

## ALL LEAGUES

### PINEVIEW SPORTS COMPLEX ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

1 PINEVIEW, in association with Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission (LCRAC), is committed to providing a safe and drug-free environment in which our children can learn and play. LCRAC requires that all managers and coaches, that serve voluntarily, must undergo a criminal background check and uphold the Code of Ethics, which states “I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events”. In conjunction with LCRAC, PINEVIEW will enforce the [ZERO TOLERANCE Drug Use Policy](#) for all managers, coaches, Board members and volunteers and spectators, as outlined below;

1.1 The use of any illegal substance, alcoholic beverage or tobacco product, within the confines of the PINEVIEW Youth Sports Complex, by any manager, coach, player, umpire or League Official or spectator is prohibited. PENALTY: The offender will be asked to immediately dispose of the offending substance. Should the offending individual refuse to immediately dispose of the offending substance he/she will be asked to leave the complex property. If necessary, a Lexington County Law Enforcement Officer will be called by a League Official and asked to escort the offender off the premises. Each occurrence will be documented and kept on file for no less than two (2) years. The first offense will result in an immediate suspension from all PINEVIEW activities for seven (7) consecutive days. After serving the seven (7) day suspension, the offender can resume participation in PINEVIEW activities. The second such documented occurrence will result in expulsion from all PINEVIEW activities for the remainder of the calendar year. Expelled managers, coaches, players, umpires and League Officials must submit a written request to the Board of Directors for consideration of renewal of participation privileges for the following year. Please refer to the [LCRAC's Zero Tolerance Policy](#)

1.2 The use of any illegal substance, tobacco product or alcoholic beverage, within the confines of the PINEVIEW Youth Sports Complex, by any person, is prohibited. PENALTY: The offending individual will be asked to immediately dispose of the offending substance. Should the offending individual refuse to immediately dispose of the offending substance he/she will be asked to leave the complex property. If necessary, a Lexington County Law Enforcement Officer will be called, by a League Official, and asked to escort the offender off the premises. Please refer to the [LCRAC's Zero Tolerance Policy](#)

1.3 This supersedes any previously stated agreement, arrangement, or ground rules on this subject.

## SECTION TWO

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1. Teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugouts and policing the area from in back of the dugout to home plate, inside and outside of the fence, immediately following completion of their game and before the next game starts, if a game follows immediately. Failure to do so could result in the suspension of the manager(s) for the next scheduled game.

2. The home team will provide an adult to operate the scoreboard. If an adult is not provided, the scoreboard will be TURNED OFF.

3. NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR FOOD are allowed in the dugout area at any time during games. All equipment not in use by players will be kept inside the dugout area. Dugout gates will remain closed during games.

4. GAME SCHEDULES will be as follows:

4.1 OZONE LEAGUE Regular season games will be played Monday through Saturday.

4.2 MINOR LEAGUE Regular season games will be played Monday through Saturday.

4.3 COACHES PITCH Regular season games will be played Monday through Saturday.

4.4 T-BALL and WEE-BALL Games will be played on Saturday.

4.5 PAL Games will be played on Saturday.

5. In the event of inclement weather, the appropriate League Commissioner will be responsible for determining the starting time of ball games and whether a game will be played or called. If a game is interrupted by rain, there will be a minimum thirty (30) minute waiting period before the umpire officially calls the game. SEE DYB OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS, RULE 3.10 (c). SEE DYB OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS, RULE 4.10 FOR DEFINITION OF A REGULATION GAME.

GAMES CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER in Ozone and Minor Leagues will be made up using the following guidelines: (1) on the first available open date following the cancellation (including Wednesday and Sunday), (2) based upon umpire availability, and (3) league commissioner approval.

Rescheduled games will not interfere with regular scheduled season games. EXCEPTIONS: No team will have a four (4) game week. No team will play three (3) games in one day.

GAMES CANCELLED due to inclement weather in Coaches Pitch, T-Ball, and PAL will be re-scheduled by that League's Commissioner and/or Assistant

Commissioner in the order in which they were postponed.

6. ANY GAME CALLED because of rain or other reasons shall resume play from the point at which it stopped. Team scorebooks will be signed either by the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Umpire or League Representative at the time play is suspended.

