



**PROSPECT PARK BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - KEY REGULAR SEASON RULES**  
(Not Tournament Rules)

**BASEBALL**

REGULAR SEASON	CUBS	BANTAM	SUPER BANTAM	GRASSHOPPER	FRESHMEN
<i>Length of Game / Last Inning Start Time</i>	6 innings or no new inning after 1 hr 50 mins from start time; if inning began before 1 hr 50 mins, game must still end exactly 2 hrs from start time			7 innings or no new inning after 1 hr 50 mins from start time; if inning began before 1 hr 50 mins, game must still end exactly 2 hrs from start time	Weekend Double Headers: 6 innings or no new inning after 2 hr 30 mins from start time; if inning began before 2 hr 20 mins, game must still end 2 hrs 30 mins from start time
<i>Mercy Rule</i>	5 Runs for 1st 3 Innings, Unlimited Each Inning Thereafter subject to 12 run lead after 4 innings			12 Runs after 5 inns	
<i>Defensive Players (Total allowed)</i>	10 - 4 in outfield		9	9	9
<i>Balls if Bases Loaded</i>	6	4	4	4	4
<i>Leading &amp; Stealing</i>	When catcher has possession of ball	When the ball crosses plate	Any time-MLB rule	Any time-MLB rule	Any time-MLB rule
<i>Steal Home</i>	No, except if ball is thrown to player <u>not</u> the pitcher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Balk Rule Applies</i>	No	No	Yes-Modified	Yes	Yes
<i>Infield Fly Rules Applies</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Pitching Limits: 1st two Scheduled Saturdays</i>	2 inn/game	2 inn/game	3 inn/game	3 inn, 4 if 7 inn	No Limit
<i>Pitching Limits: Starting 3rd Saturday</i>	3 inn/game	3 inn/game	4 inn/game	6 inn/game	No Limit
<i>Remove Pitcher as Pitcher after hitting batters</i>	2 in same inning, 3 in game			No Limit	
<i>Pitcher Protective Headgear</i>	All pitchers must wear protective headgear - a batting helmet is acceptable.				
<i>Bat</i>	Wood Only (no limit on size or type of wood). Bamboo & Composite bats are not allowed. GH & FR can use any PSAL approved bat				
<i>Batting Order</i>	Universal			Universal or 9 + optional Extra Player	
<i>Base Distance</i>	60'	70'	80'	90'	90'
<i>Pitching Distance</i>	43'	47'6"	54"	60'6"	60'6"
<i>Must Use Courtesy 1st Base</i>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<i>Balls Permitted</i>	DeBeers 93, 93B; Rawling BRO-1, Wilson 1082, AD Starr 100, AD Starr 600			A1010 or OLB5	
<i>Games Played on Grass</i>	No Stealing and No Dropped 3rd Strikes; No spectators or players within 60' of home plate				
<i>Dropped 3rd Strike</i>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Sliding</i>	Not head first (except back to a previously acquired base); slide or avoid contact unless arrive same time at base				
<i>Run for Catcher if 2 outs</i>	Required, to be replaced by last batter to make out at bat or on base				
<i>Safety Rules</i>	Defibrillators are required at all practices and games on Parks Dept fields. All pitchers MUST wear head protection. Metal cleats are allowed for Freshmen only except for pitchers on a portable mound.				

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