

2017

# *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. Host team to be allowed in all divisions and that team must play in game number ONE of STATE TOURNAMENT play.
2. Sanction Fees - There is only 1 fee for Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and that is \$35.00 per team.
3. Radar guns are prohibited at all levels of play.
4. At all levels of play, catcher must wear full head protector. Detachable throat protector is optional. (Baseball & Softball)
5. Courtesy runner for catcher is NOT mandatory for District and State Tournaments.
6. Mandatory play rule for ALL ages. Each player listed on lineup card must have at least 1 At-Bat and 3 Defensive Outs in the field.  
**Penalty:** Forfeit (Baseball and Softball), unless game is shortened by run rule.
7. Head-first slide is allowed in all ages.
8. Official government photo ID or a copy of the original birth registration.
9. Team members MUST be in attendance at Opening ceremonies. Coach or Assistant Coach must be at Coach's Meeting. Failure to attend either Opening Ceremonies or Coach's Meeting will result in \$100.00 fine.
10. No amplified music allowed in dugout or played by fans.
11. All Star practice start date has been eliminated.

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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 eighteen 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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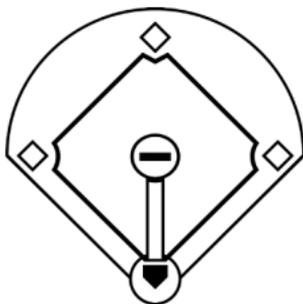
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## TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC FIELD DIMENSIONS

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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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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14U - *Cashie*

## Baseball

Machine Pitch - *South Edgecombe*

Coach Pitch - *Wendell*

Midget - *Wendell*

Little - *Southern Johnston*

Junior - *Broadway*

Senior - *Broadway Red*

# ***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 from 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 10 teams will have 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 \$35.00 per team. This fee covers district and state tournaments.

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



## II - TEAMS



A - Age for league purposes means “League Age” which is that age attained prior to May 1st of the season in question. (For example:) A boy who is ten years of age early in the season but who will be eleven years of age on or before April 30 will have a “League Age” of eleven.

B. - Should a team lose one of the players on its playing roster during a playing season for some bonafide reason, teams may add players to replace those lost by contacting the league representative.

### III - ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

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

B. - **Midget** - Any player whose eleventh (11) birthday falls on or after May 1st 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 on or after May 1st 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 on or after May 1st 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.

When such documents are not available, the League President shall forward to Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. headquarters 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 League President. If approved by the League President, must be forwarded to District Director and if approved by all parties, forwarded to State President. "Release forms" may be obtained from 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. State President has authority to rule in all disputes.

## IV - BOUNDARIES

A. - The managing personnel of each league 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 league 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.

## V - 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.

## VI - THE PLAYING FIELD

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

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

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

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

E - Home plate, the pitcher's rubber, bases, batters box, coaches box, shall be the official size used in regulation baseball. This applies to all leagues.

## VII - 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, shall not exceed 33 inches in length or 2 1/4 inches in diameter. Bat shall be BPF of 1.15. 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 League play. Metal spikes are only permitted in Junior Leagues.

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 all protective equipment, mask (to include hockey style), shin guards, chest protector, athletic supporters with protective cup and full catchers helmets in local league and tournament play. Detachable throat protector is optional.

H. - Radar guns are prohibited at ALL games.

## **VIII - FORFEITURE**

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

## **IX - PROTEST**

A. - A protest based on a play which involves umpire's judgement is not permitted. The official's word 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 manager must immediately notify the umpire he is protesting. The umpire shall announce that the game is being played under protest.

D. - A protest shall be considered only if it is placed in writing and submitted to the League President within 48 hours after the infraction in local league games only.

## **X - 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.

## **XI - MANAGERS AND 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 manager or coach may call time only once in a 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 pinch hitter inserted in his place.

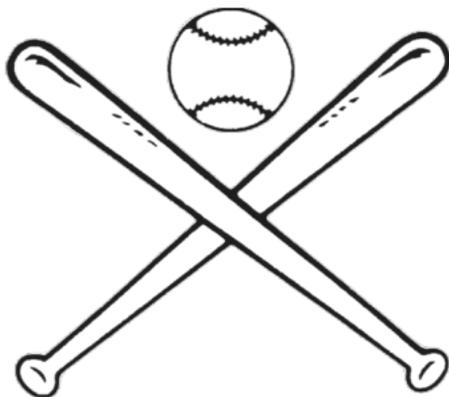
C. - All team personnel shall refrain from calling opposing players by name; they may not commit any act of unsportsmanlike conduct or they will be removed.

