

2018

# *Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.*

## BASEBALL

COACH & MACHINE PITCH ☆ MIDGET  
LITTLE ☆ JUNIOR

## SOFTBALL

8 & UNDER (COACH & MACHINE PITCH)  
10 & UNDER ☆ 12 & UNDER  
15 & UNDER



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# POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. A state tournament host team is allowed in all divisions and that team must play in game number one (1) of state tournament play.
2. Sanction Fees - There is only one (1) fee for Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and that is \$40.00 per team.
3. Mandatory play rule for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on the lineup card must have at least one (1) at bat and three (3) defensive outs in the field.  
**Penalty:** Forfeit (Baseball and Softball), unless game is shortened by run rule.
4. Head-first slide in both baseball and softball is allowed in all age divisions.
5. An official government photo ID or a copy of the original birth certificate is required as documentation for proof of age.
6. Team members **MUST** be in attendance at the state tournament opening ceremonies. The head coach or assistant coach must be at the state tournament coach's meeting. Failure to attend either the opening ceremonies or the coach's meeting will result in a \$100.00 fine.
7. No amplified music or artificial noisemakers are allowed to be played.
8. The June 1st All-Star practice start date has been eliminated.
9. Effective January 1, 2018, USA Baseball has adopted a new bat standard for youth baseball. Similar to the BBCOR standard introduced in the high school and college games, the new bat standard will require bats to perform similar to that of a wood bat with the intent of preserving the integrity of the game. The new bat standard will replace the BPF standard currently in place.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. has adopted the new bat standard for the 2019 season and has grandfathered the BPF standard for the 2018 season. The Tar Heel bat rule will be as follows:

For the 2018 season, Tar Heel Leagues will continue to allow bats with a BPF of 1.15 or less. Bats meeting the new USA Bat standard will also be allowed. **Coach Pitch (8U), Machine Pitch (8U) and Midget League (10U) bats will still be required to have a maximum barrel diameter of 2-1/4" regardless of the standard for the 2018 season only.** Once the USA Bat Standard takes full effect in 2019, 2-5/8" barrel bats will be allowed in these divisions.

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# **PREFACE**

In each recreator's heart is the professional desire to provide the youth of our land with wholesome opportunities for personal satisfaction, pleasures, and joys coupled with the development of recreative skills and appreciation. This desire is not limited merely to the individual or the group; it is founded upon the urge for maximum participation by a maximum number of individuals.

The Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. is dedicated to partially fulfill the recreator's desires. Its organizational boundaries have been conditioned to satisfy the needs and desires of local communities. It provides the opportunity for maximum participation at the local level for youths from six to fifteen years of age. Mediocrity of skill is no handicap to a local youngster; nor does mediocrity destroy the opportunities for an exceptional participant. Through its local league's controls near equivalent teams are acquired which provide participation opportunities for all youngsters. This same organization guarantees to the exceptional youth the opportunity for participation in tournament play.

Adult volunteer leadership is a prerequisite to a sound program. Motivation objectives centered around youth benefits are assured. Quality of operation and supervision provide for safety and healthful practices by the participant. Community pride and sense of worthy accomplishment is a product of Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.

To the youngster, the parent, the neighborhood, and the community, Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. is an instrument of service; to the recreator, it is a program designed with professional principal and control. To all parties concerned, it is another step in the accomplishment of the art of living.

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**JULY 26-29**      Baseball – Hickory

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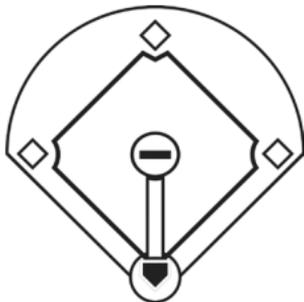
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## TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC FIELD DIMENSIONS

AGE GROUP	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASE DISTANCE	PITCHER'S CIRCLE	BATTERS BOX	MIN. FENCE
<b>BASEBALL</b>					
COACH PITCH	40'	60'	8' RADIUS	6' X 3'	180'
MACHINE PITCH	40"	60'	8' RADIUS	6' X 3'	180'
MIDGET LEAGUE	46'	60'	N/A	6' X 3'	200'
LITTLE LEAGUE	50'	70'	N/A	6' X 4'	200'
JUNIOR LEAGUE	56'	80'	N/A	6' X 4'	300'
<b>SOFTBALL</b>					
COACH PITCH (8U)	40'	60'	8' RADIUS	6' X 3'	180'
MACHINE PITCH (8U)	40'	60'	8' RADIUS	6' X 3'	180'
10 & UNDER	35'	60'	8' RADIUS	7' X 3'	200'
12 & UNDER	40'	60'	8' RADIUS	7' X 3'	200'
15 & UNDER	43'	60'	8' RADIUS	7' X 3'	200'

NOTES: IN THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL COACH PITCH DIVISIONS, A 3' HASH WILL BE DRAWN WITH CHALK OR PAINT HALFWAY BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND BASE AND 3' HASHES WILL BE DRAWN 45' BEHIND FIRST BASE AND BEHIND THIRD BASE.

NOTES: BASEBALL PITCHING MOUNDS WILL BE A MIN. OF 6" WITH A MAX OF 10" IN HEIGHT.





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&  
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Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. have become a way of life in our family. Thanks for all of the cooperation from the teams in District 7 during tournaments and especially the way you conduct yourselves in the State Tournaments. The memories that I have gathered by being involved are to be treasured forever.



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Coach Pitch - *Wilkes County*

10U - *Wilkes County*

12U - *Zebulon*

15U - *Cashie*

## BASEBALL

Machine Pitch - *South Edgecombe*

Coach Pitch - *Williamston*

Midget - *South Johnston*

Little - *Sandhills*

Junior - *Williamston*

# *Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.*

COACH & MACHINE PITCH ☆ MIDGET ☆ LITTLE ☆ JUNIOR



## **Local League**

### **GENERAL RULES**

### **I - THE LEAGUE**



A - It is strongly recommended that the league shall be the only unit of organization. However, if all the managing personnel of the leagues agree, there may be multiple organizations.

B - The league shall be a community project and as such, all those active in the project may make up the managing personnel. The personnel may include player representative, scorers, coaches, umpires, managers, ground keepers and all elected officers.

C - Each league must be composed of two (2) to ten (10) teams. The boundary limits shall be established by local league office and will not infringe upon another community, town, or city attempting to establish a league in the Tar Heel League program. There shall be no population restrictions. Leagues with more than ten (10) teams will have two (2) All-Star teams.

D - Several small nearby towns or communities may combine to form a league provided they meet the conditions of rule C.

E - Sanction fees for all Tar Heel Leagues will be \$40.00 per team. This fee covers district and state tournament competition.

F - Each League must apply for sanction annually with application forms issued by the office of the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. State President and must be filed no later than May 15 of the current year.

## II - ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

A. - **Coach & Machine Pitch** - Any player whose ninth (9) birthday falls in or after May 1 of current year is eligible to compete in Coach or Machine Pitch play. A player must be six (6) years of age.

B. - **Midget** - Any player whose eleventh (11) birthday falls in or after May 1 of current year is eligible to compete in Midget League play. A player must be eight (8) years of age.

C. - **Little** - Any player whose thirteenth (13) birthday falls in or after May 1 of current year is eligible to compete in Little League play. A player must have a minimum League age of eight (8).

D. - **Junior** - Any player whose sixteenth (16) birthday falls in or after May 1 of current year is eligible to compete in Junior League play.

E. - Dates of birth of players shall be certified by an original registration of birth, an official government photo ID or a copy of the original registration of birth.

