

# CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

## GENERAL RULES

1. The Executive Board is to be sole authority of questions or decisions pertaining to the actual playing and/or questions of participation of personnel in baseball within the CBC leagues.
2. The Executive Board of CBC expects all coaches, players, parents, and fans to exhibit a high standard of sportsmanship and to observe all published park regulations and CBC regulations. Profanity or abusive language will not be tolerated. The supervision of the games and the conduct of the fans is the responsibility of the CBC Board & League Commissioners. The Field Umpires are responsible for the coaches and players within the confines of the playing field only.
3. Should any coach, player, parent, or fan take any action which the Executive Board considers to be detrimental to the youth baseball program, the Executive Board will meet with the President and Voting Representative of the Association or Association's Executive board and the Executive Board will conduct a hearing into the matter at a mandatory time and place. The President and Voting Representative of the Association(s) involved will be invited to the hearing. If, after such hearing is conducted, the Executive Board agrees that the coach, player, parent, or fan had acted in a manner detrimental to the youth baseball program, swift and severe punitive action will be taken by the Executive Board.
4. No player, manager or coach shall at any time, whether from the playing field, coach's box, bench or elsewhere, use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, managers, coaches or umpires. First occurrence will result in a warning by the umpire. Second and all ensuing offenses will subject the player, manager or coaches to being ejected. While not attempting to list all the actions which the Executive board would consider to be detrimental to the youth baseball program, the following actions will result in the indicated punitive measures:
  - a.) Any flagrant violation of CBC rules by a manager or coach will result in his or her Suspension for (1) One Game; Second Occurrence – Four Game Suspension.
  - b.) Any coach or player who does not leave the playing field within two minutes of being ejected from a ball game will be Suspended for Two games. Second occurrence – Suspended Indefinitely.
  - c.) Any coach or player who threatens or challenges an umpire will be suspended for two games. Second occurrence – four game suspension.
  - d.) Any player who participates in a fight will be suspended for four games. Second occurrence – for the remainder of the season to include the post season and All Stars.
  - e.) Any coach or player using profanity, abusive language or being disorderly will be suspended for Two Games. Second occurrence – Suspended Indefinitely.
  - f.) The Executive Board does not have jurisdiction over parents and fans; however, the Board does encourage and will support the issuing of warrants for the arrest of offending parties.
  - g.) Should a coach or player be suspended for more games than are left in a season, the suspension will carry over to the next season.
  - h.) Any coach who participates in a fight will be suspended indefinitely.

- i.) Should any coach or player be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct from a game, he or she will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.
  - j.) Any player who throws a bat, helmet, glove, or any object to show frustration with or disapproval of a call made by an umpire will be subject to ejection. If ejected, the player must leave the playing field and dugout area.
5. The Bylaws of CBC provide each member association the right to appeal decisions of the Executive board on matters of suspension and discipline to the full Board of Governors. A majority vote of the members of the Board of Governors is required to reverse a decision of the Executive Board.
  6. Any member association may make a written request to the commissioner of Baseball for the relief from the enforcement of any CBC rule provided such request is received and approved prior to April 1 for Pinto through Stallion, April 15 for Pony, or May 1 for Colt. The commissioner of Baseball will conduct an investigation and recommend a course of action to the Executive Board prior to April 1 for Pinto through Stallion, April 15 for Pony, May 1 for Colt. Any team or player that is granted an exception for any reason may have special rules applied to them that will only apply to that team or player. (example: Any travel player granted an exception to play in an developmental league may be limited to the number of innings they are allowed to pitch or not allowed to pitch at all.)
  7. All players must sign up with their home association and no player may practice other than with his home association without a signed release from his home association and approval of the Commissioner of Baseball. Violation will result in Head Coach being suspended for 2 games. Any player playing for another organization must have an asterisk (\*) listed by his name on the Official Roster. Any player that signs up with their home association after their designated sign up period and is unable to be placed on a team in his/her age group, must contact the Commissioner of Baseball. The Commissioner of Baseball will designate which association the player will be assigned to.
  8. The first day of practice or tryouts shall not be prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March.
  9. Chesterfield Baseball Clubs, Inc. permission slips, two (2) typed or legibly printed in ink copies of each team roster and release forms for each free agent must be turned in to the Commissioner of Baseball at designated times prior to start of season. Along with the rosters, a deposit of \$50 per team must be submitted. This deposit will be credited to that team's league fee. If the team drops or changes leagues, the \$50 will be forfeited.
  10. Each player's birth certificate copy, or other proof of age acceptable to the Commissioner of Baseball, shall be presented to the Commissioner of Baseball at the time rosters are submitted.
  11. Prior to each game, official team rosters including player's names, elementary school boundary, zip codes, date of birth, and uniform number shall be exchanged between coaches. A team roster must be typed or legibly printed on the CBC official roster form without address or phone number. No player is eligible to participate until a copy of his permission slip and verification of birth date has been filed with the Commissioner of Baseball. Colt League rosters, permission slips verification of birth dates and release forms for each free agent are to be submitted at the regularly scheduled meeting in March. Each team will supply two (2) copies of their team rosters and one (1) permission slip per player. Each association's voting representative shall be responsible for verification of all his/her association's team rosters. In addition, the voting representative is also responsible for submitting the Background Check Release Form for all managers, coaches, and assistant coaches to Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation. At the time team rosters are submitted, each association's voting representative shall list the manager, coach and assistant coaches on each team. Any changes to the list of active association managers and coaches must be approved prior to coaching by the Commissioner of Baseball. At the time of approval, two (2)-revised copies of roster must be submitted.
  12. Teams shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) nor less than eleven (11) players unless a written exception is submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Baseball or his designated representative. After the team rosters have been submitted to the Commissioner of Baseball, a