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

E. - A defensive manager or coach may request one charged conference per inning. On the second and any subsequent request, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. (This 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. Coach is restricted to within 3 ft. of dugout opening and shall have nothing in their possession.



## **XII - Pitching**

A, - In local league play, Midget or Little League, pitchers must have one calendar day rest after pitching in three (3) or more innings, must not exceed six (6) innings per week. If pitching three (3) or more innings Sunday, cannot pitch again until Tuesday.

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 through 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 will follow the NFHS rule book for lightning policy.



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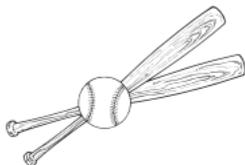
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It is almost certain, you won't.*

*If you think you'll lose, you've lost,  
For out in the world we find,  
Success begins with a person's will  
It's all in a state of mind.*

*If you think you are out classed you are,  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.*

*Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or  
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*-Anonymous Author*

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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 mark 1/2 the distance between first and second base, This hash mark 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 plate shall be in the center of a 8' radius circle.

**Teams** - There will be 16 teams (8 teams for Machine Pitch) allowed in State Tournaments based on district sanctioning, no district having more than 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. Defensive Coaches - There may be a defensive coach on right field line and left field line, provided they stay in foul territory.
- C. Defensive Coaches cannot come within 45' of base during live ball. Hash mark shall be on foul line.



## 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 consecutive innings.

2. A maximum of five runs, or three 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 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 six (6) pitches or 3 swings per at bat in Coach Pitch. Machine Pitch will be allowed five (5) pitches or three (3) swings per at bat. No limit of number of foul balls on 6th pitch or 3rd swing.

10. There is no infield fly rule.

11. No base stealing 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 leaves a base early, shall be called out by the umpire upon completion of the play. No appeals on missed bases will be allowed. Delayed dead ball will be called by umpire.

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

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

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

16. Pitcher must stay in contact with pitching rubber until ball is released. Once a pitcher/coach releases the ball, he cannot be involved with coaching until time is called. There are base coaches to direct runners. Coach may not deceive defensive players to get ball thrown before time is called. **Penalty:** Ball is dead, batter is declared out and all runners return to base occupied before pitch and lead runner declared out. Adult pitcher should only communicate with batter before ball is put in play. Coach must leave the field once ball is put in play, either by 1st or 3rd base line.

17. If batted ball hits coach/pitcher before defensive player touches ball, ball is dead, all runners advance 1 base if forced. If coach/pitcher intentionally interferes, ball is dead, batter is declared out and all runners return to base occupied before pitch and lead runner declared out.

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

19. The offensive coach will operate the pitching machine.

20. 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.

21. Batters will not be walked, nor can they take first by Hit By Pitch (HBP).

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

23. Must have 10 players to start a game defensively. A team may finish with 9 players. Disqualified/ejection of player will be 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 cannot continue, and his team does not have a substitute, he/she will be ruled out at his/her next turn at bat. At his second and subsequent turns at bat (after he/she comes out of the game), his spot in the batting order will be skipped each time he is due to hit.

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

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

F. - Once a pitcher starts motion toward home plate, pitcher has to deliver ball. If pitcher stops motion, balk will be called. No penalty with no runners on base.

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

H. - A runner leaving his base before the ball reaches the plate will result in a delayed dead ball being called and the runner removed and called out.

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

J. Mandatory play rule for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on lineup card and is at the game must have 1 At-bat **and** 3 Defensive Outs in the field. **Penalty:** Forfeit unless game is shortened by 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 - Baseball: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings.

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 line-up as near as possible. Losing team must have an equal number of at-bats.

D. - All tournament games must be completed - (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 pitch to a batter he shall be considered as having pitched one inning.

D. - No Midget League pitcher will be allowed to pitch more than 12 innings in each level of tournament play, but no more than 6 innings in one day.

E. - A pitcher shall be considered ineligible if they make one legal pitch after reaching the pitching limitations, opposing team responsibility.

