



Rules and Regulations

SECTION I – ROSTERS/PLAYERS

The following rules shall govern all adult teams and leagues playing under the jurisdiction of the Monterey Recreation Department (MRD).

1. Team rosters will be comprised of players registered through the MRD. To maintain the integrity and continuity of the league, any additions to the roster after the designated deadline, will be solely at the discretion of the MRD staff.
2. All players and base coaches participating in the MRD 30+ Adult Baseball League must be a paid registrant, on the roster of the team they are participating with, and have signed the League Waiver form. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of games played in which illegal participant has participated.
3. Players playing under assumed names or AKA's will result in forfeiture of games in which the illegal player participated in. Any player playing under an assumed name or AKA will be immediately removed from all MRD 30+ Adult Baseball play, regardless of the name under which the player registered.
4. Players must be 30 years old by the first game of the season.
5. Persons or players participating in the activities sponsored by the MRD do so at their own risk. The MRD cannot be held liable for any personal injury or property loss/damage.

SECTION II – OFFICIALS

The MRD will provide official umpires and scorekeeper for each scheduled game.

The umpires are representatives of the MRD. As such, they are authorized and required to enforce each section of these rules.

1. The manager or his/her designee shall give the scorekeeper the team's line-up with the first and last name at least ten minutes before game time and cooperate in every way with the umpires and the field supervisors in getting the game started on time and moving along throughout the playing period. The line-up should be printed and legible.
2. The manager or his/her designee shall be the official representative of the team. Team managers are responsible for the eligibility, conduct, sportsmanship, and behavior of all players on his/her roster.
3. Teams must have at least eight (8) players ready to play five (5) minutes after the scheduled game time or five (5) minutes after the previous game has ended if the prior game overlaps into your playing period. Teams forfeiting two (2) games will be ineligible for playoffs.
4. A regulation game will be nine (9) innings or 2 hours and 30 minutes, whichever comes first. Once an inning is started it must be completed, unless the home team is batting and ahead when the time limit is reached. At this point the game will be considered complete and stopped.
5. A twelve run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead).
6. If there is a tie at the end of a regulation game it will continue, time permitting, until the time limit is up or a winner is decided. Tie games at the end of regulation will be recorded in the standings as a ½ win and ½ loss.
7. The time limit will not come into play during playoff games. The twelve run rule will remain in effect after five (5) innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead).

SECTION III – GAMES

Only the MRD may make changes in the league schedule. Any team which foresees a conflict with their scheduled game is to notify the MRD within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled game time so that the MRD can notify the scheduled opponent. Failure to notify within the specified time frame will result in forfeiture.

SECTION IV – CANCELLATIONS

Protests based on a judgment call made by an official will NOT be considered. Only those protests based on official Major League Baseball rules as published by The Sporting News, rule interpretation or an official ground rule interpretation will be considered.

1. Whenever a matter of protest arises during a game, the manager or his/her designee of the protesting team shall immediately notify the opposing manager, the umpire, and the official scorekeeper of the intent to protest prior to the next pitch. A formal request to the MRD should contain the date, time and place of the game, the name of the umpires and scorekeeper, the rule and section of the rule under which the protest is made, and all other essential facts involved in the matter protested. The protest must be turned into the MRD by 12:00 noon the following day for a final decision. Final decisions will be rendered as soon as practical. A \$20.00 protest fee must accompany all protests. If a protest decision is allowed the \$20.00 fee will be returned. If not, the \$20.00 will be placed in the City fund.
2. Protests regarding eligibility of players will be decided by the MRD. Protests will not be accepted on the field. Such protests will not be accepted after the last game. Protesting managers will have the responsibility of following up with proof of ineligibility. PENALTY: Loss of games in which ineligible player participated.

SECTION V – RULES

Official Baseball rules for this league will be Major League Baseball rules as published by The Sporting News, including the following additions or modifications. The MRD reserves the right to add or delete any rules of the game, which the department deems necessary for the good of the program.

1. Smoking is prohibited in City owned parks and playgrounds.
2. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all times while playing or attending a baseball game.
3. NO Tobacco Products and Sunflower Seeds of any kind allowed on Frank E. Sollecito, Jr. Ballfield.
4. Official baseball bats may be wood, aluminum or composite (Not to exceed a –3 differential). -3 bats must meet BBCOR certification standards and display a BBCOR logo.
5. Metal cleats are **NOT** allowed on Frank E. Sollecito, Jr. Ballfield.
6. Approved batting helmets must be worn at all times by the batter and base runners. (Single earflaps may be worn, as long as, the earflap faces the pitcher).
7. All players must be in uniform (same color jersey with numbers) and on the current roster of the team they are playing for in order to participate in league play.
8. All players present and in uniform will bat in a continuous batting order during each game. Players physically unable to participate during a game must be declared on the batting lineup and will be ineligible to participate in said game.
9. Any player being removed from the lineup during the game in progress must inform the home plate official, the opposing manager, and the score keeper that they are being removed from the lineup. Players may not re-enter at any point in the game.
10. Players not present at game time should be removed from the original lineup. Should a player be

left on the original lineup and not present upon their first plate appearance an out shall be recorded throughout the remainder of the game in progress. Said player may be inserted into their original spot in the lineup when they arrive to avoid further outs being recorded.

