# PROSPECT PARK BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - KEY REGULAR SEASON RULES

*(Not Tournament Rules)*

**BASEBALL**

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