

**ARCHDALE PARKS & RECREATION**  
at  
**CREEKSIDE PARK**  
**Bronco Rules for 2023**

1. All coaches and adult volunteers must have an approved background check on file with the league. It is the head coach's responsibility to ensure coaches and volunteers have their approved background check on file before allowing them to assist with the players. Background checks are good for the year in which approved.
2. The rules under which this league will play under the current PONY League baseball rules and regulations. All the rules listed below are local rules for the City of Archdale.
3. Bats may not be larger than 2 5/8" diameter. All 2 1/4" and 2 5/8" diameter bats must be certified with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat to be used.

4. **PITCHING:**

There are mandatory days of rest required depending on the number of pitches thrown:

Age Range	Daily Max Pitches	Required Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
9 – 10	75	1 – 20	21 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66+
11 – 12	85	1 – 20	21 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66+

--A day of rest is defined as a calendar day in which a player does not pitch at all. For example, a 12 year old player that reaches 51 pitches on Monday cannot pitch again until Friday.

-- No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch count.

--Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.

-- A pitcher can reenter the game, but not as a pitcher

5. No Breaking Balls! Fastballs, changeups, and knuckle balls are all that is allowed. There will be one warning. If the pitcher continues to throw curveballs, the pitcher will be removed from the mound.
6. Games are 6 innings or 90 minutes. A new inning cannot be started after 90 minutes from the start of the game. Home team will get the last at bat, if they are losing. If teams are tied at the conclusion of either situation, the game will end in a tie. The umpire maintains the official time of the game.



7. There is a 15 run rule after 3innings of play and a 10 run rule after 4 innings.
8. There is no dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule. The batter is out if the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is dropped. If there is someone on base, the baserunner can advance if its not the 3<sup>rd</sup> out.
9. All participants at the present game must play at least 2 innings in the field each game and bat in the lineup. For example, if a team has 12 at the current game, then the batting lineup will have all 12 participants listed on it.
10. A game can start with 8 players to avoid a forfeit. The 9th spot in the lineup will NOT be an automatic out when that spot in the lineup is reached. No players from other teams or leagues will be allowed to participate.
11. Baserunners will be allowed to take a lead while on base and steal a base at any time.
12. Balks will be called on pitchers. Each pitcher will get 2 warnings and the 3<sup>rd</sup> warning will result in a balk called and the runner or runners will advance.
13. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher regardless of the number of outs in the current inning. The courtesy runner will be player who made the last out.
14. Any play at a base (except 1<sup>st</sup> base), the runner MUST slide feet first and avoid contact. The runner will be called out if he/she doesn't attempt a slide. Head first is allowed if returning to the same base.
15. When it rains or if there is bad weather, please call the weather hotline that is listed on their schedules or the head coach. Decisions are tried to be made by 4:00pm, but the Archdale Parks and Recreation will wait as late as possible in certain situations. The Recreation Center phone number 434-7315 and the weather hotline is 431-8130.
16. Any coach or fan that is ejected from a game by an official/umpire or a staff member will have to leave immediately and in addition be suspended for the next 2 games that team plays. The Parks and Recreation staff reserves the right to take further action to that individual for longer periods of time depending on the severity of their actions.