manager must have written approval of the Commissioner of Baseball or his designated representative, on a CBC Roster Change form, to either replace or add additional players. Once the team rosters have been submitted, players may not change teams (laterally, backwards, or upwards) within an association or change associations. Players may be added at any time during the season if the team roster falls below the minimum of eleven (11) players in order to restore the roster to the minimum of eleven (11) players. After the approval of any changes, two (2) revised copies of the roster shall be submitted to the Commissioner of that league. No roster shall be amended for post-season play, except for call-ups from instructional leagues. If a team folds during the season, players on that team roster will become free agents and be assigned by the Commissioner of Baseball or his designated representative. For a player to be eligible for play-offs or all-stars the player must have participated in 50% of the regular season games. Exceptions will be made in the case of injury if warranted. These exceptions must be approved by the Commissioner of Baseball or his designated representative.

13. All games must be played as scheduled, including make-ups, to determine a division winner. Avoid forfeiting games even though a team may not be in contention. A penalty of \$25.00 will be assessed any Association for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) game a team forfeits, a penalty of \$50.00 will be assessed for a team's second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game forfeited. If a team forfeits a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) game, a penalty of \$75 will be assessed, the team will become ineligible for the playoffs and the Commissioner of Baseball will look into removing the team from the schedule.
14. Rainouts and other makeup games will be rescheduled by the Commissioner of Baseball or his designated representatives. Teams must receive a minimum of 40 hours notice of rescheduled games and the games must be played at the time and place rescheduled. The 40-hour notice may be waived through mutual agreement between team managers. Managers must contact their League Commissioner within 24 hours for any rescheduled game, unless previously contacted by the Commissioner. Failure by managers to do so may result in their game being scheduled by the League Commissioner with the 40 hours starting from the original scheduled game start time. If managers cannot be reached, coaches or assistant coaches shall take their place. (Playoff games and season ending games excluded).
15. In the event of a tied regulation game, the two teams should play until they reach their maximum time limit. If the game is still tied after the maximum time limit has been reached, the game will be recorded as a tie.
16. Should the first game of a scheduled double header be delayed for any reason, the first scheduled game will be the game played to completion prior to starting the second game. The scheduled second game will be rescheduled should the conclusion of the first game extend beyond 8:30pm Sunday through Thursday only for Pinto, Yearling, and Mustang or 8:45pm for Palomino through Colt (except during playoffs). Umpires, coaches and players must wait a minimum of 30 minutes for all rain or any other delays before game can be canceled.
17. The question as to whether the field is in playable condition to start a ball game will be left to the Park Director, league official, or in the absence of a Park Director or league official, by an umpire.
18. Prior to the start of the game, the umpires must print their names on both the home and visiting team score book in a legible manner. Home and visiting team score books reflecting player names, inning by inning run totals, and signed by the umpire, must be kept current and are subject to review upon request by Chesterfield Baseball Clubs, Inc. officials. In the event of a protest, the home team score book must be immediately signed by the home plate umpire and shall reflect the status of present play in the game.
19. Teams should report to the field 45 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. No game can start before its scheduled start time without the approval from both managers.
20. Each team is permitted fifteen (15) minutes of infield practice prior to the start of the first game. If another game on any field is scheduled, both teams shall equally split the 15 minutes available prior to the start of the next game. The visiting team will have the field first.

