

# **Men's League Barnes Park Rules of Play**

**The League will follow USSSA Guidelines by default, with the following addendums/modifications; other addendums/modifications may also be enforced at the discretion of the League Director:**

- 1) Grace period of 10 minutes is applicable only to the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the night. All subsequent games have no grace period.**
- 2) No new inning will be started after 55 minutes of play in the regular season, 105 minutes of play during championship games.**
- 3) A Mercy rule is enforced if a team is leading by 12 runs or more after 4 innings, or 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading by 12 runs or more after the completion of the top of the 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- 4) Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to play a game. Teams must have 7 of their own players and may only pick up 1 player from another team to have the minimum 8 players. Teams that do not have at least 8 players to play will forfeit the game.**
- 5) If a team starts a game with a borrowed player and then additional members of that team arrive to play, then the borrowed player must be removed from the game and replaced with the newly arrived player(s).**
- 6) At any time during the game, a team may add players from its own roster to the bottom of the hitting lineup.**
- 7) No 'freelance' players allowed. If a player shows up to play more than once, they will be asked to pick a permanent team to be assigned to.**
- 8) One pinch runner is allowed per team, per inning, and must be the last out or, if it is the first inning and there are no outs, then the pinch runner must be the last person in the lineup.**
- 9) A Box Rule is in effect to protect the pitchers. Any ball that crosses the front line of the box and is in between the two outside lines is an automatic out except for the following exceptions:
  - a. If the pitcher has left the confines of the box when the ball is batted, then the ball is live even if it crosses through the box.**
  - b. If the ball is a line drive that is a minimum of 3 feet over the pitcher's head.****
- 10) The defense is allowed to throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base from the outfield to try and get a batter out.**
- 11) A player must play 3 games with their permanent team to be eligible for the playoffs.**