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

G. - Pitchers must have at least (1) one 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.

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



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**Gary Johnson - Director**

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**Jan Ashley - Administrative Specialist**

**Dennis Tyner - Maintenance Supervisor**

**Channing Byrd - Maintenance**

**Cedric Raynor - Maintenance**

# 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 - REGULATION GAME**

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

D. - Once a player misses his 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 will be ruled out each time he is due to bat.

F. - if a team is using 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. - Little League games shall be 6 innings unless shortened or lengthened legally. Junior League games shall be 7 innings unless

shortened or lengthened legally.

H. - Run rule for Little League: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings.

Run rule for Junior League: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings.

I. - 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 line-up as near as possible.

J. - 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 (Little League) or the home team is ahead in the bottom of the 7th inning (Junior League); or the game is called because of the run rule.

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

L. - 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 game is shortened by run rule.

## 2.00 - 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 pitch to a batter he shall be considered as having pitched one 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 6 inning 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 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. **This rule applies to both Local League and Tournament play and may not be waived.**

F. - A pitcher shall be considered ineligible if he makes one legal pitch after reaching the pitching limitations, opposing team responsibility.

G. - A team that uses an ineligible pitcher must remove the player from the mound, coach is ejected and innings counted toward pitching record.

H. - A defensive manager or coach may request one charged conference per inning. On second and any subsequent request, the pitcher must be removed from mound. (This does not include 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. Sponsoring local league will pay \$100.00 fine before teams can participate in district or state tournaments the following year. This also includes Opening Ceremonies for each State Tournament.

3A - Host teams will be allowed in all divisions. Host team must play game number one 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 - Host team must provide rooms for Tournament Directors (THL Board).

3D - Host site has option to charge at gate for tournament, 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.

3E - Host site reserves right to disallow coolers.

4. All Tar Heel League 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 League play on a team representing another Tar Heel 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 2 different All-Star teams or play All-Stars for 2 different age groups.

7. Birth certificates and team affidavits must be approved by THL Board 1 hour before the team's first game. Birth certificates will stay with team manager and must be available for tournament directors at each game.

8. Each pitcher's tournament pitching record must be approved by Head Coach no later than 30 minutes following completed game.

9. Any player is eligible for the Tournament team provided he 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 approves the change, sign said statement, and attach it to the manager's copy of the eligibility affidavit.

11. If a manager shall decide that an umpire's decision is in violation of the tournament play rules, he 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. Mandatory for a coach for each team to be at coaches meeting of State Tournament. Teams who do not attend will be assessed a \$100 fine.

14. Mandatory for all teams to be at opening ceremonies for State Tournaments. Teams must be in uniforms. Teams who do not attend will be assessed a \$100 fine.

15. No protest shall ever be permitted in tournament play for the use of ineligible players by age not challenged and proven before

starting time of game in question.

16. Only 13 tournament players, 4 adults and 1 bat person shall occupy the bench or dug-out during the game. Only persons named on affidavit will be allowed in dug-out area.

17. The home and visiting teams in each tournament game shall be determined by toss of the coin, by game officials.

18. 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.

19. 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 and see that publicity is given to news media.

20. Any coach or player ejected from 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.

21. Tar Heel Leagues Board of Directors will serve as Protest Committee at all State Tournaments.

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

23. No baseball team may be scheduled for more than two (2) games per day. Exception: Coach Pitch allowed four (4) games per day.

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

25. Courtesy runners for catcher or pitcher at any time. Courtesy runner cannot be active in lineup. Expended players are eligible as a courtesy runner. If a team has 9 or less players, the player making the last out is eligible as a courtesy runner for catcher only with two outs. Continuous batting order will be last to make out.

26. If a team uses a bat person, said person must wear protective head gear.

27. Bat person shall not exceed age of players participating.

28. 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.

29. THL will follow NFHS rule book for our lightning policy.

30. No amplified music allowed in dugouts.

31. Mandatory play requirement for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on lineup card must have 1 At-Bat **and** 3 Defensive Outs in the field.

**Penalty:** Forfeit, unless game is shortened by the run rule.

# UMPIRES

A. - It is recommended that 2 umpires work each game (local league).

B. - It is recommended that 3 umpires work all tournament games, except Coach and Machine Pitch and Softball. All umpires that work District and State Tournaments must be dressed in navy blue, light blue, or black shirts, gray pants and be 18 years of age. All umpires that work District and State Tournaments must be registered with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and all umpires dressed alike.

