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GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

General League Rules will apply to all SRC Baseball/Softball Leagues. These rules take precedence of any Official Baseball/Softball Rules.

1. **Number of Players:** Each Team will have 10-13 players on their roster.
2. **Starting A Game:** You must have the following positions filled to start a game: Pitcher, catcher, two outfielders and three of the four following positions, first, second, third base or short stop. No out must be taken.
3. **Pulling Players Up:** You may pull players up from a lower league only to fill the positions on the field. You may not pull up players and have somebody sit on the bench. You may not pull up players if you have 10 players.
4. **Home Team:** The home team will be the team listed first on the playing schedule.
5. **Visiting Team:** The visiting team will be the team listed second on the playing schedule.
6. **Throwing the Bat:** Any player who throws the bat (intentionally or not) is declared out. This will be a judgment call by the umpire (he/she **could** warn the player) Throwing the bat towards the dugout after being struck out or in anger about a call may result in being thrown out of the game.
7. **Steel Spikes:** Steel spikes are not allowed.
8. **Crash Rule:** The crash rule will be in effect. A base runner must slide during close plays at second, third and home base to prevent collisions. If in the umpires **JUDGMENT**, the base runner fails to slide and **CAUSES A COLLISION**, that base runner is out and may be ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. Please re-read this rule again. If there is no collision, then there can be no crash rule. That does not excuse players from sliding. **TEACH YOUR PLAYERS/CHILDREN TO SLIDE!**
9. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** The Field Supervisors, Umpires, and Director have the authority to remove any spectator, coach or participants from the sports complex for any unsportsmanlike conduct.
10. **Final Decision:** The umpire, field supervisors and/or the director will make the final decision. Nobody has the authority to override the final decision. If you feel that the decision was not the right decision, please stop by the SRC office and talk to the Director.
11. **Inclement Weather:** In case of inclement weather, four (4) completed innings of play will constitute a complete game. The SRC will make a decision before 5:00 pm if we are still playing.