

STATE COLLEGE AREA TEENER LEAGUE
LOCAL LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

Official V.F.W. Teener Baseball rules apply, and those listed in the Local League Playing Rules apply to all play and are additional to the Official V.F.W. Rules.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The minimum age for eligibility shall be 13 years as of July 31. Maximum age shall be 16 as of July 31; however a one-time grace period will apply to those players who will turn 17 between April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2012. These players will be allowed to play regular season games but per Official Teener League rules, will not be allowed to play All Stars. This provision will be reviewed every year.

2. FIELD CARE

- a. After taking infield practice, the fields will be vacated no later than ten (10) minutes before each game. This time will be used to prepare the fields for play by both home and visiting teams. Both teams are to prepare the field for safe and quality play before and after each game. Field preparation includes: filling holes on mound, home plate area, and around all bases; raking all areas needing care; lining foul lines and batters' boxes; picking up trash; and any other task that needs to be done.
- b. Both teams are to repair the field after each game by filling in holes on the mound, home plate area, base lines, and around all bases. Dirt should always be raked towards the center of the base line and away from the grass areas. Both teams should also remove trash from the dugouts and surrounding playing areas after the game.
- c. ***IN CASE OF RAIN:*** Both teams are to prepare the infield for play by arriving a minimum of one hour prior to start time. Tasks involved are removing freestanding water with a flat shovel & bucket, being careful not to remove sand and clay at the same time. A broom is not to be used to sweep water from the infield. If anyone does use a broom, they will be responsible for raking the grass edges to remove all build up of clay and sand. You can use a round point shovel to create a small hole in the dirt portion of field and allow water to percolate into the drainage system.
- d. Each League team will be responsible for one week to clean up the park area and help the field crew with any major repairs. Work performed on Saturdays and Sundays must be completed 2 hours prior to the first scheduled game for that day (typically noon). Each team manager will be provided a separate schedule for these cleanup dates.
- e. **Field Training:** The manager or coach from each team will attend a training workshop for fields and playing rules. Fields training will cover what is required of the team to prepare and repair the fields for each game and practice. Also at that meeting, the playing rules will be covered by the umpire crew. The team at that time will then receive clearance to pick up their game equipment. Equipment will not be issued until the training is complete. **This is a mandatory training session for all managers.**

- f. Do not play a game without properly preparing the field. Do not play in the rain or after rain if the field has not been properly prepared. To do so creates much work for someone else and tears apart the two best fields in this area. The home team manager will make final decisions about when and or if a game is to be played.
- g. **Any manager or coach that does not follow FIELD RULES will meet with the Player Agent and the Vice President of Fields. If the manager or coach continues to ignore the rules, he will not be allowed on the field.**
- h. Fields are to be repaired after each practice or game unless another team has practice or a game afterward and agrees to take care of the field.
- i. After all games and practices, coaches are to ensure that all field equipment has been returned to the shed and that the shed doors and field gates are locked. For night games and practices on Murata, coaches are to ensure the lights are turned off and the power panel is locked.

3. HOME TEAM

- a. Uses the first base dugout.
- b. This team must give up the field 35 minutes before scheduled start time. If there is less than 60 minutes before a scheduled start, then the home team and the visiting team must split the remaining time equally, but in no case will each team have less than 10 minutes of warm up time before each game. Players should warm up in off field areas prior to taking the field when time is limited.
- c. The home team shall arrange to operate the scoreboard responsibly.
- d. There will be no pitching of batting practice on the grassy areas between pitching mound and home plate.
- e. The home team is responsible for securing the bases on the field and lining the foul lines and batters' boxes prior to a game, but both teams are expected to provide help as necessary.

4. VISITING TEAM

- a. Uses the third base dugout.
- b. The visiting team may take the field 35 minutes before scheduled game start time. If there are less than 60 minutes before scheduled game start time, then the home team and the visiting team must split the remaining time equally, but in no case will each team have less than 10 minutes of warm up before each game. Players should warm up in off-field areas prior to taking the field when time is limited.
- c. There will be no pitching of batting practice on the grassy areas between pitching mound and home plate.

