



CORNER COMMUNITY PARK

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM POLICY

**This policy was approved at the Corner Community Park Board Meeting held December 5, 2021.*

**This policy supersedes any previously approved baseball tournament team policies.*

ARTICLE I – NAME & LOCATION

Section 1

Tournament baseball teams shall be known as Corner Community Park Baseball Tournament Teams and shall be governed by the Corner Community Park Board.

Section 2

Tournament teams shall be based out of Corner Community Park located at 2135 Mayfield Road Warrior, Alabama 35180. Mailing address is P.O. Box 451 Warrior, Alabama 35180.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of Corner Community Park Baseball Tournament Teams is to provide the children of the Corner/Bagley community and surrounding areas a safe, fun, and competitive youth baseball experience for all skill levels while at the same time maintaining a community environment that has been accustomed to Corner Community Park over the past several decades.

ARTICLE III – MANAGEMENT & DUTIES

Section 1

Tournament baseball teams shall be governed by the Corner Community Park Board. The elected Corner Community Park Baseball Commissioner shall oversee the baseball tournament teams. There shall also be an Assistant Baseball Commissioner, approved by the Park Board, to assist the Baseball Commissioner.

Section 2

The baseball commissioners are responsible for the practice schedules, tournament schedules, and field maintenance schedules. Commissioners are encouraged to schedule age groups in common tournaments when possible. Commissioners are to ensure fair and equitable practice and maintenance schedules between tournament teams and recreational teams. Tournament teams and recreational teams shall share practice fields and field maintenance duties.

ARTICLE IV – ELIGIBILITY

Section 1

Baseball tournament teams shall consist of ages 7-12. Age eligibility is determined by the tournament organizations age policy. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure each player meets the age requirements for their respective team.

Section 2

Tournament teams are optional at Corner Community Park Board's discretion. A tournament team in each age group is not required.

Section 3

Both odd and even age groups are eligible and encouraged to be separate, when possible. Only one (1) tournament team shall be allowed for each age group.

Section 4

All baseball tournament players shall reside in Corner High School district or within a 20-mile radius of Corner Community Park.

Section 5

Any addition to a tournament team roster or emergency pickup player must be from a current Corner Community Park recreational team roster in that same age group. The Head Coach is responsible to select additional player(s) only when the team roster falls below the minimum ten (10) players as described in Article VII Section 5. Emergency pickup players shall not be responsible for any sanction or tournament fees.

Section 6

Tournament team players are allowed to play up one (1) age group only if a tournament team is not offered in their respective age group. *Exception: This rule does not apply to a player with a birthday past the cutoff date that is in the same grade as other players in that age group. For example, a player turning nine (9) in June that is in the 4th Grade beginning in the fall shall be eligible to play either 9U (based on birthday) or 10U (based on grade level) at their discretion.*

Section 7

Baseball tournament players are not eligible for recreational park all-star teams. This does not apply to an emergency pickup player, only full-time tournament team players.

ARTICLE V – COACH SELECTION

Section 1

Coach pitch (ages 7-8) teams shall comprise of one (1) Head Coach and three (3) Assistant Coaches. Only Head Coach and Assistant Coaches shall be allowed on the field during tournament games.

Section 2

Player pitch (ages 9-12) teams shall comprise of one (1) Head Coach and two (2) Assistant Coaches. Only Head Coach and Assistant Coaches shall be allowed on the field during tournament games.

Section 3

Head Coaches shall be selected and approved by the Corner Community Park Board prior to tryouts and shall be in good standing with Corner Community Park. Assistant Coaches are selected by Head Coach after tryouts and announcement of tournament rosters. All Assistant Coaches shall be approved by the Park Board after the announcement of the tournament rosters and prior to the first practice.

Section 4

If the Park Board determines that it is not in the best interest of the players or Corner Community Park, they can vote not to approve any Head Coach in that age group and therefore not have a tournament team in that respective age group in accordance with Article IV Section 2.

ARTICLE VI – TOURNAMENT SEASON

Section 1

The baseball tournament team season shall begin on August 1st and end on July 31st of each calendar year.

ARTICLE VII – TRYOUTS

Section 1

Tournament team tryouts shall be held each and every year prior to the fall season in the month of July or August. Tournament team rosters are set for one (1) calendar year for both the fall and spring seasons.

