

CAPE FEAR OPTIMIST BALL LEAGUE RULES

Adopted by the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors

March 13, 2018



1. The rules and regulations set forth herein will be enforced by Cape Fear Optimist Club together with the applicable rules of sanction leagues for Baseball Tee-Ball and Youth Boys Ages 4 – 18, Softball Youth Girls Ages 4-20 The Baseball & Softball committee will decide each year for the Spring & Fall season which National Originations Cape Fear Optimist Club will sanction for the baseball & softball programs.
2. In any situation that may arise and is not specifically covered by these rules and regulations, the decision of the B/SC will be binding and final.
3. In the event any manager or coach feels that he or she cannot abide by these rules and regulations he or she should decline to participate in the program.
4. To participate, all managers and coaches must submit a new, written application each year to the B/SC for approval. Managers must be approved by the Cape Fear Optimist Club Board of Directors prior to tryouts. Coaches must be approved at a board meeting following drafts. **ALL DUES AND FEES TO BE PAID BEFORE APPROVAL.**
5. No manager in the Cape Fear Optimist League Ball program should coach or manage more than one team. Any who desires to manage or coach in more than one team must petition the B/SC for consideration.
6. The Cape Fear Optimist League Ball program and the B/SC will consider specific criteria in the approval of managers and coaches. The first and foremost of all considerations will be made in the best interest of the children involved in our program. Items such as character, dedication to the development of the participants and applicant's relationship to the Cape Fear Optimist Club will be considered. Members of the Cape Fear Optimist Club will have primary consideration for the manager position.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL COMMITTEE:

PROGRAM DIRECTOR (BASEBALL & SOFTBALL):

Program Director is appointed by the Cape Fear Optimist Club President. Who will in turn select his or her Commissioners. Each Commissioner selects his or her League Presidents. All selections must be approved by the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors. The obligation is to ruin the day to day operation of the ball program. Approval is necessary for items concerning money, recommended improvements, integrity of coaches and/or other individuals involved with the program.

DIRECTOR:

The Director is responsible for the running of the B/SC meetings and general operations of the program. He or She is to be the arbitrator at all B/SC meetings and will have a vote only in the event of a tie decision. He or She may call a special board meeting **HE OR SHE MUST REPORT ON A REGULAR BASIS TO THE CAPE FEAR OPTIMIST BOARD OF**

DIRECTORS ABOUT HOW THE PROGRAM IS GOING AND ANY PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

COMMISSIONER:

The Commissioner is the player's agents for all players in their respective divisions. He or She is responsible for all Leagues Presidents within their divisions.

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS:

The League President is responsible for each of the teams within their league. They will schedule league drafts, league meetings and all items relating to the running of their league. All matters concerning the program should go through the B/SC. However in the event an individual feels he or she has not received the proper consideration, he or she may request in writing to have the concerns read before the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors and have a decision rendered (this does not apply to protest).

HEAD UMPIRE IN CHARGE (UIC):

UIC is appointed by the Cape Fear Optimist Club President. Who will in turn select his or her regular season umpires that have been approved by the sanctioned national origination selected. The UIC will also help the League President to prepare the regular season schedule. The obligation of the UIC is to run the day to day operation of umpires in the ball program, recommended improvements and the integrity of the umpires involved with the ball program. The UIC will report to the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors the details about any manger, coach, player or participant removed from a game.

PURCHASING:

The Director will appoint 1 or 2 individuals to coordinate and purchase all equipment and supplies for the B/S program.

BILLING:

Sponsor and Sign billing will be sent out as soon as they can be identified.

BUDGETING:

The budget will consist of the following income and expense items.

INCOME: Sponsors, player registration, pictures, signs, nonmember coaching fees and general fund raisers.

EXPENSES: Umpire fees, uniforms, equipment, field supplies, insurance, ball, state fees, trophies, scorebooks, signs and All-Star uniforms.

TRYOUTS AND DRAFTS:

The League President will have a meeting with all managers and coaches prior to tryouts. If a team does not have a manager by tryout time, the League President or his / her designated representative will be the acting manager for the player draft.

Tryouts will be conducted on a date decided by the B/SC. All new players must attend tryouts to be eligible for the draft (any exception granted will be fully disclosed to all coaches at pre-draft meeting).

Tryouts will be conducted under the supervision of the League President, who will furnish bats, balls, helmets and catching equipment for tryouts.

Under no circumstances will a team practice a new player prior to or outside of tryouts. Should this occur, the team will lose the right to draft that player.

Administration of the player draft is the responsibility of the League President under the direction of the Commissioner of that division.

The player draft is used for the specific purpose of regulating and establishing documented control of the players assigned to the Cape Fear Optimist League Ball teams. The League President will make available to each manager, prior to tryouts, a list of all new and eligible players.

