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Coastal League By-laws, Policies and Rules

The name of this organization is TC baseball Inc. DBA Fort Bend Baseball League. The league purpose is to organize and promote a high school summer baseball league in Fort Bend and surrounding counties. The spring/fall pre high school league shall be known as the "Coastal League." This league is not sanctioned or affiliated with any local or national organizations.

1. The league shall be organized and coordinated by a Board of officers being a TC Baseball Inc President, League Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator.
2. The **Coastal League** is a 13 & 14 year old spring and fall pre-high school developmental league.
3. There will be a maximum of twenty (20) players and three (3) coaches allowed on the baseball field for each team. Team rosters must be submitted & frozen prior to the seventh game. No player at any time will be allowed to switch teams during the course of the season.
4. Coaches should refrain from unruly behavior and harassment of umpires and other officials before, during or after any game. When documented coach is ejected, he will NOT be allowed to participate in the immediate following scheduled game. Any coach ejected two (2) times from a game in one season will be suspended pending review by the Board. After review he may be reinstated under probation or dismissed. League appointed FBBL umpires will report any and all game ejection issues immediately to the league President for review.

Players should refrain from unruly behavior and harassment of umpires and other officials. A player may be removed from a game without a warning for throwing his helmet and bat or use of vulgarity. When documented player is ejected, he will NOT be allowed to participate in the immediate following scheduled game. If a second (2nd) offense occurs, the player will be removed from the league and pending review by the League Coordinator. After review, player may be reinstated under probation or he may be permanently suspended from the league. League appointed umpires will report any and all game ejection issues immediately to the league coordinator for review.

Coaches are expected to supervise their players and fans during and after the game, including monitoring their activities until after they leave the sports complex.

5. National Federal of High School rules will be followed in all league play and

concerning eligibility. However, the Coastal League has adopted By Laws & Regulations to modify high school rules for 13u & 14u. These by laws and regulations shall supersede any and all NFHS rule.

6. The following items will be an official part of this league in order that a high standard of play may be maintained:
 - (a) Two (2) official umpires for each game.
 - (b) An official home team scorekeeper for each game. Each team shall be responsible for keeping their own scorebook. If a question should arise as to scorekeeping, ie. Player batting out of order and the teams can not agree, then the umpire shall make a ruling based on the Home team scorebook.
 - (c) Field maintenance by both teams before each game *may be required*.
 - (d) Clean-up of dug outs and stadium area by both teams after all games.
 - (e) 13u will use no less than -8.5 size baseball bat. 14u will use no less than -5 size baseball bat. If the infraction occurs when the batter is in the batters box and game is in play that batter shall be called out. If a batted ball occurs with an illegal bat then the opposing team has the option to receive the play which shall result in an out or deny the play which shall result in the batter being out and any or all runners returning to their respected base.

In the spring daily starting times shall be 6:00PM unless noted otherwise on the schedule. The 2nd game of the night shall begin after the early game has been completed. Once a new inning has begun, teams will complete that inning. In the fall Saturday games will begin 9am and Sunday start times will be 1pm.

- (a) **League "Speed-Up" rules will be enforced.** (See 10)
- (b) There will be 10-run rule after 5 innings for all games.
- (c) Continuous batting and free substitution is allowed
- (d) There will be a time limit of 1 hour and 50 minutes for all games. Any inning started prior to 1 hour and 50 minutes will be completed.

7. Rain-outs:

Canceled games will be scheduled for make-ups as they occur or on other week nights. The make-up schedule will be set by the league Coordinator. Teams will forfeit if they are unable to play games when scheduled for make-up. Any & all scheduled double headers that are rained out will be made up as such, nine inning make up games will NOT be allowed. Rainout and make-up games will be updated and posted @ www.ftbendbaseball.com. Teams are guaranteed 90% completion of scheduled games.

8. All teams must submit their required information and 100% of all money before the start of the season. Failure to submit money on time will result in teams not allowed to participate in Coastal League. All teams must submit their rosters prior to exactly

half of the calendar date of the season. The rosters will then be frozen. Line ups will be requested during the season ending tournament to verify validity.

9. There will be a season ending single game elimination to conclude league play in the spring. Fall season will include a DOUBLE elimination tournament. Seeding's will be based on each team's win-loss record. In the event of a tiebreaker, (a) head to head or (b) coin flip.

10. Speed up rules.

(b) **There will be one minute allowed between innings (after the 1st inning). When the final out of an inning is complete, a 45 second warning will be given and then one minute called. After five seconds, the ball must be pitched. The umpire will call a ball if the pitcher is not ready and a strike if the batter is not ready.**

(c) After an out is made, the ball **MUST** be thrown directly back to the pitcher.

(d) With two outs a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is **mandatory**. There is the option of using a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher at **any** time.

(e) Speed up rule time limit will be extended if the catcher is batting

(g) Infield practice may take place **only** if it does not impede the person getting the fields ready before the games. Each team is allowed 10 minutes total prior to each game with visitors going first.

(h) A new pitcher is allowed 8 practice pitches.

11. Coaches Dress: Team coaches must wear an official League or Team shirt and Team hat. No other person may be on the field.

12. Player Dress: Players must wear the full uniform to be allowed to play (This includes hat, shirt, pants (belt if needed) and leggings).

- 13 League insurance requires that background checks be performed on all managers and coaches involved with the teams. Managers/coaches must complete a volunteer application form and submit to league along with copy of driver's license before organizing teams. After background checks are performed, league officials will determine if applicant is not qualified to be involved in the Coastal League.

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