When such documents are not available, the League President shall forward to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. District Director as much documentary evidence as possible. If the District Director determines that such evidence is satisfactory, a statement to that effect will be sent to the League President which shall be acceptable in lieu of other records.

F. - Any player who wishes to change leagues from one season to another must file a "Release Form" to the League President. If approved by the League President, the form must be forwarded to the District Director and if approved by all parties, forwarded to the State President. "Release Forms" may be obtained from the State President, District Director, or from the THL website. All forms must be signed and approved by each League President(s) as well as each District Director(s). All paperwork must be completed prior to player(s) participating in any game. The State President has authority to rule in all disputes.

## III - BOUNDARIES

A. - The managing personnel of each league, in consultation with the District Director, shall determine the actual boundaries from which it will select players.

B. - When two or more leagues operate within a certain locale, each must have its own boundaries. Boundaries for Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch, Midget, Little and Junior Leagues need not be the same.

C. - When making application for franchise, a map with league boundaries must be included. When a franchise is granted, boundaries for each league will be protected for that calendar year. When changes occur, a new map must be forwarded to the State President's office.

D. - In the event a player's residence changes during the playing season, the league which said player started the season with reserves the right to continue to use said player's service for the remainder of the current season only or said player may request release from the original League President & District Director.

## **IV - LEAGUE SCHEDULES**

A. - The managing personnel of each league shall prepare the regular season schedule. This schedule shall provide for a minimum of 8 games.

## **V - THE PLAYING FIELD**

A. - **Coach & Machine Pitch** - The distance between all bases must be 60 feet. The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber must be 40 feet. A pitching mound is not necessary.

B. - **Midget** - The distance between all bases must be 60 feet. The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber must be 46 feet. Playing field must have pitching mound.

C. - **Little** - The distance between all bases must be 70 feet. The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber must be 50 feet. Playing field must have pitching mound.

D. - **Junior** - The distance between all bases must be 80 feet. The distance from the point of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber must be 56 feet. Playing field must have pitching mound.

E. - For all leagues, the home plate, the pitching rubber, bases, batter's box, and coach's box shall be the official size used in regulation baseball.

## VI - OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

A - All players must be in baseball uniforms. Uniforms shall consist of cap, shirt, pants, shoes and socks. No identification may be worn to identify any youth baseball organization other than Tar Heel Leagues.

**Penalty** - Forfeiture of game.

B. - **Coach/Machine Pitch and Midget:** The bat shall be round and made of wood or any other approved material, and shall not exceed 33 inches in length or 2 1/4 inches in diameter. The bat shall have a BPF of 1.15 and approved by USABB or affiliate.

C. - **Little League and Junior Leagues:** The bat shall be round and made of wood or any other approved material, and shall not exceed 36 inches in length or 2-5/8 inches in diameter. Bat shall have a BPF certification of 1.15 or less and approved by USABB or affiliate.

D. - **Coach & Machine Pitch, Midget, Little, and Junior:** The ball shall be NFHS approved.

E - Tennis shoes or shoes with molded rubber cleats are permitted in all Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. play. Metal cleats are only permitted in Junior League baseball and U15 softball.

F. - A protective helmet must be worn by all batters and must be a helmet that gives protection of temples, ears, and base of skull. Turtle shape style helmets without the ear protectors will not be approved for Tar Heel Leagues.

Helmets must be worn by all base runners in local league and tournament play.

G. - Catchers must wear a mask (to include hockey style), shin guards, chest protector, athletic supporter (with protective cup) and full catcher's helmets in local league and tournament play. The use of a detachable throat protector is optional.

H. - The use of radar guns is prohibited at ALL games.

## **VII - FORFEITURE**

A. - Playing ineligible players shall result in forfeiture of games in which players participated illegally.

## **VIII - PROTEST**

A. - A protest based on a play which involves umpire's judgement is not permitted. The umpire's decision shall be final.

B. - The only legal protest is one which involves a misapplication or misinterpretation of playing rules, or the use of an ineligible player, and is protested at time of infraction.

C. - The protesting coach must immediately notify the umpire that he/she is protesting. The umpire shall announce that the game is being played under protest.

D. - In local league play, a protest shall be considered only if it is placed in writing and submitted to the League President within 48 hours after the rule infraction occurs.

## **IX - SPONSORS**

Teams in local leagues shall be sponsored only by those organizations or business firms whose activities or products are not detrimental to the welfare of the community youth.

## **X - COACHES**

A. - Adult coaches will be allowed to coach at first and third base. All coaches must be dressed neat and in like manner. Only adults listed on team roster will be allowed in dugout. Under 18 years old must wear protective helmet if coaching bases.

B. - An offensive coach may call time only once per inning, and/or batter, for the purpose of getting instructions from the coach. On the second time out, the batter on whom the violation occurred shall be removed and a pinch hitter inserted in his/her place.

C. - All team personnel shall refrain from calling opposing players by name; they may not commit any act of unsportsmanlike conduct or they

will be removed.

D. - No person will be allowed the use of tobacco products inside the fences during play of game.

E. - A defensive coach may request one (1) charged conference per inning. On the second and any subsequent requested charged conference, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. This rule does not include a conference when the pitcher is removed.

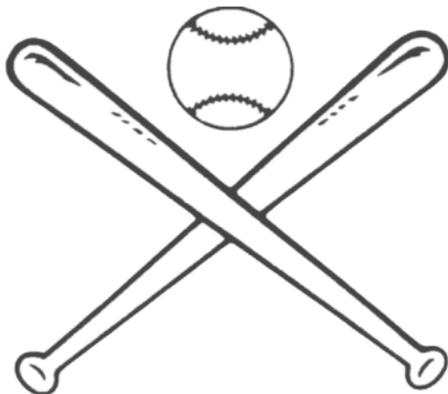
F. - The only exceptions to B & E rules are in case of injury, or time is called by opposing coach or umpire.

G. - One (1) coach is allowed outside of dugout (Midget-Junior) for purpose of coaching defense. The coach is restricted to within 3 ft. of dugout opening and shall have nothing in their possession.

## **XI - PITCHING**

A - In local league play, Midget and Little League shall not pitch in more than six (6) innings in one (1) day, nor more than six (6) innings in a week. The week will run from Monday-Sunday. Pitchers throwing the last day of the week must have the allotted rest period. Pitchers must have one (1) calendar day of rest after pitching in three (3) or more innings.

B. - In local league play, Junior League pitchers shall not pitch in more than seven (7) innings in one day, nor more than ten (10) innings



in a week. The week will run from Monday-Sunday. Pitchers throwing the last day of the week must have the allotted rest. Pitchers must have one calendar day rest after pitching in four (4) or more innings.

## **XII - LIGHTNING POLICY**

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. will follow the NFHS rule book for its lightning policy.



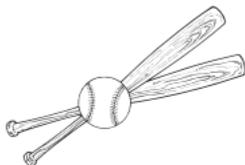
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# TAR HEEL LEAGUES

## Coach Pitch & Machine Pitch - Baseball Official Rules - Tournament Play

**Eligible Players** - Any player whose 9th birthday does not fall before May 1st of current year.

### **Playing Field** -

- A. There shall be a chalked hash line 1/2 the distance (30 feet) between first and second base. This line shall determine whether a player may advance to the next base or return to the previous base at the time of dead ball.
- B. Pitching rubber shall be in the center of a 8' radius circle.

**Teams** - There will be twelve (12) Coach Pitch teams and eight (8) Machine Pitch teams allowed in the state tournaments based on district sanctioning. No district will be allowed to have more than three (3) teams.