7. Managers will give the opposing manager a complete lineup of all players assigned to their team no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time. There will be no penalty for the failure to provide the lineup in a timely manner, but continual disregard of the courtesy could result in disciplinary action to be taken against the offending manager by the Board of Directors.

7.1 The lineup will consist of: (a) batting order  
(b) first and last name - NO NICKNAMES  
(c) position  
(d) uniform number  
(e) absentee player(s) and reason for absence

7.2 No absent player will be allowed to participate after the first pitch, unless agreed upon by both managers. The official scorekeeper will need to be informed of any such changes. A team can start with eight (8) players and end with eight (8) players.

7.3 Manager, coaches or scorekeeper will inform the opposing coach of any change made during the game.

7.4 Game rosters will be prepared only on scorebooks provided by the League.

7.5 **PLAYER SUBSTITUTION TO PREVENT FORFEIT:** A manager may borrow player(s) from another team within their league and division to prevent a forfeit. A team may start or end a game with a minimum of eight (8) players. This substitution rule only applies if the team does not have the minimum number of players present. Furthermore, the borrowed players must play outfield positions and bat at the bottom of the lineup. (Amended March 2014)

8. Managers will not carry inactive players on their rosters in order to keep from selecting another player. When a player becomes inactive, he may be dropped and, if necessary, a replacement player may be selected within three (3) days. NOTE: Before a player can be dropped a Manager must submit a written request to the Player Agent and the request must be submitted for Board approval. EXCEPTION: See Section Three, Major League, Rule 3; Section Four, Minor League, Rule 3; Section Five, Coaches Pitch, Rule 1.

8.1 Eligible reasons for dropping a player from a team may be as follows, but are not confined to:

8.1.1 INJURY which will prevent playing for a period of five (5) or more weeks.

8.1.2 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES such as, but not confined to:

- (a) Causes trouble at practice
- (b) Refuses to play the position assigned (provided they are qualified)
- (c) Causing trouble among other players
- (d) Gets angry, quits playing, and leaves the game or field.

**8.1.3 FAILURE OF PLAYER TO ATTEND PRACTICE OR GAMES.** Any player who misses a total of three (3) or more games or a total of five (5) or more practices may be dropped, with proper documentation.

**8.1.4 NO PLAYER WILL BE DROPPED FOR PLAYING ABILITY.** However a player may be dropped for safety concerns, as a precaution.

9. The reason for a player quitting must be provided in a written statement by the team manager and filed with the Player Agent within 72 hours of quitting. The Secretary will keep record.

10. The Board of Directors must approve all managers and coaches, before the season gets underway, on a yearly basis. This includes all managers and coaches approved from the previous year. Assistant coaches must have coached with the same team for one (1) year prior to the season before his son/daughter or grandchild can be considered for that team. Any exceptions to be considered must be filed in writing and will be ruled on by the Board of Directors.

11. There will be a coach's pool, to be made up of coaches that have been approved but not assigned to a team. Each team in Ozone and Minor Leagues and Coaches Pitch (not applicable to T-Ball) will have the option of selecting one individual to act as an alternate coach. Alternate coaches will be governed as follows:

11.1 An alternate coach must meet League criteria for coaching and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

11.2 An alternate coach is not recognized by Dixie Youth Baseball and cannot qualify as an All-star coach.

11.3 Serving as an alternate coach does not qualify as serving the one (1)-year eligibility standard of an assistant coach.

11.4 An alternate coach cannot participate or coach in any manner (on the field or behind the fence) when regular coaching staff is available.

11.5 An alternate coach will act only as a substitute coach for his team and cannot substitute for any other team.

11.6 The league will not purchase a shirt or hat for alternate coaches.

**PENALTY:** Any breach will result in the violating alternate coach's immediate removal from the coach's pool. No replacement alternate coach will be allowed for that team for the remainder of the season.

12. The following rules of Conduct and Sportsmanship will be strictly adhered to:

12.1 The use of profanity or profane gestures by any spectator, manager, coach, umpire, player, or League Official is prohibited. PENALTY: Removal of manager, coach, umpire, player, or League Official or said individual will be brought before the Board of Directors for appropriate disciplinary action. Spectator will be asked to cease the improper behavior. Should spectator refuse, he/she will be asked to leave the Complex and, if necessary, Lexington County law enforcement will be contacted by a League Official for removal of the spectator.