5. PLAYING, BATTING, AND SUBSTITUTION RULES

- a. Teams will use a continuous batting order. In other words, all eligible players will be in the batting roster for the entire game. This only applies for regular season games, Teener tournament rules will be used during post-season play.
- b. Teams can substitute freely. Players can move in and out of any positions on the field. Each eligible player must play at least 2 innings in the field. The exception to this rule is that once a pitcher moves to another position or the bench, he/she may not return to the pitcher position. This only applies for regular season games, Teener tournament rules will be used during post-season play.

6. SAFETY and APPEARANCE RULES

- a. All players must be fully dressed with shirts tucked in and be wearing the designated team hat upon entering the playing field. Umpires may remove a player from the field if this rule is not followed.
- b. **Verbal abuse and harassment toward players, managers, coaches, fans, and umpires will not be tolerated and will be cause for ejection from the game, and if so judged will be cause for suspension from the League and possible legal action.**
- c. Any league player warming up a pitcher must wear a mask.

7. LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

- a. Teams must retrieve balls hit on their side of the field, including long foul balls. The team batting is responsible for balls hit over the backstop and all home run balls.
- b. Entire hitter's backdrop board (large green or blue board in center field) is in play.
- c. Players must hustle on and off the field. Coaches must enforce hustle to keep the game moving.
- d. **Coaches or players will be ejected from the game for throwing a bat, helmet, glove, or any equipment. Coaches or players will be ejected from the game for using profanity or other conduct judged inappropriate by umpires or officers.**
- e. **Players are not permitted to mingle with fans or leave playing area without appropriate excuse and coach's permission.**
- f. Players, coaches, or fans ejected from the game or the field must be reported to the League President within 24 hours.
- g. No inning starts 2 ½ hours after a game start time when there is a scheduled (or make up) game immediately following.
- h. A game does not start if the field is not properly prepared after rain.
- i. No inning shall start after the umpire crew declares an unsafe situation.
- j. Umpires are not responsible for lineup changes.
- k. Bats with no greater differential than -5 for 13-14 year olds and -3 for 15-16 year olds may be used. BBCOR certified bats may be used.
- l. Pitchers are under pitch count rules. Please refer to separate handout that explains pitch count rules.

8. SCORES and NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

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- a. The coach of the winning team, as soon as possible after game completion, shall call the **CDT – 231-4628** (or email cdtscores@centredaily.com) and report the full names of the teams, the fact that it is the State College Area Teener League, the Division, the score, the full name of the winning pitcher, the full name of the losing pitcher, and full names of players with multiple hits and/or extra base hits.
- b. Scores also should be sent via e-mail to the State College webmaster for web page updating. (Send to scteener@gmail.com)

9. MAKE-UP GAMES & POSTPONEMENTS

- a. Any game to be postponed must be reported to the Player Agent by the home team coach as soon as possible. This is necessary for coordination of umpiring and concession stand coverage.

- b. The home team coach is responsible for scheduling all make-up games. The make-up game should be scheduled (not necessarily played) within two (2) days of cancellation. All make-up games must be scheduled with the Player Agent, after locating a time slot on the master schedule. Any postponement must be reported to the Player Agent. All make-up games should be played on the SC Teener League Fields, and only at last resort should a make-up game be played elsewhere due to safety, legal, or financial considerations.

10. CALL UP OF PLAYERS

- a. No 13 year old may be called up to play in the 15-16 league. When calling up a 14 year old player to the 15-16 year old league, you must have the permission of that player's coach and parent.
- b. You must have the approval of the Player Agent to call up any individual 14 year old more than one time per team during the season.
- c. No 14 year old may pitch in the 15-16 year old league.
- d. No 14 year old may play in the 15-16 year old league when he has a game scheduled in the 13-14 leagues.
- e. Please make every attempt to play your games without calling up a 14 year old.
- f. All 15-16 year old players present at a game in which a 14 year old has been called up must start and play at least the minimum number of innings and at bats.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COLLEGE AREA TEENER LEAGUE – REVISED 12/12/12.