**Coaches** - Coaching rules will allow only 4 adults in dugout at any time during the game.

- A. **Offense:** One coach at third base, one coach at first base, one coach pitching, and one coach in dugout for player control.
- B. **Defense:** There may be a defensive coach on the right field line and the left field line, provided they stay in foul territory.
- C. The defensive coach cannot come within 45 feet of the base during a live ball. A hash line will be marked on the foul line indicating the required distance.



## PLAYING RULES

1. Coach must submit a batting order to umpire and scorer before game. All players must be listed in a batting order that will not change during said game. All players must bat in order for the entire game. In the event a player is injured (umpire will justify), scorer will be notified and said player will sit out for remainder of said game with no penalty in batting order. No player shall sit in dugout two (2) consecutive innings.

2. A maximum of five (5) runs, or three (3) outs will constitute an offensive inning.

3. Six (6) innings will constitute a game.

4. Once a team becomes mathematically eliminated, the game shall end.

5. No team shall play more than four (4) games per day in one (1) tournament.

6. No intentional bunting is allowed. No walks are allowed. Attempted bunting will constitute a strike.

7. An eight (8) foot radius circle is to be drawn around pitching plate. Defensive pitcher, with both feet in the circle, must remain inside circle, even or behind the pitching rubber, until batter makes contact with ball.

8. All outfielders must be positioned at a similar radius.

9. Each batter will be allowed five (5) pitches or three (3) swings per at bat in Coach and Machine Pitch. There is no limit on the number of foul balls on 5th pitch or 3rd swing.

10. There is no infield fly rule.

11. No base stealing is allowed. A runner may leave the base once contact with the baseball is made by the batter.

12. Base runners that miss touching a base, or leave a base early, shall be called out by the umpire upon completion of the play. A delayed dead ball shall be called by the umpire.

13. A team may have a courtesy runner for the catcher at any time. The runner used as a courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out.

14. The umpire's judgement will rule on the runner's position at the point time is called by either umpire. Time is called once the front runner is contained.

15. Catcher must be in a squatted catcher's position and not standing.

16. The coach who is pitching must stay in contact with pitching rubber until the ball is released. Once the coach releases the ball, he/she cannot be involved in coaching until time is called as there are base coaches to direct runners. Coach may not deceive defensive players to get the ball thrown before time is called. **Penalty:** The ball is dead, the batter is declared out, all runners return to the base occupied before the pitch and the lead runner is declared out. The adult pitcher should only communicate with batter before ball is put in play.

17. If a batted ball hits the coach who is pitching before the defensive player touches the ball, the ball is dead, with all runners advancing one (1) base if forced. If the coach who is pitching intentionally interferes, the ball is dead, the batter is declared out, and all runners return to the base occupied before the pitch except the lead runner, who is also declared out.

18. The coach who is pitching **MUST** leave the field, from either the first or third baseline, when the batted ball is put in play.

19. Pitching machine will be set at 40' from home plate and at 36 MPH.

20. The offensive coach will operate the pitching machine.

21. If the 5th pitch from the machine hits the ground in front of the plate or goes behind the batter, another pitch is delivered to the batter, **unless** the batter swings at the pitch.

22. Batters will not be walked nor can they advance to first base by Hit By Pitch (HBP).

23. A fair ball hitting the machine will be declared dead and a single awarded to the batter. All forced runners will advance one (1) base.

24. A team must have ten (10) players to start a game and may finish with nine (9) players. A disqualified/ejected player will result in an out each time that position comes to bat.

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# TAR HEEL LEAGUES MIDGET LEAGUE



## Official Rules - Tournament Play

Any rule not specifically covered in this book will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association.

### 1.00 - PLAYING RULES

A. - Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position.

B. - Optional continuous batting order:

Teams may elect to use a continuous batting order. They may bat as many players as they choose (9,10,11,12,13). A player that is in the line-up may substitute freely defensively as they choose (pitching rules still apply).

**A player not in the line-up will be considered a SUBSTITUTE and will be allowed to enter the game one time. A starter that comes out of the game for a substitute will be allowed to re-enter one time (in the same place in the line-up for the same person that replaced him per substitution rules).**

C. - If a player is injured to the extent that he/she cannot continue, and his/her team does not have a substitute, he/she will be ruled out at his/her next turn at bat. At his/her second and subsequent turns at bat (after he/she comes out of the game), his/her spot in the batting order will be skipped each time he/she is due to hit.

D. - Once a player misses his/her turn to bat due to injury, that player will not be allowed to return in that game.

E. - If a player is ejected and the team does not have a substitute, he/she will be ruled out each time he/she is due to bat.

F. - If a team is using a continuous batting order and does not have any substitutes, the player making the last out will be the courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher.

G. - The catcher does not have to catch the third strike. The batter is automatically out and the ball remains in play. The base runner may advance at his/her own risk.

H. - Once a pitcher starts his/her motion toward home plate, the pitcher has to deliver the ball. If the pitcher stops his/her motion, a balk will be called. There will be no penalty with no runners on base.

I. - When a pitcher is in contact with the rubber with the ball in his/her hand, the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive the ball, and the batter is in the batter's box, no base runners shall leave the base until the pitched ball reaches the plate.

J. - A runner leaving his/her base before the ball reaches the plate will result in a delayed dead ball being called by the umpire, with the runner removed and called out.

K. - A player failing to touch a base during a live ball situation will be called out by umpire by sign of delayed dead ball.

L. - Mandatory play rule for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on the lineup card, and is at the game, must have one (1) at bat **and** three (3) defensive outs in the field. **Penalty:** Forfeit unless the game is shortened by the run rule.

## **2.00 - REGULATION GAME**

A. - Midget League games shall be six (6) innings unless shortened or lengthened legally. If score is tied at end of six (6) innings it shall be continued until a verdict is reached.

B. - Run Rule - 12 runs after three (3) innings, 10 runs after four (4) innings. The losing team must have an equal number of at bats.

C. - If a game is called before it becomes a regulation game it must be replayed from the exact point of interruption with the same ball and strike count on the batter and the same lineup as near as possible.

D. - All tournament games must be completed: six (6) innings unless home team is ahead in 5-1/2 innings or game is called because of run rule.

## **3.00 - PITCHING RULES**

A. - Any member of a team may pitch, however all pitchers are subject to all pitching rules.

B. - A pitcher removed from the mound or the game may not return to the mound in the same game.

C. - As soon as a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch to a batter he/she shall be considered as having pitched one (1) inning.

D. - No Midget League pitcher will be allowed to pitch more than twelve (12) innings in each level of tournament play, but no more than

six (6) innings in one day.

E. - A pitcher shall be considered ineligible if he/she makes one (1) legal/illegal pitch after reaching the pitching limitations. It is the opposing team's responsibility to question the eligibility of a pitcher.

F. - A team that uses an ineligible pitcher must remove the player from the mound, with the head coach being ejected from the game and innings counted toward the pitching record.

G. - Pitchers must have at least one (1) calendar day rest after pitching in three (3) or more innings in the same game or on the same calendar date. All innings are determined from the scheduled starting time and date of game. This rule applies to both local league and tournament play and may not be waived.

H. - A defensive coach may request one (1) charged conference per inning. On the second and any subsequent request, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. This rule does not apply on a conference when the pitcher is removed.



# **SMITHFIELD**



## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH TAR HEEL LEAGUES INC**

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**Gary Johnson - Director**

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# TAR HEEL LEAGUES

## LITTLE LEAGUE ☆ JUNIOR LEAGUE

### Official Rules - Tournament Play

Any rule not specifically covered in this book will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association.

## 1.00 - PLAYING RULES

A. - Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position, including tournaments.

B. - Optional continuous batting order:

Teams may elect to use a continuous batting order. They may bat as many as they choose (9,10,11,12,13). A player that is in the line-up may substitute freely defensively as they choose (pitching rules still apply).

