

# CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

## BOUNDARY, RECRUITING & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. All players must reside in Chesterfield County. Any player, who has played for CBC and moves out of Chesterfield County, may request a hearing for continuance of play under CBC. Each case will be heard on an individual basis only. If a player is approved to return to CBC, that player will return to the same Association previously played with and no releases will be allowed.
2. The official starting date for all leagues shall be the first Saturday in March. Any person, who resides in an elementary boundary on that date, but moves after that date, shall not reflect a change in boundary.
3. CBC Free Agent Committee: Will be made up of the Baseball Commissioner, member(s) of the Executive Board and the League Commissioner at that level.
4. Associations may only have players on their rosters who reside in its elementary school boundary except in the following cases:
  - (a) No team in Pee-Wee, Shetland, Pinto, Mustang shall have more than two (2) free agents and or open players. No team in Bronco shall have more than three (3) free agents and or open players. No team in Pony shall have more than four (4) free agents and or open players. Any exception must be authorized by the Commissioner of Baseball and the CBC Free Agent Committee.
  - (b) Any player that desires to play in another Association's elementary school boundary must be given a written release from his association's voting representative and then be approved by the CBC Free Agent Committee. The player shall be counted as a free agent. There are 2 types of releases, single year and permanent, this must be clearly indicated on the CBC release form. If a permanent release is given it is the responsibility of the player to keep a copy of this form and must be turned in each year with the roster of the team they are playing on. When a player has been cut (considered not acceptable to play on any and all teams fielded by his association in his age group) from the team in his elementary school boundary, the player must be given a written release from his association's voting representative and then be approved by the CBC Free Agent Committee. This player shall not be counted as a free agent and the release is valid only for the year in question.
  - (c) The Association located in a player's elementary school boundary does not field a team for his age group. These players do not need a written release and will not be counted as a free agent for the year in question. The players are subject to placement at the discretion of the CBC Free Agent Committee, they are not free to run and join just any team. If in subsequent years the Association located in the player's elementary school boundary provides a team for the player's age group, he must return to his association.
  - (d) The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) were an active member of the Association's baseball coaching staff during the entire previous year's baseball season and is still active in that position of the current year. To qualify under this provision, an application must be filed with the Commissioner of Baseball. The Commissioner of Baseball will accept applications received by Roster turn-in of the current year and verify that the player's parent or guardian was active during the previous year's season and was still active the current year. Effective 2007 the number of

players that do not need a written release but will be counted as free agents will be limited to (2) two players per team.

- (e) Any player who is elementary school age may play with the Association in which he attends school. They will not require a release from their home association and will not be counted as a free agent. Any player that plays for an association under this rule for a minimum of 3 years during elementary school may remain with this association during middle and high school. The association that the player played for during elementary school while attending that school becomes their new home association. This 3 year exception must be verified by the commissioner of baseball.
- 4. Should any Association be prohibited from fielding a team due to the boundary rules, the Association may make a written appeal for exception from the rules to the Commissioner of Baseball. The Commissioner of Baseball will conduct and investigate and recommend a course of action which must be approved by the Executive Board. No appeals will be considered after the date rosters are to be submitted.
- 5. Member Association must play all of their teams of their league within CBC.
- 6. The following are the Association Elementary School Boundaries:

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY</u>
Bellwood	Bellwood
Bettie Weaver	Bettie Weaver
Chester	Chester
Clover Hill	Grange Hall
Evergreen	Evergreen
Gates	Gates
Gordon	Gordon
Harrowgate	Harrowgate
Hopkins	Hopkins
Jacobs	Jacobs Road
Matoaca	Matoaca
Midlothian	J.B. Watkins
Providence	Providence
Scott	Elizabeth Scott
Smith	Alberta S. Smith
Spring Run	Spring Run
Swift Creek	Swift Creek
Wells	C.C. Wells
Woolridge	Woolridge

- 7. All players' league ages are determined by Pony Baseball. League ages are shown with the league Playing Rules. Under no circumstance may a player "play up" into another age group. This would exclude the moving up of Pony players to Colt to prevent a forfeit.
- 8. If any association does not participate in the CBC baseball program with any teams at any level the players that live in that elementary school district will be free agents and can play for any association, they will not be counted as free agents. If a player has played for an association under this rule for 1 years this is now their home association. In the case of playing for an association for 2 years and their original home association restarts their baseball program they do not have to return to that association. Players remaining at their new home association must have their playing eligibility verified by the Commissioner of Baseball and marked accordingly on the roster.