13. Any manager or coach that is asked to leave a game by an umpire (otherwise known as ejected) will be placed on probation for the remainder of the calendar year. Immediately after being ejected, the coach and umpire will complete an incident report and submit it to a board member. If the coach feels that the ejection was unjust, he/she can request the board to review the reports before suspension. If the coach does not feel a Board review is needed, the suspension will start with the next regularly scheduled game following the ejection. The Board of Directors will then decide if additional action, up to, and including loss of coaching privileges at Pineview for the remainder of the calendar year. Refusal to appear before the Board, and /or to comply with the Board's ruling, or failure to complete the required incident report will result in the removal of the manager or coach from their team for the remainder of the calendar year. This includes any and all organized activities held during the current calendar year, including Fall Ball. This action will remain on the manager/coaches file for no less than two years following the year in which the probation/removal took place. Any coach suspended from a game shall not warm-up the team or enter the playing field for any reason. The suspended coach must sit in the left or right outfield and beyond the bullpen during the game.

14. No umpire will officiate a game in which his/her child is a participant, unless there is no one else available.

15. Only team members, one manager, and two (2) coaches will be allowed in the dugout during a game. EXCEPTION: See Section Five, Coaches Pitch, Rule Three; Section Six, T-Ball, Rule Two. The team manager and coaches are the only authorized team representatives. All managers and coaches must be at least eighteen (18) years of age prior to the start of the season in which they wish to volunteer. Any exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors. Absentee coaches may only be substituted with League-approved coaches. EXCEPTION: See Section Two, All Leagues, Rule 11.5.

16. League Officials may visit the dugouts for a short period of time during games for the purpose of monitoring the conduct of players and coaches.

17. Base-line coaching:

17.1 Coaches on the base-lines shall consist of:

- (a) Eligible players in uniform with protective head gear; or
- (b) League approved adult team coaches.

17.2 Base line coaches cannot be exchanged or change from one coaching box to another during play. Only between innings can base line coach exchanges occur.

EXCEPTION: See DYB Official Rules and Regulations, Rule 4.05 (b), NOTE 1.

17.3 Base line coaches must occupy their coaching box. Base line coaches will not leave a coach's box except:

- (a) When time out is called, or after a wild throw or foul ball
- (b) When relieved of base coaching duties.

18. Managers and coaches are not permitted to position themselves behind the backstop while the opposing team's pitcher is on the mound.

19. Players are to remain behind the fence in the dugout during the game. The team manager and one (1) coach may occupy a designated area in front of their dugout. No unauthorized persons or equipment will be permitted inside the dugout.

20. All batters, "on deck" batters and base runners and players serving as base line coaches will wear protective head gear with straps (batting helmet). In the event a base runner loses the full protection of the batting helmet, the player will not be permitted to proceed beyond the base to which he/she was advancing. All catchers will wear throat protection attached to the catcher's mask and a protective cup and supporter.

21. The following guidelines will govern the advancement of runners:

21.1 Fair territory hits:

21.1.1 A ball bounding in fair territory, which proceeds to go through an open gate on the field, will be scored as a ground rule double. The batter, and all base runners, will be awarded two (2) bases from their previously held positions.

21.1.2 A ball bounding in fair territory, which lodges in the fence, will permit the batter and all base runners, to advance at the risk of being retired by the defense, a maximum of two (2) bases from their previously held position

21.1.3 A ball hit bounding in fair territory, which then proceeds to go under or through the fence will be scored as a ground rule double. The batter, and all base runners, will be awarded two (2) bases from their previously held positions.

21.1.4 A ball bounding in fair territory, which then bounces over the fence, will be scored as a ground rule double. The batter, and all base runners, will be awarded two (2) bases from their previously held positions.

21.1.5 A fly ball, in fair territory, that clears the outfield fence and then strikes an obstruction outside the fence (e.g., light pole, scoreboard, etc.) and lands back onto the field of play will be ruled an automatic homerun for the batter.

21.1.6 A fly ball, hit in fair territory, which first hits on the top of the outfield fence and continues over the fence will be ruled an automatic homerun for the batter.

21.1.7 A fly ball, hit in fair territory, which first hits on top of the outfield fence

and bounces back into the field of play will be considered a live ball and will allow the batter and all base runners to advance at the risk of being retired. If caught before touching the field of play, it will not be counted as an out, but a live ball.