**A player not in the line-up will be considered a SUBSTITUTE and will be allowed to enter the game one time. A starter that comes out of the game for a substitute will be allowed to re-enter one time (in the same place in the line-up for the same person that replaced him per substitution rules).**

C. - If a player is injured to the extent that he/she cannot continue, and his/her team does not have a substitute, he/she will be ruled out at his/her next turn at bat. At his/her second and subsequent turns at bat (after he/she comes out of the game), his/her spot in the batting order will be skipped each time he/she is due to hit.

D. - Once a player misses his/her turn at bat due to injury, that player will not be allowed to return in that game.

E. - If a player is ejected and the team does not have a substitute, he/she will be ruled out each time he/she is due to bat.

F. - If a team uses a continuous batting order and does not have any substitutes, the player making the last out will be the courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher.

G. - A player failing to touch a base during a live ball situation will be handled as an appeal play.

H. - Mandatory play rule for ALL ages. Each player listed on lineup card and is at the game must have one (1) at bat and three (3) defensive outs in the field. **Penalty:** Forfeit, unless the game is shortened by the run rule.

## **2.00 REGULATION GAME**

A. - Little League games shall be six (6) innings unless shortened or lengthened legally. Junior League games shall be seven (7) innings unless shortened or lengthened legally.

B. - **Run Rule for Little League:** 12 runs after three (3) innings, or 10 runs after four (4) innings. **Run Rule for Junior League:** 15 runs after three (3) innings, 12 runs after four (4) innings, or 10 runs after five (5) innings. The losing team must have an equal number of at bats.

C. - If a game is called before it becomes a regulation game, it must be replayed from the exact point of interruption with the same ball and strike count on the batter and the same lineup as near as possible.

D. - All tournament games must be completed – six (6) innings for Little League and seven (7) innings for Junior League unless the home team is ahead in the bottom of the 6th inning for Little League or the bottom of the 7th inning for Junior League, or the game is called because of the run rule.

## **3.00 - PITCHING RULES**

A. - Any member of a team may pitch, however all pitchers are subject to all pitching rules.

B. - A pitcher removed from the mound or the game may not return to the mound in the same game.

C. - As soon as a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch to a batter he/she shall be considered as having pitched one (1) inning.

D. - Little League pitchers will be allowed to pitch 12 innings in each level of tournament play, but will not be allowed to pitch more than six (6) innings in one calendar day. Junior League pitchers will be allowed to pitch 14 innings in each level of tournament play, but will not be allowed to pitch more than seven (7) innings in one calendar day.

E. - Little League must have at least (1) one calendar day rest

after pitching three (3) or more innings in the same game or on the same calendar day. Junior League pitchers must have at least one (1) calendar day rest after pitch four (4) or more innings in the same game or on the same calendar day. All innings are determined from the scheduled starting time and date of the game. **This rule applies to both Local League and Tournament play and may not be waived.**

F. - A pitcher shall be considered ineligible if he/she makes one (1) legal/illegal pitch after reaching the pitching limitations. It is the opposing team's responsibility to question the eligibility of a pitcher.

G. - A team that uses an ineligible pitcher must remove the player from the mound, with the head coach being ejected from the game and the innings counted towards the pitching record.

H. - A defensive coach may request one (1) charged conference per inning. On the second and any subsequent request, the pitcher must be removed from mound. This does not apply to a conference when the pitcher is removed.

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. To be eligible to enter Tar Heel Leagues, Inc tournament play, each league must have been granted a franchise and indicated their desire to participate.

The Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. reserves the right to revoke at any time during the tournament program the privilege of a sanctioned league to participate when evidence shows that the league has violated the pledge to abide by rules for local leagues or tournament rules.

2. Leagues wishing to enter tournament competition must continue to play until eliminated. There shall be only three levels of tournament play. AREA, DISTRICT, AND STATE. Any team that is eligible for district or state tournaments and fails to appear will be fined. The sponsoring local league will pay \$100.00 fine before teams can participate in district or state tournaments the following year. This penalty also includes opening ceremonies for each state tournament.

3A - Host teams will be allowed in all divisions. Host team must play game number one (1) in tournament play.

3B - Host team must provide publicity of state tournament and housing for umpires. A maximum of six rooms per tournament division.

3C - The host site has the option to charge an admission fee for district and state tournaments, not to exceed \$5 per adult and \$3 for 12 and under per day. No charge to players, umpires, coaches or Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. officials.

3D - Host site reserves right to disallow coolers.

4. All Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. teams that have been sanctioned shall be eligible to enter a tournament team. Where two or more leagues operate under the same top management, each is eligible to enter a team. Under no condition may players from one Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. sanctioned league play on a team representing another Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. sanctioned league.

5. Tournament teams may be selected from all the teams in the league and shall consist of not more than thirteen (13) players.

6. No player can play on two (2) different All-Star teams or play All-Stars for two (2) different age groups.

7. Birth certificates and team affidavits must be approved by the tournament director (district tournament play) and the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board (state tournament play) one (1) hour before the team's first game. Birth certificates will stay with team and must be available for tournament directors at each game.

8. Each pitcher's tournament pitching record must be approved by the head coach no later than 30 minutes following completed game. Failure to approve results in the tournament pitching record becoming official for the game.

9. Any player is eligible for the tournament team provided he/she has played in at least one-half of prior regularly scheduled games.

10. After the tournament teams have been selected, and the names of the players have been recorded on the eligibility affidavit, no change can be made on the playing roster for any reason whatsoever, except illness or injury. Any replacement for illness or injury must be accompanied by the new player's birth certificate. The district director having authority will, if he/she approves the change, sign said statement, and attach it to the manager's copy of the eligibility affidavit.

11. If a coach shall decide that an umpire's decision is in violation of the tournament playing rules, he/she shall make a protest to the umpire-in-chief at once. The chief shall immediately call a conference of the Tournament Director and Protest Committee and a decision shall be reached before play is resumed. The decision shall be final providing it does not violate any official rules. Protests not made at the time of infraction of the rule shall not be considered.

12. ALL coaches must be dressed alike in uniformed fashion with long pants or shorts. Shirts and hats must be alike.

13. It is mandatory for a coach from each team to be present at the state tournament coach's meeting. Teams who do not attend will be assessed a \$100 fine.

14. It is mandatory for all teams, dressed in playing uniforms, to be present for the state tournament's opening ceremonies. Teams who do not attend will be assessed a \$100 fine.

15. Only 13 tournament players, four (4) adults and one (1) bat person shall occupy the team bench or dugout during the game. Only persons named on the tournament team affidavit will be allowed in dugout area. If a team uses a bat person, said person must wear protective headgear. The bat person shall not exceed the age of the players participating.

16. The home and visiting teams in each tournament game shall be determined by a toss of the coin, which will be conducted by the umpires at each pre-game conference.

17. All tournament games halted before a winner is determined shall be resumed from the exact point play was ceased with the same players in the game as near as possible.

18. There shall be an Official Scorer appointed by Tournament Director for District and State Tournament. The official Scorer following each game shall enter proper data on the reverse side of each team's eligibility affidavit.

19. Any coach or player ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct shall not be eligible to participate in next game of play to include next level. Coach must vacate the facility.

20. Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board of Directors will serve as Protest Committee at all state tournaments.

21. All tournament play in area, district and state will be double elimination.

22. No baseball team, with the exception of Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch, may be scheduled for more than two (2) games per day. Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch teams will be allowed four (4) games per day.

23. District pairings must be sent to the State President by the June meeting or as soon as possible.

24. Courtesy runners for catcher or pitcher are allowed at any time. The courtesy runner cannot be active in the lineup. Expended players are eligible as courtesy runners. If a team has nine (9) or fewer players, the player making the last out is eligible as a courtesy runner for the catcher only with two (2) outs. Teams using a continuous batting order will use the last player to make an out as the courtesy runner.

