

City of Carson
Community Services/Parks and Recreation Department
Adult Sports Section
CARSON BASEBALL LEAGUE
Rules at a Glance

For any rules not covered here refer to the Major League baseball rulebook.

The following rules of the City of Carson Baseball League (CBL) shall be enforced at all practice, league, all-star, and tournament games that fall under the jurisdiction of the CBL. Any manager, player, team representative or umpire who does not comply with the rules of the CBL, will be subject to expulsion or suspension from the league.

1. It is mandatory that **ALL** team managers attend the scheduled league meeting(s) at which, balls will be distributed and schedules passed out. Sending a team representative with full voting power on all league matters in place of the manager is acceptable. **PENALTY:** In the event that a team is not represented (without a valid reason) they will have to purchase baseballs from the umpires or provide them for their respective games and are **subject to a \$25 penalty**.
2. Each team manager is responsible for having his team roster **SIGNED BY ALL PLAYERS**. Managers must also submit his team's set of league ID's to the umpire **prior to the start of the game**. Team Managers/Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of his players, coaches and fans. If a coach cannot control his people, the umpire or any City official has every right to stop a game and award the win to the offending team's opponent.
3. All players must be in the dugout during the game unless warming up to enter the game. Each team is responsible for keeping their "on deck" area cleared of bats, etc while their team is in the field.
Penalty: Umpires judgment
4. The consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated on any City of Carson Park or facility. **ANY PLAYER OR FAN SEEN CONSUMING OR SUSPECTED OF BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY AND THEIR TEAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE GAME JUST COMPLETED OR NEXT SCHEDULED CONTEST.**
5. Any malicious conduct or play will not be tolerated. Anyone found to show conduct that is malicious or detrimental to the league will be expelled from the CBL. **PLAYERS MUST SLIDE OR AVOID ANY CONTACT WITH A PLAYER AT ANY BASE WHEN THE PLAYER IS IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL.** Teams must make every effort to keep the dugouts clean after each game. **ID's of player(s) in violation must be submitted to the league director/coordinator or division representative.**
6. Obscene language or gestures will not be tolerated by any person or representative of the league. No physical harm and/or verbal threats towards any City of Carson Community Services employee or representative will be tolerated. Any offending person will be subject to expulsion or suspension from the league. Any **FIGHT** before, during or after **WILL** result in suspension for an indefinite period of time pending league review. **ID's of player(s) in violation must be submitted to the league director/coordinator or division representative.**

7. Any ejected player or coach must immediately leave the playing field. In the event that said person continues any verbal attack on an umpire, player or fan, the offender will be asked to leave the facility entirely and subject to suspension and/or fine. Coaches and managers will be responsible for violators leaving the field or their team is subject to forfeiture of game in progress or next scheduled game.
8. It is the responsibility of the team manager to provide the league I.D. of any ejected team member immediately to the umpire or league representative present. Games(s) will not continue until teams are in compliance.
9. No player shall play for more than one (1) team in the CBL regardless of the division. Any team that uses a player registered with another team will forfeit said game and the offending players “official” team **WILL** be subject to penalty including forfeiture or game(s) and/or fine for ALL games the player in violation has participated in – pending league review.
10. All players must have a league ID or **LEGAL** form of identification (with picture) from the **THIRD** game on. *Prior to the start of each game, managers are required to exchange ID’s and rosters with the opposing manager.*
11. At the conclusion of the game, all ID’s submitted by the opposing managers should be returned in their same condition. All ID’s returned damaged or unreturned will cost the responsible manager \$10 per replacement.
12. All players must be legally registered with their **PROPER** name on the official team roster at the start of the season. **No player will be eligible to play in the playoffs unless they have participated (in attendance as sub or player) in at least five (5) of the first seven (7) regular season games.** All league ID’s of players **CHANGING TEAMS** must be returned to the league office. League ID’s are the property of the CBL.
13. A player who has lost his ID may participate in a game (with said game automatically being played under protest) but must be verified as a legal player by the league director before the next scheduled league game. Any game played with a non-legal player will be forfeited. Replacement ID’s can be obtained through the league office for \$10 per ID.
14. In the case of a player wanting to change teams during the season, a judgment will be made by **unanimous** manager vote, the league director and the CBL council on a case by case basis and will only occur after being verified by the original team roster.
15. **ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES IN THE DUGOUT MUST BE IN A FULL COMPLETE UNIFORM, INCLUDING STIRRUPS (COLORED SOCKS).** If for any reason a coach wishes to not wear a uniform, he will only be allowed in the dugout with the approval of the opposite team: To be stated before the opening pitch.
16. Game fees are as follows -regular season games:
 - \$60 per team with 1 umpire
 - \$80 per team with 2 umpires
 - \$ 7 each for Diamond baseballs (if needed)