All eligible players will be selected in one draft session. Selection of players under the player draft system will be in reverse order of team standings resulting from the previous season. The team that finished with the least number of wins will draft first. The team with the second worst record will draft second and so on, until all players have been selected. In the event of a tie, the League President will conduct a coin toss to determine the draft position. The total number of eligible players will be calculated to establish an equal number of players for each team. The teams that reach this number of players as they proceed through the draft process will secede and the remaining teams will draft the remaining players. In the event there are an odd number of players, the higher number will be used as the number of players on each team.

In all leagues, a manager's son or daughter will be protected for the first round, or until team has its first pick.

In all leagues a player returning to the team from the previous season who has a sibling coming into the league, sibling will be protected for three rounds.

Returning players will not be returned to the draft, unless at a request by a parent, after discussing the reason with the League President or to rebalance the league after the approval of the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors.

Brothers or Sisters trying out in the same season and league will be treated as one pick.

Sponsors child will be protected for one round unless Manager is sponsor then it will be treated as manager's child.

There will be no protection for the children of coaches, teams will select the players then get the dad or mom to help coach.

All new players' tryout, including automatic selection.

No trades will be allowed.

No team will have more that eight (8) players of the same age group. When a team has eight (8) players in the same age group, they must make any further selection outside that age group.

PLAYERS:

At registration, all players, new and old will pay a non-refundable registration fee, unless approved by the Cape Fear Optimist Club Treasurer. Each new player should submit a copy of his or her birth certificate at registration. Any player who fails to register will be ineligible for league participation.

TEAMS:

The League President will provide each team with practice schedule. No official team practice will take place prior to the draft of the current year. To remove a player from a team roster, the manager must submit written notice to the League President for approval. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the manager's suspension.

LEAGUE GENERAL:

A game rained out before its completion or has become a regulation game will be picked up from the point the game is stopped and continued on the first available makeup day.

Make up games will be held on the first available makeup day.

Any manger, coach, player or participant removed from a game by an umpire will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game in that league. Any manager or coach removed from two (2) games during the season will be suspended until such time as the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors may reinstate him or her. The UIC will report to the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors the details about any manger, coach, player or participant removed from a game.

The teams are responsible for field preparation of the 8:00 pm game and all subsequent games in the event of Saturday play. They will be accountable for the official scorekeeper, providing the game ball, and returning the field equipment after the game.

Infield is to be taken by the visiting team first, then the home team. Each team may have ten (10) minuets. Both teams will have their infield completed to ensure that the starting game time will not be delayed.

A playoff game will be played to determine the regular season champion if two or more teams are tied for first place at the end of regular season. This rule applies to all leagues except Tee Ball.

No manager or coach can cancel a game by contacting the UIC or a League President. If a team has a problem playing a scheduled game the managers will contact the Program Director for Baseball & Softball. The Program Director for Baseball & Softball will then contact the UIC, League President & the Cape Fear Optimist Concession Manager. If the game can be rescheduled it will be by the League President.

FACE MASK ARE REQUIRED ON HELMETS EXCEPT BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AGES 4-6.

Only Cape Fear Optimist Club members in good standing will be allowed to manage an All-Star team as defined in the bylaws. The Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors must approve All-Star managers and coaches.

The All-Star draft will take place after all regular season games are played. Only managers and Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors will be allowed at the draft proceedings.

ALL TEAMS MUST BE REPRESENTED.

Provided the above criteria are met, the regular season first place team's manager will be the manager of the All-Star team of that league. The manager will have the option of selecting his or her coaches from any approved manager or coach in that league.

All managers or team representative must be present to choose an All-Star team.

All-Star managers and coaches must follow written guidelines provided by the B/SC and the Cape Fear Optimist Board of Directors.

All managers are to turn in their regular season equipment prior to the All-Star draft.

YOUTH BASEBALL
ALL-STAR TEAMS

12U Major League
10U Minor League
8 U Coach Pitch **

SOFTBALL
ALL-STAR TEAMS

20U Debs
14U Belles
12U Ponytails
10U Angels
8U Darlings **
6U Sweeties **

** No (8) eight year old teams will travel past state
No 2nd place district teams will advance.

DISBANDING:

If there are not enough players to adequately supply the number of teams currently in a league, the team with the smallest number of players returning will be dissolved. The players may be placed back in the draft or assigned to another team.

EXPANSION:

The new team would start equal with the other teams in that league and draft first and would get (2) two draft picks for each round until the number of players on their teams equaled the average number of players on the other teams. At that time, the team would draft one (1) player for each round until all of the players are assigned.

TRYOUTS:

BOYS: 12-13-14-15-16-17-18 Will tryout together
 10-11-12 Will tryout together
 7-8-9 Will tryout together

GIRLS: 15-16-17-18-19-20 Will tryout together
 13-14-15 Will tryout together
 10-11-12 Will tryout together
 7-8-9 Will tryout together
 5-6-7 Will tryout together

Original Signed by the following board members;

President: Curtis Keith

Vice President: Auston Pusey

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