25. Top team listed on the tournament bracket will be in the 1st

base dugout and the bottom team on the tournament bracket will be in the 3rd base dugout.

26. Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. will follow the NFHS rule book for our lightning policy.

27. No amplified music is allowed to be played in the dugouts.

28. Mandatory play requirement for **ALL** age divisions: Each player listed on the lineup card and present at the game must have one (1) at bat and three (3) defensive outs in the field. **Penalty:** Forfeit, unless the game is shortened by the run rule.



# UMPIRES

A. - It is recommended that two (2) umpires work each game in local leagues.

B. - It is recommended that three (3) umpires work all district and state tournament games, with the exception of Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch, and Girls' Softball games. All umpires that work district and state tournaments must be dressed in navy blue, light blue, or black shirts, gray pants and must be 18 years of age.

C. - Any umpire selected to work district or state tournaments must register with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.

D. - Umpires will be selected by the State Umpire-In-Chief at the annual June meeting of the Tar Heel League, Inc. Board of Directors for the purpose of officiating state tournament games. Umpires who are not registered by May 15 of the current year will not be eligible to officiate state tournament games of the current year.

E. - Umpire-In-Chief will assign all umpires per game at each state tournament site.

F. - Umpires will not be allowed to officiate any game when a family member is involved in the game. This rule also applies to district and state tournaments.

G. - The minimum rate of pay for each umpire at all state tournaments is as follows: Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch - \$35.00 per game; All Girls' Softball - \$50.00 per game; Midget League and Little League Baseball - \$50.00 per game; Junior League Baseball - \$60.00 per game.

H. - The use of a Tarheel Leagues, Inc. training video to certify umpires will be allowed, provided it is approved by the District Director and supervised by a local league supervisor.

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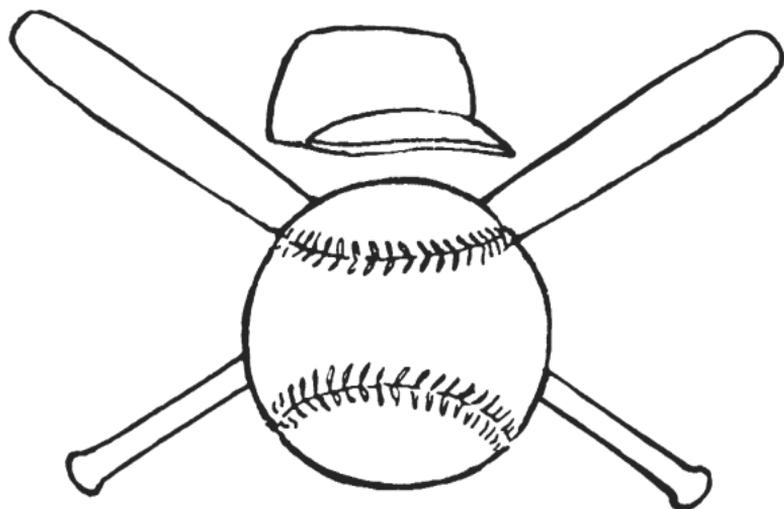
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# TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC HALL OF HONOR

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and its Board of Directors will be taking nominations for its own Hall of Honor.

There will be four (4) categories and they are:

**Player/Coach** - Any coach or player who has participated in Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. in a satisfactory manner. Players must be a minimum of 21 years of age. Coaches must have given outstanding and unselfishness of time and knowledge for a minimum of five (5) years to local program.

**Umpire** - Any umpire must have served Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. in an outstanding manner.

**Administrator** - This category is open to anyone who may have served on a local level or state level in any capacity such as league president or on the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Board of Directors. The individual does not have to be retired.

**Contributor** - Any individual or organization that has been exceptional in support of Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. by finances or services.

*All nominations must be in office of State President  
by May 15 of current year.*

**Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.** accepts all responsibility of news media and presentation at State Tournaments.

-----For further information, call or write to:-----

**GARY "COUSY" JOHNSON**

**State President**  
P.O. Box 2344  
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# HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## Administrator

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bob Carrier	Hickory	1994
Jimmy Gaines	Dunn	1994
Harold "Red" Lambeth	Dunn	1994
L.R. Ray	Wilmington	1994
A.M. "Buster" Bush	North Wilkesboro	1995
Rex Byrd	Wilson	1995
W.H. "Bill" Joyner	Plymouth	1996
Wade Norris	Coats	1997
Harold Phelps	Plymouth	1998
E.A. Tutor	Raleigh	2000
Don Gainey	Smithfield	2004
Bobby Brown	Plymouth	2006
Doug Stevens	Coats	2007
Mack McLeod	Hickory	2008
Gary Johnson	Smithfield	2011
David Fisher	Shelby	2013
Steve Barnes	Williamston	2015
Chuck Klaren	Spring Lake	2016

# HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## Contributor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Year</u>
Donnie Oldham	Sanford	2005
Fat Gaines	Sanford	2005
Aaron Gaines	Sanford	2005
Adam Gaines	Sanford	2005

# HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## Player/Coach

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Year</u>
Doug Johnson	Sanford	1994
Rex McLeod	Sanford	1994
Gary Taylor	Raleigh	1995
Wallace High	Sanford	1996
Mack Spivey	Sanford	1996
Benny Swift	Williamston	1996
Bob Hales	Sanford	1997
Harold Lail	Dunn	1997
William "Sap" Taylor	Sanford	1997
Chuck Gragg	Hickory	1998
Bob Nichols	Hickory	1998
Larry Goins	Sanford	1998
Bob Brafford	Sanford	2000
Melvin Pollock	Sanford	2004
Mike Vanlandingham	Williamston	2006
P.D. Fowler	Connelly Springs	2007
Scott Neighbors	Bunnlevel	2013
Tommy "Lasorda" Womack	Sanford	2014

# HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## Umpire

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Year</i>
Cecil Lovick	Sanford	1994
Bill Smith	Sanford	1998
Odus Smith	Sanford	1998
Oscar Pace, Jr.	Broadway	1999
Jimmy Stone	Sanford	2001
Joe Edwards	Dunn	2009
Harold Gaines	Sanford	2009
Gordon Hampton	Lenoir	2009
Cephus Clark	Shelby	2011
Eddie Driver	Emit	2014
Don Loftis	Shelby	2014





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# CRITERIA FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Applicants must have been involved in Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. either as a player, or as the child of a parent who is/was a coach, umpire, or administrator.
2. Applicants must be a High School Senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA, and eligible for graduation in June of the current year. Applicants can also be a college freshman with a minimum 2.0 GPA, with plans to attend college the following year.
3. Submit application with a current grade transcript by May 15.
4. Submit a minimum 250 word essay on "What Youth Sports Have Meant to Me".
5. Submit a list of extracurricular activities and/or interests, i.e., clubs, sports, church, scouts, or other experiences or accomplishments.
6. Write a short paragraph detailing the school you plan to attend and your plans for the future.
7. Submit one letter of character reference from someone other than a family member.



*This page dedicated in memory of*

# **GARY TAYLOR**



The lives of so many people were touched by this man. Little League players wanted to play for him, as he constantly taught fundamentals of the game and the fairness in play. Parents respected him for the care he showed to all children. Coaches watched closely as they tried to learn from him. Spectators applauded him as he coached with love. Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. was blessed by the presence of Gary Taylor as a member of its Board of Directors. His decisions were made with serious thought and consideration of goodness to all.

The love Gary Taylor had for his family and God were certainly an example for all to follow.