C. - Any umpire selected to work District or State Tournaments must attend a Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. clinic and register with Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. and have Liability Insurance.

D. - Umpires will be selected by Umpire-In-Chief at June meeting for purpose of officiating State Tournament games. Umpires not registered by May 15th of current year will not be eligible to officiate State Tournament games of current year.

E. - Umpire-In-Chief will assign all umpires per game at each State Tournament site.

F. - No umpire will be allowed to officiate any game when any family member is involved. This includes District or State Tournament.

G. - Minimum of JR. League \$55.00. ML & LL \$45.00 per game for State Tournament. All Softball \$45.00. Coach and Machine Pitch - \$30.00 per game. To work District and State Tournaments an umpire must have Liability Insurance effective 2014.

H. - Approved use of Tar Heel umpire training video will be allowed, if approved by District Director and supervised by league supervisor.

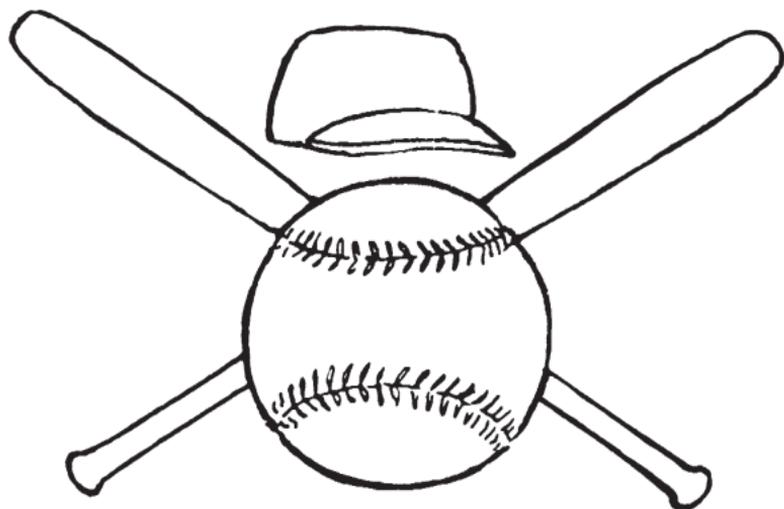
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others who have lost loved ones during the past year.  
We always want you to know that we care and your  
sorrows are shared by others. As we all pass through  
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# TAR HEEL LEAGUES, INC

## 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 **4** categories and they are:

*Player/Coach, Umpire, Administrator, Contributor*

**Player/Coach** - Any coach or player who has participated in Tar Heel Leagues 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 5 years to local program.

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

**Administrator** - This category is open to any one who may have served on local level or state level in any capacity such as League President or on State Board. 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  
Smithfield, NC 27577



## HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

### Administrators

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Home</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
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

## HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

### Contributors

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

# HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

## Coaches

<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

## Umpires

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Home</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></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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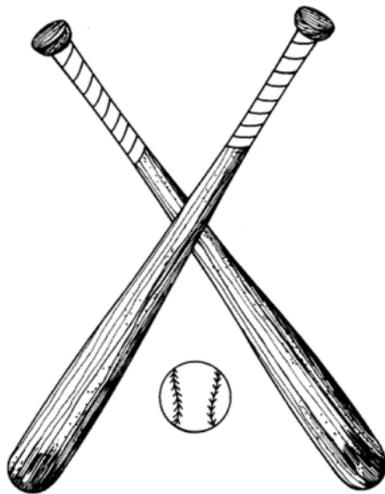


Send All information to:

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 2649  
 Smithfield, NC 27577

# CRITERIA FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Involvement in Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. either present year or past years. Player (current or previous), and children of parents that coached, umpired, or were administrators.
2. Be a High School Senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA, eligible for graduation in June of the current year, OR a Freshman in college with a minimum 2.0 GPA with plans to continue in 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 interest, i.e., clubs, sports, church, scouts, or other experiences or accomplishments.
6. Write a short paragraph telling 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
2000	Adam Hawes	Sanford
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

# 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

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 Poulos	Boone	Guilford

# 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 Comm.
2015	Colby Henthorne	Lenoir	Coker College
2015	Caroline Dorman	Benson	Pitt CC
2015	Grif Taylor	Williamston	ECU
2016	McKinley Johnson	Four Oaks	UNCW