21. Official starting time for the game will be when the pitcher steps on the mound, a batter is in the batting box, and the Umpire yells, "Play Ball."
22. All coaches must wear a team or an association shirt, baseball cap and appropriate pants, shoes, and socks. Exceptions must be approved by a Commissioner. The following is prohibited from any Player, Coach, or Umpire: (a) bathing suits, (b) tank top type shirts, (c) un-hemmed shorts, and (d) jewelry (earrings, necklaces, internal or external body piercing) (e) Tobacco or alcohol related logos on attire.
23. The winning coach will post the score of the ball game On-Line with the selected Service within 48 hours. Failure to post the score will result in the game being recorded as a tie.
24. League standings will be verified by the respective League Commissioner.
25. The official baseball to be used in CBC is to be approved by Board of Governors. **NO OTHER BASEBALL IS PERMITTED.** At the start of the game, each team shall provide the umpire with one NEW baseball. As additional baseballs are required, each team shall alternate with the home team supplying the first ball. Additional game balls shall be playable balls as determined by the umpire. If an unapproved ball is detected, it shall be removed from the game and play will continue without penalty.
26. Ground rules for the ballpark on which CBC teams will be playing will be set by CBC prior to the start of the season. No playing fields are to be used for practice after it has been marked by the county for a scheduled game.
27. Any problems concerning umpires, of whatever nature, where action or possible reprimand is considered necessary by CBC, must be submitted by the offended individual and /or association in writing immediately to the First Vice-President, CBC. Results of any action taken by the First Vice-President in regards to the complaint will be forwarded to the offended association, copy to the CBC Secretary and the President.
28. Any ball club which has been found to have used an illegal or ineligible ball player in a ball game, shall warrant forfeiture of this game and of all games in which player participated. The definition of an illegal and ineligible ball player will be as defined in the official PONY BASEBALL RULES and REGULATIONS.
29. There will be no more than four (4) persons – Pinto through Colt and (5) persons for Tee Ball, Pee Wee and Shetland who can be designated as manager, coach, or assistant coach. Minimum age for managers is 21 years, for coaches and assistant coaches is 18 years. In the event one or more of an associations' team coaches are absent, any approved active coach of any association may be substituted. All coaches must have an Athletic Volunteer Eligibility Card (background check) from Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation. Background check cards must be displayed either around neck or pinned to shirt at the chest. Any coach not clearly displaying background check card will not be allowed on the field or in the dugout. Except for T-ball, Peewee, and Shetland all coaches will be in the dugout when on defense, when at bat only the 2 base coaches will be allowed out of the dugout.
30. Any member of the Executive Board of CBC may actively participate in the baseball program as extended by his member association. While actively participating, he will be governed by all playing rules as set forth by the Board of Governors. Where conflict may result in regards to the actual playing of baseball, he will waiver this official capacity and be judged accordingly.
31. Each player will have a legible and different number on his uniform. Numbers may be on the front, back, or sleeve of shirt.
32. No bat persons allowed. Only those players and coaches on the official roster are allowed on the playing field and dugouts. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