To his wife, Ruth, his children, Martha, Nathan and Jeremy, we share in your loss. May God forever bless the memories we share of Gary Taylor.

**October 2, 1994**

*This page dedicated  
to the memory of*

## **Bob Hales**

What an example of life Bob Hales has shown to all who knew him. Being in a wheelchair was not a handicap to him, but a different angle to approach all that needed to be done.

By giving so much of his time, knowledge and energy, he helped many youngsters realize that dreams will come true by being the best you can be and never say, "I quit." In 1998, Bob was presented the coveted Jefferson Award for his volunteer services to our communities. By giving all he did, we have a better place to live, work and play.

Bob joined an elite group of people that we call coaches as he took every youngster as an individual, worked with them in youth sports and did the extra things that help to make better individuals.

To his wife Gerri, his sons, Greg and Stan, we all share in your loss of Bob. We thank you all for showing us a deeper meaning of *Love and Family*. We also thank you for sharing Bob with so many of us through the years.

May God forever bless the memories we share of Bob Hales.



**November 28, 2000**

# GARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## RECIPIENTS

1996	D.J. Reddick	Williamston
1997	Josh "Scooter" Harless	North Wilkesboro
1998	Martha Taylor	Raleigh
1999	Adam Hawes	Sanford
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2001	Richie Brown	Williamston
2002	Blake Contrain	Bear Grass
2003	Steven Johnson	Raleigh - ECU
2004	Brant West	Plymouth - Davidson
2005	Matt Watkins	Raleigh - N.C. State
2006	Eric Spragin	Knightdale - N.C. State
2008	Ian McLeod	Hickory - ECU
2009	Tyler Fennell	Erwin - ECU
2010	Garrett Johnson	Zebulon - NC State
2011	Christian Leggett	Williamston - College of Albemarle
2012	Caleb Whitley	Williamston - Pitt Community College
2013	Ryan Stutts	Southeastern Baptist
2014	Brock Waynik	Wendell - Methodist University
2015	Megan Jackson	Boone - Caldwell CC
2016	Jess Miller	Williamston - ECU
2017	Sierra Warren	Shelby - Gardner Webb

# BOB HALES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## RECIPIENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
2001	Jason Brown	Sanford	Campbell
2002	Erica Willis	Dunn	Campbell
2002	Chris VanLandingham	Williamston	N.C. State
2003	Roy Mobley	Oak City	Pitt Comm. College
2004	Brett VanLandingham	Williamston	Barton College
2005	Justin Pace	Sanford	Lenoir Rhyne
2006	Zach Johnson	Smithfield	Campbell University
2007	Joe Wagstaff	Wendell	Louisburg College
2008	Whitley Taylor	Plymouth	ECU
2009	Bryant Noteboom	Selma	Western Carolina
2010	Wallace Ashley	Smithfield	UNCW
2011	Luke Matthews	Williamston	ECU
2012	Eli Dickerson	Angier	Wake Tech
2013	Zack Howell	Williamston	ECU
2014	Meredith Randolph	Western Harnett	UNC
2015	Daniel Stutts	Sanford	Central Carolina CC
2016	Lindsey Champion	Erwin	Methodist University
2017	Camden Hogg	Wendell	Wake Tech

In Memory  
Harold “Buck” Gaines  
May 3, 1947 - March 2, 2010



We can use Buck Gaines as an example of life that we all cherish. He was a terrific family man and he showed that with the affection he showed to Alyce, Amy, Rodney, and Abby. He loved his grandchildren to no end and was extremely proud. Buck took his love for life outside his home as he was constantly helping others and especially helping young umpires to strive to do their best. He was such an asset to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. not only as an umpire but also serving as a Director of District 3. He kept everything in order and surely helped our Board of Directors enjoy the game of golf more and more.

There was always laughter when he was around and you could usually hear him before you saw him as he was joking or seeking improvement.

Alyce, Rodney, Amy, and Abby we share in your loss and want to thank you for sharing him with us all of these years. Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. is a better organization because he was a part of it.

May God bless all of our memories.

# Ben Stafford

August 23, 2003 - April 14, 2016

In his twelve years, he touched so many lives. He was often said to be an old soul at heart because he was wise beyond his years. Everyone who knew him loved him for one reason or another, whether it be his smile, his slow country accent, or his humor. Ben loved all things outdoors and was forever being a typical country boy. We will always love and miss him. Until we meet again. We love you!!!



# **BEN STAFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## RECIPIENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
2016	TJ Polous	Boone	Guilford
2017	Trevor Rhea	Kings Mountain	ECU

# **TAR HEEL LEAGUES BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP**

## RECIPIENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
2014	Krista Collins	Four Oaks	Johnston CC
2015	Colby Henthorne	Lenoir	Coker College
2015	Caroline Dorman	Benson	Pitt CC
2015	Grif Taylor	Williamston	ECU
2016	McKinley Johnson	Four Oaks	UNCW
2017	Patrick Downum	Edenton	Brunswick CC
2017	Trevor Creech	Zebulon	Wake Tech
2017	Hunter Creech	Zebulon	ECU
2017	Alan Blackman	Four Oaks	Campbell
2017	Seth Rizoti	Millers Creek	UNCW
2017	Madison McSwain	Mooresboro	Cleveland CC

# HALL OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

## RECIPIENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
2005	Seth Barnes	Williamston	Pitt Community
2006	Dustin Wood	Shelby	Davidson College
2007	Colin Parker	Princeton	Campbell
2008	Ryan Eason	Clayton	UNC-Wilmington
2009	Grant Griffin	Wendell	Barton College
2010	Jody Mizzelle	Williamston	Lenior-Rhyne
2011	Sam Winegar	Wendell	Averitt University
2012	William Keith	Wake Forest	N.C. State
2013	Erica Driver	Emit	Johnston Comm.
2014	Cody Alford	Wendell	Campbell
2015	Coley Mizell	Wendell	ECU
2016	Tyler Parker	Selma	UNCW
2017	Darius Fuller	Shelby	Carson Newman

## HAROLD "BUCK" GAINES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



## RECIPIENTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>
2010	Calvin Gaines	Erwin	Appalachian State
2011	Dakota Icard	Icard	Montreat College
2012	Johnathan Waszek	Wendell	Western Carolina
2013	Josh Genthe	Sanford	Coastal Carolina
2014	Ashley Gaines	Dunn	Lenoir Community
2015	Katie Lamplin	Lillington	Central Carolina CC
2016	Tyler Baker	Windsor	UNC Pembroke
2017	Kasey Pace	Sanford	Brunswick CC

# SOFTBALL

## DIVISIONS/ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

A. **8 & Under** - Any player whose ninth (9) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current year is eligible to compete in 8U play. A player must be at least six (6) years of age.

B. **10 & Under** - Any player whose eleventh (11) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current year is eligible to compete in 10U play. A player must be at least eight (8) years of age.

C. **12 & Under** - Any player whose thirteenth (13) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current year is eligible to compete in 12U play.

D. **15 & Under** - Any player whose sixteenth (16) birthday falls on or after January 1 of the current year is eligible to compete in 15U play.

E. Dates of birth of players shall be certified by an original registration of birth, an official government photo ID, or a copy of the original registration of birth.

F. When such documents are not available, the League President shall forward to the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. District Director as much documentary evidence as possible. If the District Director determines that such evidence is satisfactory, a statement to that effect will be sent to the League President, which shall be acceptable in lieu of other records.

G. Any player who wishes to change leagues from one season to another must sign a "Release Form" to the League President. If approved by the League President, the release form must be forwarded to the District Director and, if approved by all parties, then forwarded to the State President. "Release Forms" may be obtained from the State President, District Director, or from the Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. website. All forms must be signed and approved by each League President, as well as each District Director. All paperwork must be completed prior to the player(s) participating in any games. The State President has the authority to rule in all disputes.

