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***York Adult Recreation Baseball League***

***Rules and Guidelines***

**Commissioner**:

Doug Hunter

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\*\*\* All York Adult Recreation (YAR) Baseball League games are to be played under Traditional MLB rules unless exceptions are listed below\*\*\*

**EQUIPMENT**:

 ***BASEBALLS***

* The OFFICIAL baseball of the York Adult Recreation Baseball League is the Rawlings Official Major League (ROML)
	+ Supplied by the home team for the game
		- 1, if not 2, brand new ROML baseballs should be presented to umpire to start the game

 ***BATS***

* *ALL WOOD BATS ARE PERMITTED*

**LENGTH OF GAME**:

 ***FORMAT***

* All games are to be played in a double header style format
* All games will be played in 7 (Seven) INNING style game format
* An official complete game will be after 4 ½ innings of play if home team is ahead; 5 full innings will be played and deemed official if game is tied or home team is behind; or unless one of the “*Mercy Rule*” criteria is fulfilled
* *Mercy Rule Criteria*
	+ A game is not deemed official (as stated above), unless one of the following criteria is fulfilled:
		- A team is ahead *15 (fifteen) runs after 4 (four) innings*
		- A team is ahead *10 (ten) runs after 5 (five) innings*
		- A team is ahead *8 (eight) runs after 6 (six) innings*

***TIME***

* All games will operate on a 2 (two) Hour time limit; unless:
* Middle of inning and home team is behind on score
	+ If home team fails to tie/take lead game will then be considered complete, and is over
* Both visiting team and home team are tied after 7 innings
	+ Game will continue until a winner is determined
* The time clock *WILL STOP* at the start of a rain delay, and *WILL RESUME* once the ball is placed back in play by the umpires
* The start of an inning may begin if 2 hour time period has not elapsed
* The 2 Hour time limit will start AFTER THE FIRST PITCH OF THE GAME
* The HOME TEAM scorekeeper will announce the time to home plate umpire
	+ NO UMPIRE SHALL DICTATE OR IMPEDE ON THIS RULE
* After the first game is completed, no more than ***30 minutes*** shall be required for the start of the next game
* 120 seconds shall be the appropriate time given for teams to change offense-defense, defense-offense, warm up, and have ball ready to be put back into play unless a pitcher is entering the game for the first time
	+ If *pitcher/defense* are not ready at time ball is placed into play then a *BALL* is awarded to the batter/offense
	+ If *batter/offense* is not ready when ball is placed back into play by umpire then a *STRIKE* is awarded to the pitcher/defense
	+ Only exception of the above mentioned “120 Second Time Rule” not being enforced is when a starting pitcher or new relief pitcher, enter the game at the beginning of an inning; for the first time; no time penalty shall be given.

***SCORING***

* All scoring will be the same as MLB scoring and standard book keeping

**SUBSTITUTIONS**:

 ***OFFENSE***

* All players in, or entered into the lineup except 1 (one) must have a visible and identifiable number
	+ No repeating numbers as well
		- Only acceptable form of this rule is 0 ; 00
* Courtesy Runners are to be used ONLY for the following positions
	+ Current Pitcher
	+ Current Catcher
	+ Can be used at any point during the inning; not only with 2 outs
		- Qualifications
			* Manager has the options of the following for using a courtesy runner:
				+ “*Last Out Scenario*”

Player that made the last out prior to pitcher/catcher reaching base

* + - * + Player that is not currently in the batting line-up

A player that is deemed a courtesy runner who enters the game is NOT permitted to courtesy run while in the batting lineup unless situation falls under the “last out scenario”.

* Batting Lineup
	+ A team is permitted to bat 9 (nine), or 10 (ten) players in their lineup at their discretion
	+ A team is permitted to bat 8 (eight) players in their lineup, although:
		- 9th place in the order will be an automatic out until game is over/player is present and able to hit in the 9th batting slot

***DEFENSE***

* Free/Open defensive substitutions are permitted and encouraged
* Upon entering the game for the first time, starting or relief pitcher, shall receive a total of 8 warm-up pitches
	+ - If a pitcher remains in the game to pitch, he will receive 5 warm-up pitches every inning thereafter
* The starting pitcher may ***RE-ENTER*** the same game to pitch ***1 (one)*** time
	+ A relief pitcher that is removed from the game is *NOT* permitted to renter the same game to pitch
* When teams are switching from offense-defense, and defense-offense, the following will occur
	+ If a catcher is stranded on base at the end of an inning, said team will have an individual warming up the pitcher while the catcher puts his gear on.
		- If not adhered to, may lead to violation of “120 Seconds Rule” as stated in time section of rules and guidelines, resulting in an award of 1 (one) *BALL* to the leadoff batter.