11. Players not present at game time may be added to the bottom of the lineup at any time upon their arrival.
12. In the event a player is ejected from the game, his spot in the batting order becomes an automatic out.
13. Free defensive substitution may occur at all times during the game. However, each player ready, willing and able to play must play defense a minimum of four (4) innings in a regulation nine- (9) inning game.
14. All pitchers removed from the mound may return to pitch once per game.
15. A pitcher must be removed from the pitching position if they hit three batters during the game in progress.
16. There will be no limit on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game or week.
17. A pitcher may not wear white sleeves, batting gloves or wristbands on his pitching arm.
18. Intentional walks will be allowed without any pitches being thrown.
19. Any fielder who forces a runner to slide by faking a tag will be warned for obstruction and may be ejected from the game at the completion of play.
20. Courtesy runners will be allowed for a maximum of four players per game. The players that will need a courtesy runner must be designated on the lineup prior to the game and reported to the scorekeeper. If a courtesy runner is used, the courtesy runner will be the player who recorded the last batted out in the batting line-up. If the last batted out was a player that requires a courtesy runner, it will move on to the next batted out. All courtesy runners will be live. Courtesy runners must be announced to the officials and the opposing team.
21. A runner who does not slide will be called out if there is SUBSTANTIAL body to body contact with the player applying a tag or making a catch. The ball is dead and all runners will return to the last base touched at time of contact. Incidental contact or obstruction is judgment calls made by the official. EXCEPTION: If the official deems contact was flagrant, the player will be ejected. Enforcement and rule application is based on official's judgment.
22. Any runner who commits an illegal slide will be declared out and ejected from the game. Illegal Slides: Barrel-rolling, body blocking, sliding well beyond the base, sliding out of the base line, and sliding with spikes above the fielder's knee.
23. The MRD reserves the right to add or delete any rules of the game, which the department deems necessary for the good of the program, before, during, or after the season, is over.

SECTION VI – PLAYOFFS / AWARDS

1. Each team will play a minimum of twelve league games.
2. League games and playoff formats will be determined before league play begins and will be stated on the league schedule. League games and playoffs will be in the interest of all teams.
3. In the event a winner is not declared by overall record, the following will be used to decide all ties:
1) Head to head competition during league play; 2) Total runs GIVEN UP during head to head competition; 3) Total runs SCORED during head to head competition; 4) Single elimination playoff. The higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoffs.
4. Playoffs are an extension of league play and all league rules apply to the playoffs with the exception of the time limit, which will not be enforced for the championship game. All playoff games will play the complete nine (9) innings unless the twelve run rule comes into play.

SECTION VII – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, or strike an official. It is a felony to do so. Officials are required to immediately suspend a player from further play and report such player to the MRD Sports Coordinator. Any player violating this rule will be banned for life from participating in City sponsored recreation leagues.
2. All players and managers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Any offensive body language, profanity, or other offensive remarks toward an official or opponent will not be tolerated; including, second guessing or questioning an official's decision. Any display of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in an immediate removal from the game. Any player removed from a game will serve a minimum of an automatic one game suspension and a season long probation will also be issued by the MRD.
3. At no time will players or managers verbally or physically accost other players, officials or spectators. Any player or manager violating this rule will be immediately suspended and reported to the MRD Sports Coordinator. Any player violating this rule will be suspended until disposition has been reached by the MRD.
4. Under no circumstances will any player or manager appear on the field of play while under the influence of alcohol/drugs. The presence of alcohol on one's person will also not be tolerated. Players taking prescription medications that alter one's ability to think and react clearly should not play. Any violation of this rule must be reported to the MRD Sports Coordinator immediately. Players violating this rule will receive a minimum of a two game suspension with season long probation, or a maximum of season long suspension.
5. Any player ejected during a post season game will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season in progress.

NOTE: 1) Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for violating the "Code of Conduct" or any other applicable rule will be suspended for the remainder of the season; 2) any player being suspended at the end of the season must complete the suspension at the beginning of the next season the player participates in; 3) any player removed from a game must leave the facility immediately. Failure to do so will result in the suspension for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of the game in progress; 4) Players being placed on suspension will be suspended from ALL MRD leagues; 5) City Ordinance No. 1722 C, prohibits alcoholic beverages in or on facilities in which the Monterey Recreation Department programs are held; 6) Health and Safety Code sec. 104495 prohibits smoking in all City parks and playgrounds.