

# CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

## PLAYING RULES

### COLT LEAGUE (ages 15 &16) (time 2 hours)

The official playing rules, with the exceptions and variations contained in the current year's "Rules & Regulations for Pony Baseball, Inc." and the "CBC Playing Rules" noted below, shall be the "Official Rules of Major League Baseball" completely revised, as released through the office of the Commissioner of Baseball.

1. A starting player may be removed from the lineup and return later. When he returns, he must bat in his original place in the batting order. He can not return to the lineup until his replacement has played at least three (3) outs in the field and batted one (1) time. When the starting player returns, his replacement must be removed from the game and may not re-enter the game. Exception – If a starting player is removed from the game due to illness, injury or ejection, and all substitute players have been used, then the last substitute player removed from the game must re-enter the game.
2. Any pitcher who is found to be in violation of a league pitching rule shall cause the game to be a forfeit. To be considered the pitcher of record, the pitcher must throw one pitch to a batter.
3. Use of metal cleats shall be governed by Virginia High School League Rules.
4. Any base runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to get around a defensive player who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. Any base runner who intentionally runs into a defensive player who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, shall be ejected from the game.
5. Teams may use a substitute runner for the catcher and the pitcher. Any player not presently in the game will be eligible. This will not count on the re-entry rule for either player.
6. The first time a batter slings or throws the bat, the umpire will give him a warning. The second and any other times, that player is called out. The batter shall not be ejected from the game. This rule does not apply to those batters, who in the judgment of the umpire, throw the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner (see General Rules, 4, J).
7. A designated hitter (DH) may be used for any player.
8. An extra hitter (EH) may be used. The EH must be declared before the start of the game. The player in the EH position, while not actually playing a defensive position, will be treated as though their position is defensive. The EH may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order. The re-entry rule applies for the EH.
9. COLT "B" LEAGUE – No varsity players and no more than two (2) Junior Varsity players.