional out of county players may be added to travel rosters upon completion of the recreation season, provided such additions comply with the sanctioning body the travel team is affiliated with.