Section 2

Tournament team tryouts shall be held at Corner Community Park. There shall be only one (1) makeup tryout date for players that missed the original tryout. A makeup tryout is not guaranteed and will only be granted on certain conditions if the absence is approved prior to the original tryout. A player that does not attend a tryout is not eligible to be on a tournament team roster.

Section 3

Tournament team rosters shall be selected by a tryout committee each year approved by the Corner Community Park Board. Tournament team rosters shall be announced no later than two (2) days after the tryouts are closed.

Section 4

During the tryouts, all parents/guardians, etc. accompanying the children shall not be allowed on or near the field. The only adults allowed on the field during tryouts are the Head Coach, the selection committee members, and Park Board members. There shall be a designated waiting area for all other attendees until the conclusion of the tryout. Failure to abide by this rule, could result in the child being ineligible for a tournament team roster.

Section 5

Each tournament team roster shall comprise of a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of twelve (12) players. The Head Coach shall determine the exact number of players on their respective team within this criteria.

ARTICLE VIII – TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Section 1

Tournament teams shall play in a minimum of one (1) tournament each fall season. Baseball Commissioners are encouraged to schedule fall tournaments around youth football when possible. Youth football takes precedence over baseball during fall season. If a player is on both rosters for football and tournament baseball, it is acceptable to miss baseball when there is a conflict between the two.

Section 2

Tournament teams shall play in a minimum of five (5) tournaments each spring season.

ARTICLE IX – UNIFORMS

Section 1

Baseball tournament teams and baseball recreational teams shall share the same uniform style and hat each season.

Section 2

Registration fee shall include one uniform. The Head Coach of each tournament team is responsible for additional uniforms if desired. However, all additional uniforms shall still match the same uniform style as previously described in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3

The Baseball Commissioners and Head Coaches shall be responsible to order additional uniforms for each tournament team for use by emergency pickup players if needed.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIALS

Section 1

Tournament team registration fees shall be determined by the Corner Community Park Board and are subject to change each and every season. Tournament team registration fees shall include the following: use of the park facilities and insurance, one (1) set of uniforms in accordance with Article IX, and sanction/tournament fees based on the minimum tournament requirements as set forth in Article VIII.

Section 2

Tournament team registration fees shall be the same for each player on each tournament team roster. Registration fees can vary per age group due to different tournament entry fees and sanction fees.

Section 3

Registration fees shall be divided into fall and spring seasons. Registration fees shall be paid in full prior to the first practice of each season. Failure to comply with this section could result in that player to be ineligible for a tournament team roster.

Section 4

The Head Coach of each tournament team can elect to play in additional tournaments beyond the required minimum set forth in Article VIII. The Head Coach shall be responsible for the registration and all additional fees associated with playing in additional tournaments.

Section 5

Tournament team registration fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds given regarding sanction/tournament fees for rain outs, tournament cancellations, or other incidences beyond the control of Corner Community Park.

ARTICLE XI – PLAYER PITCH REQUIREMENTS

Section 1

The objective to limiting player pitch counts is to maximize the pitcher’s safety and effectiveness.

Section 2

The following pitching rules shall apply to all player pitch tournament teams at Corner Community Park regardless of the tournament’s pitching requirements. Failure of a Head Coach to abide by these pitching rules could result in suspension or removal of the Head Coach.

Age	Daily Max (One Game)	No Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
8	50	1 – 25	26 – 40	41 – 50	N/A
9/10	75	1 - 30	31 – 45	46 – 60	61 - 75
11/12	85	1 – 35	36 - 50	51 – 65	66 - 85

All pitches pitched during a game will be counted towards the daily maximum. A player may pitch more than one (1) game in a day as long as they have not pitched more in a previous game that day to need the required rest. If a pitcher reaches the day’s maximum threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that at-bat is completed.

Example #1: An 11/12 pitcher pitches 39 pitches in Game 1 on Saturday. The pitcher is not allowed to pitch the remainder of the day and must rest on Sunday and will be eligible to pitch again on Monday.

Example #2: A 9/10 pitcher pitches 29 pitches in Game 1 on Saturday. The pitcher is allowed to pitch in another game that day as long as the daily maximum is not exceeded.

Example #3: An 11/12 pitcher throws the 85th pitch in the middle of a batter on Sunday. The pitcher is allowed to finish pitching to that batter and then be on 3 days rest from pitching and is eligible to pitch again on Thursday.

Section 3

Reference Corner Community Park Pitcher’s Plan for additional guidelines and details to effectively manage the pitching staff.