



NORCAL OLDTIMERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

2006 OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES

This League follows standard professional baseball rules.
The exception to these rules are as follows:

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT PRECLUDES ALL RULES AND OTHER FIELD ISSUES THAT NEED RESOLUTION.

1. **No Bunting Except** with prior game Gentlemen's Agreement between teams to allow bunting. The Chief Umpire must be informed of this before game time.
2. **No Intentional Walks.**
3. There will be **no decoying Tagging of runners.** If an infielder decoys a Tag, all runners will be entitled to advance one base. If the same fielder decoys a Tag twice in one game, he/she will be expelled from the game. The decoy Tag referred to is when a player on base slides unnecessarily due to a decoy TAG.
4. **Ten or more players may bat in a line-up.**
5. **35 Year Old Age Limit. (Rule change 12/00, a player must be age 35 by 12/31 of that year)** All players must be of age prior to the start of the game. Each team has the right to request photo ID of a player by going thru the Chief Umpire and Team Manager. *(Any team with a female player, she must be over age 21 by game time)*
6. **Seven (7) Run Scoring Limit for any one inning.** There is no limit in the Ninth (9) or last inning.
7. **Courtesy Runners** are allowed but may not steal, unless there is a passed ball, wild pitch, (Rule change 12/00) or 3-2 count and 2 outs. Violations of this rule results in the runner being called out. Courtesy Runners must be a bench player not in the line up or the batter who made the last batted out. A Courtesy Runner can only run once per inning. All Courtesy Runners must take the batter's place on base after the play is concluded and before the 1st pitch is thrown to the next batter.
8. Any player who is replaced as a base runner, that runner will not be allowed to steal.

9. **Pinch runners** (as described in major league baseball rules) must be placed in the batting lineup when entering the game, but may not steal by these rules.
10. **Stealing Home is not allowed.** Any runner who straight steals home (off the pitcher) will be called out.
11. **Collision Rule.** All players must avoid an intentional collision with a fielder. The runner will be called out. If the collision is ruled deliberate by the umpire, the player may be ejected from the game. **For Close Plays at Home Plate**, all runners must slide, peel out to the right of baseline or allow a tag-out. The catcher must take up a position at home plate before the play.
12. **Free Substitutions are allowed.** Any batter removed from the batting lineup can re-enter the batting line up after a complete rotation of the batting order from the point of removal and then re-enter at any different batting position. No limitations on defensive positions. Pitchers substitutions will adhere to major league rules.
13. **Protective Head Gear** is required one (1) Flap or two (2) flap batting helmets for all batters and base runners, as outlined by major league specifications.
14. **Skull Caps** are required to be worn by all Catchers.
15. **Game Baseballs.** No blem baseballs allowed. Game baseballs must be of high school, college, or Major League Specifications.
16. **Home Team** is responsible for official score keeping.
17. **Uniforms.** All players, coaches, bat boys/girls and umpires should have uniforms as specified under major league rules on the field. This is a courtesy issue for all games to enhance the status of the league.
18. **Bats.** All metal, Composite/Graphite bats must meet the –3 BESR certification with regard to length and weight for league games. Players using illegal bats will be called out by the umpire and the bat confiscated and remove from the game. (12/03 rule addition)
19. **Bean Ball** – A pitcher who hits a total of three batters while pitching in a game must be removed from the pitching mound immediately upon hitting the third batter.

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Before each game, the manager must provide to the UMPIRES this rule sheet and review as necessary.



CODE OF CONDUCT

ALL NORCAL TEAMS AGREED TO ABIDE BY THESE ADOPTED RULES #'S (1 – 9) AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 1993. RULE # (10) WAS ADOPTED AT THE CONVENTION MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 1994.

1. To distribute to all team members the latest revised league rules on a yearly basis and as revised.
2. To distribute to the umpires the latest revised league rules on a yearly basis.
3. To demonstrate as all time the **highest degree of sportsmanship** will all players and officials.
4. **TO REFRAIN FROM PROFANITY, AND MALICIOUS THREATS THAT CAN BE OVERHEARD** by minors in the dugouts, the audience and other nearby areas. Such conduct will call for ejection by the chief umpire.
5. To provide a post game meal (**Feed**) or beverage. Or, if this is not possible to advise the visiting team in advance, preferably at least 48 hours in advance.
6. **To FORFEIT** a loss and acknowledge same if your team cancels a scheduled game. (Rain outs or extreme field conditions are excluded). Visiting Team managers must call to confirm game attendance on Wednesday prior to scheduled game
7. **To FORFEIT** a loss and acknowledge same if a team reduces a scheduled double header to a single game.
8. To allow 15 minutes prior to game start for **infield practice** for both teams.
9. To rotate **batting practice** teams one hour and fifteen minutes prior to scheduled start of game.
10. The **scheduling of league games** will be held at **the Annual Convention**. - The annual convention meeting/scheduling meeting will be held the first/second weekend of December.
11. **Financial Responsibility** – A Player must full filled their financial responsibility with their previous team before consideration to transfer from one team to another. Managers by gentlemen's agreement should contact the prior team manager before adding the player for transfer. (note: added 12/03)