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2008 Adult Baseball Information – Over 25 Division

1. **RULES:** Major League rules will be followed with the exceptions listed below. Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks Guidelines & Reference Manual and department policies govern this league.
2. **ALCOHOL:** No alcoholic beverages are allowed on or near any playing field at any time. In addition, tobacco products are not allowed past the parking lots at Rec. & Parks facilities, and not at all at school fields. Any team, or team followers, violating his rule will be subject to suspension from the league.
3. **FIELD PREPARATION:** The home team, listed 2nd on the schedule, is responsible for bases and preparation of the field at all fields except Joe Cannon Stadium and Bachman Sports Complex. All teams are responsible for providing maintenance after the game including raking the batters box and pitcher's mound and trash pick up.
4. **FIELD USE:** Hitting balls into any fence is strictly prohibited.
5. **ROSTERS:** Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 25 players. The department must receive all completed rosters by **May 4, 2008**. **Only the official AA County Rec. & Parks Department "Adult Roster" form will be accepted.** The deadline to add players will be noted on the schedules. All transactions can be completed at George F. Bachman Sports Complex or Randazzo Softball Park. An Add/Drop form must be in the department's possession by mail, drop-off, or fax before a player may play. Teams failing to follow this rule will forfeit all games with ineligible players.
6. **AGE & ELIGIBILITY:** All players must turn 25 in 2008 in order to be eligible for the Over 25 division. Professional athletes must sit out one full year from their sport following their date of release from professional teams before participating as a player in County-sponsored leagues. Players may play for only one team during the season.
7. **LINE-UPS AND BALLS:** When writing line-ups, team must use full first and last names and jersey numbers. Rawlings Model R-100, MSBL, RO, or R-200 are the acceptable balls for this league. Each team must provide one new ball to the umpire before the game begins.
8. **BATS:** Wood and Aluminum bats are permitted for game use. Bats must be no more than –3 weight-to-length ratio. Players using an illegal bat when stepping into the batters' box will be declared an out. Second offense by the same player using an illegal bat within the same game shall result in the offending player being ejected from the game.
9. **UMPIRE PAYMENT:** Each team is responsible for paying the umpires prior to the start of the game. For 7 inning games **\$60.00** per/team (travel fee: **\$30.00**), and for 9 inning games, **\$70.00** per/team (travel fee: **\$35.00**). An umpire that officiates a game alone is entitled to one and one half (1

½) of the single (7 innings: **\$90.00**, 9 innings: **\$105.00**) game fee. A team that forfeits a game is responsible for paying **both** umpire fees. This payment must be either cash or money order, **NO CHECKS**. A team that forfeits and does not pay the umpires at the game must make the proper payment to the department before their next scheduled game. If this is not done, all subsequent games will be forfeited until the payment is made. Payments of this type should be taken to the Bachman Sports Complex.

10. **CANCELED GAMES:** All games will be played as scheduled. Games will only be rescheduled for weather-related cancellations or department rescheduling. Information on rain cancellations can be heard on the answering service after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays or two hours before game time on weekends. Game information numbers are on the league schedule. If no weather cancellation report is given, teams will report to the field and the umpire will determine field condition. Team managers will be given at least a 1-week notice for all make-up games.
11. **FORFEITS:**
 - A. A team that forfeits 4 games will be dropped from the league. No league fee will be refunded after the season is scheduled to begin. If this occurs prior to the halfway point in the schedule, all games will be dropped from the records; otherwise, any team yet to play will receive a win.
 - B. A 15-minute grace period will be in effect for all games. However, the time limit begins at the scheduled game time.
12. **UNIFORMS:** All teams must be in complete uniforms consisting of caps, numbered jerseys, baseball pants, socks, and shoes. Each player's uniform must be of similar design to his teammates' uniforms. All batters and base runners must wear helmets. Full double earflap helmets are encouraged.
13. **SCORES:** The winning coach **must** report the results within 48 hours to (410) 222-6255 or randazzosoftballpark@hotmail.com. We will use a point system to decide the final standings. A win counts as "2" points, a tie is "1" point and a loss is "0" points.
14. **INSURANCE:** The department does not provide insurance for individuals/teams who participate in the league. Teams are strongly encouraged to carry insurance. Neither the department or Rec. & Parks staff is responsible for injuries incurred in leagues.
15. **EJECTED PLAYERS:** Any player ejected from the game will receive an **automatic 2 week suspension from all scheduled games in all leagues**. Team coach/manager is responsible for reporting the ejection to the league coordinator within 24 hours of the game. Coach/manager must give the full name and uniform number. Any player receiving 2 ejections during a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season with possible additional disciplinary sanctions. Any manager who does not supply the ejected player's full name within 24 hours is subject to expulsion from the league.
16. **GAME LENGTH:**
 - A. Unless otherwise stated, all games will be 9 innings with no new inning starting after 2 hours and 45 minutes. All 7 inning games will have no new inning starting after 2 hours and 15 minutes.

- B. It is the responsibility of the coaches to meet with the umpires to establish game start time.
- C. 7 innings of a 9-inning game is considered a complete game. 5 innings of a 7-inning game is considered a complete game. Any game that is stopped before it is considered a complete game, will be considered a suspended game and will resume from the point that it was suspended.

17. COURTESY RUNNER/INJURIES:

- A. Two courtesy runners per game will be allowed, not including the pitcher and catcher. The courtesy runners must be designated prior to the start of the game. If designated before the game, a courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher at any time. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher or catcher with two outs. The last player who made a batted out must be the courtesy runner. A pitcher will not have a courtesy runner until he has entered the game.
- B. A minimum of 8 players per team is required to begin an official game. An automatic out is taken in the 9th spot until the 9th player arrives. Teams may bat as many players as they choose. Players must be on the team's roster to play. If a team is reduced to 7 players due to injury or ejection, the game will be stopped with the win going to the opposing team. If a player is forced to leave the game, a substitute not previously used must bat in the player's place. If no reserve is available, the team must take an automatic out in the 9th or vacant spot(s) in the batting order. Players do not "move up in the order". If the team is reduced to 7 players, the game is ended.
- C. If a player is ejected for any reason and there is no substitute available, no matter how many batters in the line up, the game is ended at that point with the win being awarded to the opposing team.**

18. 12 RUN RULE: A 12 run rule will be in affect after the 7th inning for a 9-inning game, or after the 5th inning of a 7-inning game. The home team always has the right to bat if they are behind by 12 runs or more.

19. VEHICLES: Vehicles are not allowed on any County or School grounds.

20. AVOID COLLISION: Base runners shall make every effort to avoid a collision with a defensive player by sliding or giving himself up as an out to avoid collision if the defender has possession of the baseball. Malicious contact by a base runner with a defender having possession of the baseball will be called out, and, if in the opinion of the umpire, contact was made with the intent to be malicious, the base runner shall be ejected from the game.

21. UNLIMITED DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTION: Team managers, at their discretion, may have the option of making unlimited defensive substitutions to maximize player participation. The exception to this rule is that once a player is removed from the pitching position, he may not re-enter the game as the pitcher, but may re-enter the game at any other position.

22. ADDING PLAYERS TO THE BATTING ORDER: To maximize player participation, managers, at their discretion, may add players to the bottom of the line-up at any time. Once the player has been added, the manager must maintain that number of hitters in the line-up throughout the rest of the game. If a player falls out of the hitting line-up without having a substitute hitter, the team will incur an out each time that order in the hitting line-up comes due to make a plate appearance.

