

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Department

423 East Central Avenue
Raeford, NC 28376

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Dixie Angels
(Preferred ages 9 and 10)

Specific Playing Rules

I – The Playing Field

- (A) – Baselines shall be sixty feet (60') in length
- (B) - The distance from the front side of the pitcher's plate to the point of home plate shall be thirty-five feet (35')
- (C) – The distance from the point of home plate to the center of second base shall be eighty-four feet and ten inches (84' 10")

II - Minimum Play Requirement

- (A) **Defense** – Players must play, at the minimum, every other inning in the field in a defensive position in each game. Example: a team begins the game with 14 players, 9 players will start the game defensively, with 5 substitutes. When the 2nd inning begins, the 5 substitutes will enter the game defensively, replacing 5 starters. When the 3rd inning begins, the 5 players who came out in the 2nd inning will return to the field defensively. Teams will continue rotating 5 players in defensively every inning until the game is concluded. The only defensive changes that will be allowed during the inning will be pitching changes or when a player is injured or ejected.

III – It shall be a regulation game when

- (A) – Both teams have completed five (5) innings
- (B) – Time Limit 1hr 15 minutes
- (C) - When a team is ahead by ten (10) runs after both teams have batted 4 innings or when the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings of play
- (D) Teams must have 9 legal players in order to play. There will be a 10 minute grace period for the early game only. The penalty will be a forfeit.

IV – The Game, Offense

- (A) – The catcher shall NOT be required to catch the third (3rd) strike, except for a foul tip. The batter shall be out and base runners shall NOT advance.
- (B) – There will be ten (10) players on defense with only six (6) players in the infield.
- (C) – The offensive team will be made up of the entire team roster continuous batting order.
- (D) - All players must play at least six (6) consecutive outs on defense.
- (E) - An inning shall be ended with the third (3rd) out or end of play of the tenth (10th) batter walks or is hit by a pitch all base runners shall advance 2 bases.

V – Base running

- (A) – The base runner shall NOT steal a base.
- (B) – The base runner shall NOT advance on a wild pitch or a passed ball by the catcher.

VI – Pitching Rules

(A) - A pitcher shall not pitch more than (7) innings between Monday thru Sunday except in a tie game at the end of five (5) innings the starting pitcher may pitch the sixth (6th) inning.

(B)– After four (4) batters have walked in an inning, the offensive’s team coach comes in to pitch the rest of the inning. Present Coach Pitch rules will apply to satisfy this rule. When this happens the eight foot (8’) radius circle shall be drawn around the forty feet (40’) pitcher’s plate distance.

VII – Trips to the Mound

- (A) A manager or coach may come out twice in 1 inning to visit with the pitcher, but the 3rd time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.
- (B) A manager or coach may come out 3 times in 1 game to visit with the pitcher, but the 4th time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.