

# **Acworth Baseball Association**

## **In Park Rules**

### **Bronco Division**

All Major League and Dizzy Dean rules apply with the exception of the following In Park Rules.

1. All players will be in the batting lineup. a) If a player arrives after the umpire and managers meeting, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting lineup. b) Any player removed from the game due to illness or injury will be skipped in the batting order and no out will be counted. c) If a player is ejected, an out will be counted for every time his spot in the batting order comes up.
2. Free substitution on defense is allowed. a) Each player must play a minimum of two consecutive defensive innings and bat at least one time. b) Players not having played in at least two consecutive defensive innings and/or not having batted at least one time, will start and play a minimum of three consecutive full innings the next game. c) If a player does not arrive by the first pitch of the game, the manager or coach does not have to meet the two and one or three requirement. Notification must be given to the opposing manager and/or umpire. Inform the Director ASAP. d) Manager who have players that have a players(s) who have missed two consecutive practices prior to a game without valid excuses, do not have to meet the 2 and 1 or 3 requirement. Notification must be given to the opposing manager and/or umpire. Inform the Director ASAP.
3. If a pitcher hits two batters in an inning or three batters in a game, he must be replaced. If pitcher hits two batters in one inning, he may return to the mound after that inning. But, if he hits another batter in that game, he must be replaced and may not return for the remainder of that game.
4. Rather than forfeit games because of insufficient players, the policies for fill-in players are as follows: a) A team must have at least eight players to play. b) Only first year players of the Bronco division or second year players from the Mustang division may be picked up. c) A maximum of two fill-in players per game may be used to give a team no more than nine players. d) Fill-in players must play in the outfield and bat last in the lineup. e) At any given time during the game, fill-in players must be replaced with a roster player if one becomes available. f) Violation of the above policy will result in the forfeiture of the game. g) This also applies to the End of Season tournament.
5. Each pitcher will be allowed one warning of a balk per game. All other balks will be enforced.
6. Each pitcher is allowed ten innings per week. A new week starts every Saturday.
7. Game time limit will be an hour and forty five minutes.. No new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes. ?) a) Game time is **start time**. If a previous game runs long, the next game will start as soon as the umpires are ready. Do your pre-game warm-up and throwing outside of the field. Due to time constraints, infield practice may not be allowed. It is the umpires decision. Umpires will not allow infield if both teams do not have an opportunity. b) In order to speed up the game, pitchers will be allowed a maximum of eight pitches the first time he takes the mound. Thereafter, a maximum of five pitches will be allowed or two minutes between each half inning. Umpires **must** enforce this!
8. Visitor team will be responsible for keeping the score book. (The official score book) The home team shall be responsible for running the scoreboard during the game Having a member of both teams in the scorer's box will ensure proper recording.
9. Home team will be responsible for all aspects of the field and scorekeeping when playing a team from another park.
10. No tobacco products are to be used in the dugout or on the field either during practices or games.
11. No alcohol is allowed in or on anyone that steps through the gates entering the dugouts or the field. This means **never** including practices, games, and working on the field

12. Managers will be the sole person to dispute a call with the umpires. **Be professional!** Your players are looking to you on how to handle situations. **Profanity is prohibited!** If profanity is used, the umpire will automatically eject the offender.
13. Managers, coaches, and players that are ejected will be suspended from the following game. A second ejection in the same season will result in suspension until the Board has reviewed the case and determined disciplinary action.
14. A courtesy runner shall be allowed for the catcher if the coach elects to do so. The courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the last batted out. The player substituted for must catch the next inning.
15. Any coach that does not shake the other coaches or players hands will be automatically suspended for (1) game. Any coach that does not allow the Team to shake hands, he will be suspended for (2) games for unsportsmanlike conduct. (See Bylaws)