**UMPIRES**:

 ***FEES***

* All umpire fees shall be paid in full at the home plate meeting of Game 1 of a Double Header
* As of the 2022 season, the fee for umpires is agreed upon by the league and head of umpire scheduling (Paul Shields)
	+ $65.00/game
* As of 3/30/2021; if the WEATHER HOTLINE is not utilized at least 1 hour prior to schedule first pitch of game one, and said games are cancelled/postponed, umpires who are present at the field no more than 1 hour before a scheduled start of game(s), the umpire(s) shall receive a “show up” fee as agreed upon by league and head of umpire scheduling (Paul Shields).
	+ $20.00/each umpire, each team pays 1 (one) umpire
* If the hotline was utilized correctly and a call was made at least 1 hour before the scheduled first pitch, the umpire(s) shall not receive a “show up” fee if present at the field.

***EJECTIONS***

* Umpires must report any player ejections to League Commissioner in written form ASAP; and the following standard operating procedure is dependent upon league commissioner doing an internal investigation into the events that took place.
	+ If a player is ejected by an umpire from a game
		- 1st OFFENSE
			* Player is suspended for the next available game
			* Verbal warning given to player by commissioner
		- 2ND OFFENSE
			* Player is suspended for the next 2 available games
			* Verbal discussion with player by commissioner on current/previous offense
			* Manager receives verbal warning from Commissioner
		- 3RD OFFENSE
			* Manager suspended next 2 available games
			* Player is ineligible for the remainder of the season, and must be re-instated by league commissioner BEFORE the following season
			* Discussion of reinstatement will be between commissioner, player, and team manager of player
			* If player is ejected the following season by said player, after re-instatement, then said player is permanently banned from participating in the league from that day forward.

***GENERAL***

* Game is deemed under control of the umpires when
	+ Ground rules meeting at home plate has concluded
	+ Grace period has expired for a no call/no show/less than 8 players team
* If games need to be cancelled or postponed, please call the *WEATHER HOTLINE* to notify the umpires no later than *1 HOUR* before scheduled first pitch
	+ 717-916-9315
* If any problems persist with an umpire, due to rulings/behavior please contact Commissioner Doug Hunter ASAP
	+ 717-309-7277
		- IF commissioner cannot be reached, please try and come to a resolution/agreement and play your game(s)

**FORFEITS**:

 ***NO CALL/NO SHOW/7 OR LESS PLAYERS @ VENUE***

* If a team is unable to field the proper amount of players to participate in a scheduled game(s), and does not utilize the WEATHER HOTLINE no more than 1 hour before scheduled first pitch, then that team must forfeit their scheduled game(s) for that day, resulting in losses for each game scheduled for the forfeiting team. The opposing team will receive a win for each game forfeited on that particular day.
	+ A “*GRACE PERIOD*” of *15 (FIFTEEN) MINS* shall be awarded to a team that is not present at the original scheduled start time
	+ If team is not ready to start the game after the “*GRACE PERIOD*” has expired
		- Umpire *WILL DELCARE* a forfeit for that game
		- Same procedure will occur for the second game
			* 2nd game “GRACE PERIOD” Will start immediately after 1st game concludes
		- FORFEITING TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULL AMOUNT FOR BOTH UMPIRES THAT DAY, AS DESCRIBED BY PAUL SHIELDS, HEAD OF UMPIRE SCHEDULING
			* $120.00/GAME
			* $240.00 for a double header
				+ All Fees are to be paid to the league
				+ Commissioner will receive names of unpaid umpire(s) from umpire scheduler (Paul Shields) for that day and the number of games that were to be played. Forfeiting team will pay commissioner within 10 business days of said game. Commissioner, once money is received by offending/forfeiting team, commissioner will pay umpire(s) that was not paid the day of the forfeit

**PLAYOFFS**:

 ***ELIGIBILITY***

* *MINIMUM* Number of Games needed to qualify for playoffs by a player
	+ 5
* For a game to officially count for a player, 1 (one) of the following 2 (two) criteria must be met
	+ *1 (ONE) PLATE APPEARANCE*
		- Pinch running or courtesy running will not be counted toward the qualifications
		- If a player has more than 1 plate appearance in a single game, that player will only receive credit for 1 game played
	+ *1 (ONE) INNING PITCHED*
		- Pitcher must retire 3 batters (in same game) for 1 inning to be obtained to count toward his games played
		- If a pitcher is credited with pitching 2+ innings in the same game, he will still only receive credit for 1 game played.
	+ If a player both pitches and has a plate appearance in the same game, that player will still only receive credit for 1 game played

***FORMAT***

* Playoff format will be decided by the league at the last meeting before playoffs start
* As of 3/30/2021, all teams will make playoffs
* As of the 2022 season, the top 8 teams will make playoffs

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

* Players may only be present on one roster during the current YAR Baseball season.
	+ No player shall play for multiple teams during the same baseball season
* Teams must report scores to the commissioner from the games no later than 8pm on that same day
* Fields Sites
	+ Please respect all ground rules not only at the field, but at the venue itself

\*\*\***PLEASE NOTE**\*\*\*

*ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES, AND FANS WILL ADHERE TO ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS. VIOLATION BY ANY MEMBER OF A TEAM, AND ITS FANS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE YORK ADULT RECREATION BASEBALL LEAGUE COMMISSIONER. DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER AND IS NOT LIMITED TO TEAM EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE.*

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