# Tar Heel Leagues

## 8 & Under - Softball (Coach and Machine)

### Official Rules - Tournament Play

#### Playing Field -

- A. There shall be a chalked hash line 1/2 the distance (30ft) between first and second base, This hash line shall determine whether a player may advance to the next base or return to the previous base at the time of dead ball.
- B. The pitching rubber shall be in the center of a 8' radius circle.

Teams - There will be twelve (12) Coach Pitch teams and eight (8) Machine Pitch teams allowed in the state tournaments based on district sanctioning. No district will be allowed to have more than three (3) teams.

Coaches - Coaching rules will allow only four (4) adults in dugout at any time during the game.

- A. **Offense:** One coach at third base, one coach at first base, one coach pitching, and one coach in dugout for player control.
- B. **Defense:** There may be a defensive coach on the right field line and the left field line, provided they stay in foul territory.
- C. The defensive coach cannot come within 45 feet of the base during a live ball. A hash line shall be marked on the foul line indicating the required distance.



## PLAYING RULES

1. Coach must submit a batting order to umpire and scorer before game. All players must be listed in a batting order that will not change during said game. All players must bat in order for the entire game. In the event a player is injured (umpire will justify), scorer will be notified and said player will sit out for remainder of said game with no penalty in batting order. No player shall sit in dugout two (2) consecutive innings.

2. A maximum of five (5) runs, or three (3) outs will constitute an offensive inning.

3. Six (6) innings will constitute a game.

4. Once a team becomes mathematically eliminated, the game shall end.

5. No team shall play more than four (4) games per day in one tournament.

6. No intentional bunting is allowed. No walks are allowed. Attempted bunting will constitute a strike.

7. An eight (8) foot radius circle is to be drawn around pitching plate. Defensive pitcher, with both feet in the circle, must remain inside circle, even or behind the pitching rubber, until batter makes contact with ball.

8. All outfielders must be positioned at a similar radius.

9. Each batter will be allowed five (5) pitches or three (3) swings per at bat for Coach and Machine Pitch. There is no limit of the number of foul balls on the 5th pitch or 3rd swing.

10. There is no infield fly rule.

11. No base stealing is allowed. A runner may leave the base once contact with the softball is made by the batter.

12. Base runners that miss touching a base, or leave a base early, shall be called out by the umpire upon completion of the play. No appeals on missed bases will be allowed. A delayed dead ball will be called by the umpire.

13. A team may have a courtesy runner for the catcher at any time. The runner used as a courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out.

14. The umpire's judgement will rule on the runner's position at the umpire's call of time. Time is called once the front runner is contained.

15. Catcher must be in a squatted catcher's position and not standing.

16. The coach who is pitching must stay in contact with pitching rubber until ball is released. Once the coach releases the ball, he/she cannot be involved with coaching until time is called, as there are base coaches to direct runners. The coach may not deceive defensive players to get the ball thrown before time is called. **Penalty:** The ball is dead, the batter is declared out and all runners return to base occupied before pitch, with the lead runner also declared out. The adult who is pitching should only communicate with the batter before the ball is put in play.

17. If a batted ball hits the coach who is pitching before a defensive player touches the ball, the ball is dead, with all runners advancing one (1) base if forced. If the coach who is pitching intentionally interferes, the ball is dead, the batters is declared out, and all runners are returned to the base occupied before the pitch, with the lead runner also being declared out.

18. No metal cleats are allowed.

19. The coach who is pitching **MUST** leave the field, from either the first or third baseline, when batted ball is put in play.

20. Pitching machine will be set 40 feet from home plate and at 36 MPH.

21. The offensive coach will operate the pitching machine.

22. If the 5th pitch from the machine hits the ground in front of the plate or goes behind the batter, another pitch is delivered to the batter **unless** the batter swings at the pitch.

23. Batters will not be walked, nor can they advance to first base by Hit-By-Pitch (HBP).

24. A fair ball hitting the machine will be declared dead and a single awarded to the batter. All forced runners will advance one (1) base.

25. A team must have ten (10) players to start a game. A team may finish with nine (9) players. A disqualification/ejection of a player will be an out each time that position comes to bat.

# TAR HEEL LEAGUES

## 10 & Under - Softball

### 1. Playing Field Dimensions

Bases:	60 Feet
Pitching Rubber:	35 Feet
Circle at Pitching Rubber:	8' Radius

2. Players may steal when the ball reaches home plate with player pitching.

3. Batter **may not** advance to first base on a dropped third strike. The ball is not dead - Base runners **MAY** advance at their own risk.

4. Teams may play ten (10) fielders defensively with four outfielders in the same radius. A team has the option of choosing to turn in a line up card to the home plate official with nine (9) to thirteen (13) players in the batting order with all players listed. As long as a player is on the line up card then the coach can play that person on defense at any time unless it is in violation of the pitching rules. If a player is a substitute then she is governed by the rule book that applies. If a player is unable to complete her turn at bat except for a noticeable injury or sickness then an out will be called in the continuous lineup. This decision will solely be the decision of the officiating crew.

5. Six (6) innings will constitute a complete game unless one team is ahead by twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings or ten (10) runs after four (4) innings.

6. Batter cannot be walked in this program.

7. Batter may bunt with player pitching but cannot bunt with coach pitching. Any attempted bunt is a strike on the batter.

8. Base runners are not allowed to steal home at any time.

9. Base runners are not allowed to steal with coach pitching. Base runners may steal per NFHS rules with 10U girl pitching.

10. Base runners are allowed to only steal / advance one base at a time per pitch with player pitching. Base runners may advance as many bases as possible on a base hit.

11. The pitcher player will pitch to the batter until the batter becomes a runner, is called out on strikes, is put out by a play or receives ball four (4) as **called by the plate official**. Upon the batter receiving ball four (4), offensive coach will enter to pitch to the batter. If the batter has a four

(4) balls and no strikes count, the coach will only have three (3) pitches. If the batter has a four (4) balls and one (1) strike count, the coach will only have two (2) pitches. If the batter has four (4) balls and two (2) strikes, the coach will only have one (1) pitch. If after the above has been completed and the batter is still at home plate, she shall be called out.

12. On the third strike or last pitch the batter may remain at bat as long as the ball is ruled a foul.

13. A player missing a base or leaving a base too soon will result in a delayed dead ball call by the umpire and will be ruled on when all playing action is over. There are no appeals from the defense in the 10U program.

14. In the 10U program the pitching rules will follow the NFHS Softball rule book. With the coach pitching there will be no illegal pitch called.

15. This program will use a eleven (11) inch Softball.

16. The infield fly rule is in effect.

17. No metal cleats allowed.

18. A player hit by a pitch will be awarded first base when the player is pitching on the defensive team, but is not awarded first base when the coach is pitching.

19. The adult coach who is pitching MUST leave the field, either from the first or third base line, when the batted ball is put into play.

## 12 & Under - Softball

### 1. Playing field Dimensions

Bases:	60 Feet
Pitching Rubber:	40 Feet
Circle at Pitching Rubber:	8' Radius

2. Players may steal when the ball leaves the pitchers hand per the NFHS Softball rule book.

3. **Batter MAY advance to first base on a dropped third strike per the NFHS Softball rule book. The ball is not dead - Base runner MAY advance at their own risk.**

4. Teams will play nine (9) fielders defensively but may bat thirteen (13) players. The thirteen (13) batters must be on the original line up card given to the plate official.

