Parker Rec Board

Baseball/Softball bylaws

1. The Parker Rec Board promotes and supports a city Baseball/Softball Recreation opportunity
   1. The Rec Board will support a program where all players can play and learn the game
   2. The Parker rec board will provide all league dues, equipment and jerseys for the program
   3. The Parker rec board will approve all coaches for each age division
   4. The Parker rec board must approve all league and state entries should a division arise, a vote will be taken
   5. The Parker rec board will provide all VFW state tournament entry fees, other tournaments will be taken on a case by case basis, but travel ball or pay to play will not be supported by Rec Board funds.
   6. A baseball/softball director(s) will be appointed by the Parker Rec Board before the season begins and must be a Rec Board member.
   7. The Parker Rec Board will allow players to move up into a higher age division on a case by case basis, after consultation with coaches and parents.
   8. The Parker Rec Board baseball/softball director will handle any parent inquires or disputes, should a major dispute arise, a meeting will be called with all parties involved.

8U Coach Pitch: Team assignments vary from year to year and from age bracket to age bracket. All players that register by the registration deadline are guaranteed placement on a team. Team size will cap out at 20 players but optimal team size is 12 players. All efforts will be made to maintain manageable team size to allow for optimal play time and player development. In the event that more than one team will be created at a certain age level, the following methodology will be utilized in order:

1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches (if applicable) will be assigned and their child/ren (in that age group) will be placed on the same team.

2. Team sizes will equal when possible.

3. Players of the same age as of 12/31/2024 will generally be placed on the same team.

4. In efforts to maintain rule #2 above, if players from one age need to move to the alternate age team, this player movement will be at the discretion of Parker Park and Recreation Baseball/Softball. The following considerations are made when determining player movement:

a. Registration Date

b. Date of Birth

c. School Attended

d. Grade

10U/12U Kid Pitch: Team sizes and assignments vary from year to year based on the number of registrants and coaches.  It is the goal of Parker Park and Recreation to make all competing teams from our Baseball/Softball Programming to be as equitable as possible.  Below are the steps used to create team assignments:

1) Coaches and Assistant coaches (where applicable) will be assigned a team and their child(ren) will be assigned to the team

1. Team sizes will be equal or with a variance of 1 pending the number of teams and registrants.
2. Team sizes will be minimum 9 players with a maximum of 19 players per team.  All efforts will be made to maintain manageable team size to allow for optimal play time and player development.
3. Last year’s coaches/teams may be taken into consideration on a year by year basis.
4. Parker Park and Recreation Baseball/Softball will undergo a process of reviewing the players assigned to teams based on coaches’ children and fill out each team roster using the following criteria:
   1. Registration Date
   2. Date of Birth
   3. School Attended
   4. Grade
   5. Parker Park and Recreation has the right to make decisions in the best interest of the overall program to modify rosters to accommodate equitable teams and to address registrations that come in after the registration deadline, but in advance of the team assignments publications.
5. For end of the year state VFW tournaments, 12U will have no limit of roster players. 10U can impose a limit of 9-13 players on the roster. Coaches discretion will be used. If there are two (2) or more league teams, coaches are encouraged to work together to build their STATE roster. Should a division arise, Parker Rec will provide the final say. Discrepancies that require a Rec Board Vote/action are to be sent via EMAIL to the Parker Rec Board Chairman, no later than 12 days prior to STATE TOURNAMENT registration deadlines, to allow ample time for a Parker Rec Board meeting to be called in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

\*When 8U/10U/12U baseball/softball teams are split into two (2) or more teams due to numbers, the teams will split as equally as possible based on talent and/or age for LEAGUE play. The split will consist of consultation and agreement with coaches of each team. Should an agreement be unreachable, the Parker Rec Board will hold the final say in roster assignments/decisions.

\*VFW Baseball Tournament teams are chosen by coaches after tryouts with everyone given a chance at trying out (Tryouts may consist of a league season). Parents are reminded it is a bigger commitment, weekends away, lodging, etc. and must try to attend if chosen. Per VFW baseball state rules, teams are allowed two (2) ‘pickup’ players from neighboring towns. Players are allowed to play in two (2) age divisions if deemed necessary and appropriate by coaches.