

# SOUTH LINCOLN SPORTSPLEX GENERAL RULES

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Unless specifically stated otherwise, all leagues will follow standard Major Baseball League rules of play.

## DEFINITIONS

**Third Strike Rule:** If the catcher drops the ball on the third strike, the batter is not out and may attempt to run to first base. This rule applies when (1) there is no runner on first base or (2) there is a runner on first base with two outs.

**Infield Fly Rule:** An infield fly is a fair fly ball, which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second base are occupied, or when bases are loaded, before two are out. When the infield fly rule is declared, the batter is out; other base runners may advance at their own risk.

## PARTICIPATION RULES

All players must play two (2) innings on defense per game. When a game is called before completion for any reason, this rule does not apply. **EXCEPTION:** When a player is injured or becomes sick, he/she may be substituted for immediately. **NOTE:** Teams in all age groups may use Free Substitution on defense. **NOTE:** This rule does not apply to the Tiny Titans or T-Ball.

Managers may discipline a player or players that are supposed to start a game, but he/she must inform a Committee of Management member and the opposing teams' manager before the game begins. **PENALTY:** Manager will be suspended for an unspecified number of games.

If a manager has used all of their eligible players and a player is injured or becomes too sick to continue, the opposing team manager must select one or more players on the bench who has already been in the game as a replacement. This does not apply to an ejected player. If there is no one for the opposing manager to select the game will be forfeited.

## PROTEST

A manager protesting a rule interpretation must protest before the next pitch is thrown. Written verification of the protest must be presented to the Committee of Management within forty-eight (48) hours after completion of the game.

Protest based upon the use of ineligible players must be submitted in writing to the Committee of Management within forty-eight (48) hours after completion of the game.

Protest based upon the use of illegal players may be submitted at any time to the local Committee of Management.

Protest based upon illegal substitution must be made prior to game's end. Protest based upon judgment calls by the umpire will not be accepted.

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) (made payable to the South Lincoln Sportsplex) must accompany each protest. The fee will be returned if the committee rules in favor of the protesting party. The Committee of Management shall appoint a committee to handle all protest.

## **COACH AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

No spectator shall be allowed on the field during the game.

No adult will be allowed on the playing field during the playing of any game without the consent of the umpires, and no persons except the players, manager and coaches will be allowed on the bench or in the dugout during the playing of the game.

If, in the opinion of the umpires, a player, manager, coach, or spectator conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner or commits any act, which may maim or injure anyone, if deemed deliberate, they shall be removed from the premises.

A coach that is ejected from a game will not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game and must meet with their Committee of Management before they are allowed to continue coaching, a second (2nd) ejection will result in automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, including all post season play.

A player ejected from a game will not be allowed to play in their next scheduled game. A player's second (2nd) ejection will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, including All Post Season Play.

A spectator removed from a game will not be allowed to attend any other games until they have met with the Committee of Management. A spectator's second ejection will result in that person being banned from attending any games for the remainder of regular season including any an All Post Season Play.

Coaches, Players and Spectators be aware your first ejection if deemed flagrant enough by the Committee of Management could result in your suspension for the remainder of the season.

## **FORFEITS**

A team failing to field at least seven (7) players within ten (10) minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game.

Any team manager or adult who withdraws a team from the playing field prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to protest. The manager will forfeit the game by a score of six (6) to nothing (0). This constitutes possible disciplinary action by the Committee of Management.

Any team that forfeits due to not showing up for his scheduled game, is obligated to reimburse the Sportsplex for the umpires for the forfeited game.

## **SAFETY**

In case of an injury where blood is present the following should occur, but not limited to: The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform it must be changed before the athlete may participate.

## **INJURED PLAYER**

A player that is injured and leaves the game may **NOT** under any circumstance return to the game.