5. Six (6) innings will constitute a complete game unless one team is ahead twelve (12) runs after three (3) innings or ten (10) runs after four (4) innings. The losing team must have an equal number of at bats.

6. This program will use a twelve (12) inch softball.

7. In the 12U program the pitching rules will follow the NFHS Softball

rule.

8. The infield fly rule is in effect.

9. A player missing a base or leaving too soon will result in a delayed dead ball call by the umpire and will be ruled on when all playing action is over. There are no appeals from the defense in the 12U program.

10. No metal cleats allowed.

## 15 & Under - Softball

1. Playing field Dimensions

Bases:	60 Feet
Pitching Rubber:	43 Feet
Circle at Pitching Rubber:	8' Radius

2. Players may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand per the NFHS Softball rule book.

3. Batter **MAY** advance to first base on a dropped third strike per the NFHS Softball rule book.

4. Teams will play nine (9) fielders defensively but may bat thirteen (13) players. The thirteen (13) batters must be on the original lineup card given to the plate official.

5. Seven (7) innings will constitute a complete game, unless one team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs after three (3) innings, twelve (12) runs after four (4) innings or ten (10) runs after five (5) innings. The losing team must have equal number of at bats.

6. A player missing a base or leaving early is an appeal play by defense and must be properly appealed to the proper official per the NFHS Softball rule book.

7. This program will use a twelve (12) inch softball.

8. Metal cleats are allowed in 15U.

## Softball - All Ages

1. Batting helmets with face guards are required for all batters.

2. No teams, with the exception of 8U, will play more than 3 games per day. 8U will be allowed to play four (4) games per day.

3. The pitcher and catcher may have a courtesy runner at any time. The courtesy runner may be any player not in active line-up. If team has nine (9) or fewer players, the courtesy runner will be the player making the

last out and it can only be for the catcher with two (2) outs. **The catcher must be the catcher of record.**

4. If a game is called before it becomes a regulation game, it must be played from the exact point of interruption with the same ball and strike count on the batter and the same lineup as near as possible.

5. No amplified music is allowed to be played in the dugouts.

6. There must be a minimum of four (4) teams in an age division in order to play a state tournament.

7. Mandatory play rule for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on the lineup card and is present at the game, must have at least one (1) at bat and three (3) defensive outs in the field. **Penalty:** Forfeit, unless game is shortened by the run rule.

8. Three (3) defensive charged timeouts per game and one (1) offensive charged timeout per inning are allowed without the player being removed or replaced. An injury timeout for an injured player does not count as a defensive or offensive timeout.



# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 1**

All Softball Birthdays

**April 14**

Golf Tournament

**May 1**

All Baseball Birthdays



**May 15**

Deadline for Leagues to Franchise with

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. program

Hall of Honor Nominations

Deadline for Umpire Registration

Harold "Buck" Gaines Scholarship Nominees

Bob Hales Scholarship Nominees

Gary Taylor Memorial Scholarship Nominees

Tar Heel Leagues Board of Directors Scholarship Nominees

Hall of Honor Scholarship Nominees

Ben Stafford Memorial Scholarship Nominees

***General Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.***

***Meetings:***

(1) The second Saturday in January

(2) The second Saturday in June

(3) The last Saturday in August

# **SAFETY**

The THL Board passed a important rule change at its Fall Meeting. Any player wearing a protective cast or medical device will be required to submit a form signed by a Physician, the player's Parent or Guardian and the player's Head Coach. This form must be completely filled out, signed by all required parties and made available before any child will be allowed to participate.

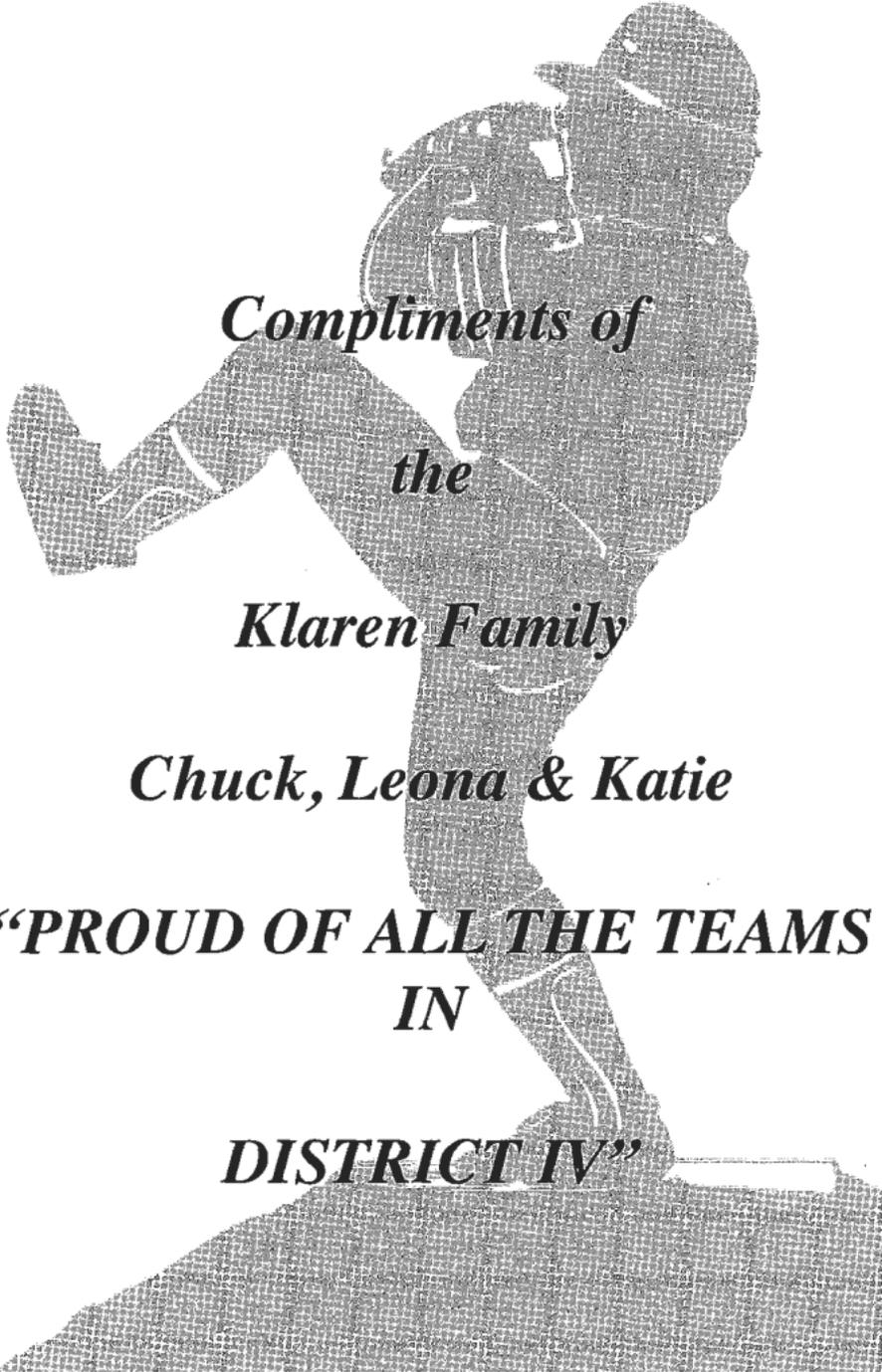
The form is available for download from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association web site. The link to the form is listed below.

Prescribed Appliance Form

<http://www.nchsaa.org/> or [www.tarheel leagues.com](http://www.tarheel leagues.com)

Any forms that appear on the NCHSAA web site are acceptable for use with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and are available on the NCHSAA Forms page listed below.

<http://www.nchsaa.org/>



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