## 21.2 Overthrows:

21.2.1 An overthrow at first base, third base, or home plate from which the ball remains on the playing field will be a live ball. All base runners can advance at the risk of being retired.

21.2.2 An overthrow at first base, third base, or home plate from which results in the ball going over, through, under or lodging in the fence or dugout will be ruled a dead ball. Play will be stopped and all base runners will be awarded two (2) bases; the base to which they were advancing, plus one (1) additional base.

21.3 A pitched ball that passes the catcher and goes through, or lodges in the fence (backstop), will advance base runners only to the base to which they were proceeding.

22. Selection of post-season tournament coaches and players will be governed by the following guidelines:

22.1 All League Officials and coaches agree that the manager(s) of the regular season pennant champions, in their perspective league(s), should manage their league's All-star teams. The regular season pennant champions will be the team with the best overall win-lose record. In the event of a tie, the manager of the team that won the overall season play-off will be considered the manager of the all-star team. The all-star manager will be allowed to pick the assistants of his choosing. Any selected assistant must be a League approved coach appearing on a DYB registration affidavit for that season. Ozone and Minor League all-star teams are allowed one (1) manager and two (2) coaches. Coaches Pitch all-star teams are allowed one (1) manager and three (3) coaches. If the first place team manager declines, the second place manager may be offered the position and be allowed to select he/her assistants.

22.2 The All-star team selections shall be selected in accordance with Addendum A to the By Laws.

22.3 Any player of league age 10 and under must be registered on a minor league team during the regular season to be eligible to participate in Minor league tournaments unless pulled up to Ozone at the request of the Pineview Board of Directors.

22.4 In the event the first place manager declines or is ruled ineligible to coach the All Star team, the second place manager will be offered the position and so on down the line until an acting manager accepts (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, Etc.) At no time will an assistant coach be considered for the position of All Star manager in lieu of an acting manager who was removed or declines the All Star team. (Amended June 2012)

**23. ALL SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ADHERED TO BY ALL MANAGERS AND COACHES**

23.1 It is the parent's responsibility to provide a protective cup and supporter for their children. If the child is catching, it is mandatory (see DYB rule 1.17e), and if they are playing any other position it is highly recommended, but not mandatory (see DYB rule 1.18b)

24. No manager or coach shall manage for more than one team, or in more than one league, per season. EXCEPTIONS: A manager or coach may, at any time, participate in the PAL League in conjunction with his/her regular duties in any other League. A coach or scorekeeper may assist in the T-Ball League in conjunction with his/her regular duties in any other League.

25. The Pineview Board of Directors will not sanction, approve, or acknowledge any practice, called or otherwise, held during the off season. Any coach or manager who calls a practice, voluntary or otherwise, will do so at his/her own risk. Any liability for injuries to players, parents, or bystanders will be strictly the responsibility of that coach or manager.

26. All players will wear league issued uniforms while on the playing field during regular season play. Manager/Coaches will be required to wear their league issued coach's shirt and team hat or no hat at all while on the playing field during regular season play or all-star participation. Any exceptions will be made on an individual basis, by the individual league Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner in which the manager or coach participates, or the Board President.

27. No player will be allowed to wear jewelry during a game. This would include watches, necklaces, and earrings. The first time an umpire sees someone with jewelry on both teams will be warned. If, after a warning is issued, an umpire sees another player with jewelry on then the player in question and that player's manager will both be ejected from the game. In addition, according to our ground rules, the manager will be suspended from the next game as well.

28. Batter who slings the bat (at the discretion of the umpire) after hitting the ball will receive a warning for the first offense. The second offense will result in the batter being called out.

29. The Manager shall be responsible to maintain order with his spectators. The head umpire will approach the Manager if he feels someone(s) is disordering as a warning. If the inappropriate behavior continues, then the head umpire may remove the spectator(s) and the Manager may be brought before the Board for possible disciplinary action. The Board has the authority to call Lexington County Law Enforcement to remove the spectator(s) per DYB Rule XII (E).

30. Anyone proposing a bylaw must be present at the yearly general meeting for it to be voted on. (Added June 2012)



31. Parents or a guardian of a player may provide a written request to the President, Vice President or Secretary to issue a release from the Pineview League to be reviewed and approved by majority of the Board of Directors. (Added March 2015)