33. Any team not capable of fielding nine (9) players, fifteen (15) minutes after the starting time will forfeit (see General Rule 13 for penalties). If a game starts after the scheduled starting time but within the fifteen (15) minutes grace period, the “official” starting time will revert back to the scheduled starting time. . If the team that causes a delay by being short of the necessary 9 players is the home team, the team that has the minimum 9 players will automatically become the home team. During the game a team may drop to eight (8) players because of illness, injury or ejection. The game may continue with the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) batter being an out. At NO TIME can you play with less than eight (8) players . After the forfeit of any game the 2 teams may scrimmage if both teams agree. If a scrimmage occurs the game will end 35 minutes before the next game is scheduled to start and both dugouts will be completely cleared out and cleaned 30 minutes before scheduled start time of the next game.
34. All rules, regulations, and policies of CBC passed by the Board of Governors and the interpretation and enforcement of these by the Executive Board are final. (No appeal). Executive Board shall respond in writing to all written correspondence in a reasonable time.
35. A mandatory meeting for team managers and/or head coaches will be held with the League Commissioners prior to the start of the season. This is to discuss, but is not limited to, rules and regulations, accident insurance procedures, and the season schedule. If the team manager or head coach is replaced or changed during the season, the new manager or coach must meet with the League Commissioner as soon as possible to discuss these items.
36. All players are required to show their home address on the permission slip. No Post Office Box.
37. To eliminate forfeits during regular season and play offs, players may be called up as needed from:
- Shetland to Pinto
  - Pinto to Mustang American
  - Pinto or Mustang American to Mustang National
  - Mustang to Bronco American
  - Mustang or Bronco American to Bronco National
  - Bronco to Pony American
  - Bronco or Pony American to Pony National
  - Pony to Colt
- With the approval of the two league commissioners. A team may not call up more than three (3) players for a game. The Player(s) will go back to his/her original team after the game. The same three (3) players shall not be called up more than three (3) times during the regular season (colt teams may pull players up not more than 3 times during the regular season) and three (3) times during the playoffs. Players may not move down. Any players that are called up must play in accordance to the rules of that league. All players being called up must be from the same association they are called being called up to play for. If an association does not have a team to call up from, they must designate a team to call up players from at the beginning of the season with both league commissioners. This must be approved by both voting reps and both coaches. Two teams may not use the same team for call up players. Any player that is called up without first notifying the commissioners of the 2 leagues involved will be considered an illegal player. Under no circumstances is a called up player allowed to pitch in a game in which they are called up to play in.
38. Pinto through Pony American
- Teams may use a substitute runner for the catcher and pitcher. The last batter out in the inning or if no outs, the last batter in the previous inning will be the designated runner.
- Pony National and Colt
- 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 reentry rule for either player.

39. CBC will follow the Chesterfield County Parks and Rec Lightning Policy listed in their Sports Manuel
40. 10-15-run rule: if a team is leading an opponent by at least 15 runs after four or 10 runs after five (15 after three or 10 after four in Mustang, Palomino, and Bronco) or more complete innings have been played or after four and one half (three and one half if there is a 15 run lead) if the home team is leading, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.
41. **On any American league team a maximum of 2 player per team may be on the roster of another team. This includes any travel team, AAU, USSSA, High school, or any other league. If more than 2 instructional team players are found to be on another roster they will be considered an illegal player. These players are not allowed to pitch during any game.**
42. Both managers will exchange an official CBC game roster (without phone numbers and addresses) before the game starts. If a manager does not give the opposing manager an official CBC game roster the manager will be suspended for 1 game.
43. Completion of a suspended game. Any player who was not at the original game that is present at the continuation of the game shall be placed at the bottom of the line up. Any player that was at the original game and not at the continuation game will be skipped when their turn at bat comes up. They will not be an out unless this causes the team to fall below 9 players. Except in Pony and Colt when only batting 9 players. In these cases the new players will be a substitute for the missing players.
44. Any player T-ball through Stallion (Pony if batting the lineup) that arrives after the game has started will be added to the end of the batting order. The count for their defensive inning playing time will start at the time they arrive at the game.
45. Any player that is removed from the game due to illness or injury while on base shall not return to the game. The last player to be called out will be the pinch runner for the injured or sick player. If in the first inning with no outs it will be the last player listed in the batting order. If the player is removed from the game while at bat the next player in the lineup will take his place with the same count.
46. Chesterfield Baseball Clubs will follow the Center for Disease Control's concussion policy. Any player that has the possibility of a concussion must submit a signed doctors note allowing them to return to play to the commissioner of baseball before playing or practicing. This policy can be found at [www.cdc.gov/headsup](http://www.cdc.gov/headsup) If a player has a possible injury that could be a concussion it will be the responsibility of the parent and team manager to report this to the Commissioner of Baseball.