17. There will be a 15 minute grace period in the **first scheduled game ONLY** at each facility. In the event that a team cannot field a least **NINE (9) PLAYERS**, they will forfeit said game and are responsible for the full amount due to the umpire on game day or before next scheduled game.
 18. If the above mentioned does not occur, the offending team will be disallowed further participation in the league and all Managers, Coaches, Players and affiliates of the team in violation, will be disallowed participation in the league.
 19. Any team who forfeits a game will be subject to replacement.
 20. Game playing times will be as follows:
 - (1) Regular season-nine(9) innings or 2h 45m
 - (2) 1st round PO-nine (9) innings or 3h
 - (3) 2 & 3 round PO-nine (9) innings or 3h 30m
- *No new inning in (1)after 2h 30m, (2)2h 45m, (3)3h 15m
*For the last games scheduled for the day on all fields a three (3) hour time limit *may* apply.

21. The Mercy Rule (15 run differential) will be in effect after 4 ½ or 5 innings ONLY IF AT THE BEGINING OF THE GAME, BOTH MANAGERS AGREE.

22. In case of a tie a *maximum of three (3) extra innings* may be played to decide the game if time permits. Teams are required to pay an extra \$3 per team per inning.
23. The umpire will be the “Official” scorekeeper and shall have final say in all matters regarding the playing of a game. If there is a need to question a rule interpretation, the team manager **ONLY** must call time-out and then confer with the chief umpire. If a protest is to be made, it must be made at this time. **MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE UMPIRE RECORDS THE COMPLETE SITUATION OF THE GAME AT THE TIME OF PROTEST** (Player at bat, runners on base, number of outs, inning and time left in the game).
24. Protest will **NOT** be accepted after the fact. The umpire and manager must notify the league director by phone of the protest. The manager must submit all protest in writing on an official form to the league director by 6:00 pm of the next working day, along with a \$25 protest fee which will be returned if the protest is won.
25. Each league season will consist of a 14 (10 in the shortened winter season) game schedule after which the top four (4) teams will advance to the playoffs.
26. Team awards (trophies or garment) will be awarded for the 1st- 3rd place teams.
27. The City of Carson is not responsible for any personal injury or physical damage to property which may arise as being a participant of the CBL.
28. All team managers are responsible for knowing all rules that apply to the CBL as well as the assurance that all players and coaches are aware of all rules and regulations. If there are any questions or concerns pertaining to the proper clarification of any rule interpretation or regulation please do not hesitate to call the league director.

Supplements as of April 8, 2011:

- In the event of a forfeit, a team must submit its forfeit fees IN FULL to:
 - (1) the umpire on the day of the game
 - (2) The Parks and Recreation Adult Sports office by the Thursday before the next scheduled games
- If a team forfeits three games, they will be excluded from the league
- A team failing to submit forfeit fees within the appropriate time will be subject to a \$25 penalty and/or expulsion from the league
- The Home team IS RESPONSIBLE FOR the official scorecard for each game
- Umpire fees are due immediately at the CONCLUSION of each game. A team failing to pay its fees in a timely manner, will be subject to the penalty of \$50
- **Upon agreement of both managers/coaches prior to the start of the game, a DH will be allowed for the PITCHER ONLY.**