# 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

## 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

# SOFTBALL

## DIVISIONS

**8 & Under** - Any player whose ninth (9) birthday does not fall before January, 1st of current year.

**10 & Under** - Any player whose eleventh (11) birthday does not fall before January, 1st of current year.

**12 & Under** - Any player whose thirteenth (13) birthday does not fall before January, 1st of current year.

**15 & Under** - Any player whose sixteenth (16) birthday does not fall before January, 1st of current year.



***Tar Heel Leagues***  
**8 & Under - Softball (Coach and Machine)**  
**Official Rules - Tournament Play**

**Playing Field** -

- A. There shall be a chalked hash mark  $\frac{1}{2}$  the distance between first and second base, This hash mark 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 plate shall be in the center of a 8' radius circle.

**Teams** - There will be 12 teams (Coach Pitch) and 8 teams (Machine Pitch) allowed in State Tournaments based on district sanctioning, no district having more than 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. Defensive Coaches - There may be a defensive coach on right field line and left field line, provided they stay in foul territory.
- C. Defensive Coaches cannot come within 45' of base during live ball. Hash mark shall be on foul line.



## 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 consecutive innings.

2. A maximum of five runs, or three 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 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 six (6) pitches or 3 swings per bat for Coach Pitch. No limit of number of foul balls on 6th pitch or 3rd swing. For Machine Pitch the batter will be allowed five (5) pitches or three (3) swings per at-bat.

10. There is no infield fly rule.

11. No base stealing 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 leaves a base early, shall be called out by the umpire upon completion of the play. No appeals on missed bases will be allowed. Delayed dead ball will be called by umpire.

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

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

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

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

17. If batted ball hits coach/pitcher before defensive player touches ball, ball is dead, all runners advance 1 base if forced. If coach/pitcher intentionally interferes. **Penalty:** Ball is dead, batter is declared out and all runners return to base occupied before pitch and lead runner declared out.

18. No steel cleats allowed.

19. The Adult pitcher **MUST** leave the field, 1st, or 3rd base line, when batted ball is put in play.

20. Pitching machine will be set 40' 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 take 1st 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 base.

25. Must have 10 players to start a game defensively. A team may finish with 9 players. Disqualified/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
Pitchers Plate:	35 Feet
Circle at Pitchers Plate:	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 will solely be the decision of the officiating crew.

5. Six innings will constitute a complete game unless one team is ahead by 12 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 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. 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 as **called by the plate official**. Upon the batter receiving ball four offensive coach will enter to pitch to the batter. If the batter has a four ball count and no strikes then the coach will have three pitches only, if she has four balls and one strike count then the coach will have two pitches only, and

if the batter has four balls and two strikes then the coach will have one pitch only. If after the above has been completed and the batter is still at home plate she shall be 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 official 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 inch Softball.

16. Infield fly rule is in effect.

17. No steel cleats allowed.

18. A player hit by a pitch will be awarded 1st base when the player is pitching on the defensive team, but is not awarded 1st when coach is pitching.

## **12 & Under - Softball**

1. Playing field Dimensions

Bases:	60 Feet
Pitchers Plate:	40 Feet
Circle at Pitchers Plate:	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 fielders defensively but may bat thirteen players. The thirteen batters must be on the original line up card given to the plate official.

5. Six innings will constitute a complete game unless one team is ahead 12 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 4 innings.

6. This program will use a twelve inch softball.

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

8. 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 official and will be ruled on when all playing action is over. There are no appeals from the defense in the 12U program.
10. No steel cleats allowed.

## **15 & Under - Softball**

### 1. Playing field Dimensions

Bases:	60 Feet
Pitchers Plate:	43 Feet
Circle at Pitchers Plate:	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.
4. Teams will play nine fielders defensively but may bat thirteen players. The thirteen batters must be on the original line up card given to the plate official.
5. Seven innings will constitute a complete game. Run Rule will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings. 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 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, except 8U, will play more than 3 games in a day. 8U may play 4 games.
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 9 or less players the courtesy runner will be the player making the last out and it can only be for the catcher with 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 in dugouts.

6. Must have a minimum of 4 teams to play a State Tournament.

7. Mandatory play rule for **ALL** ages. Each player listed on lineup card must have at least 1 At-Bat **and** 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 player being removed or replaced. 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 8**

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 & Liability Insurance

Harold "Buck" Gaines Scholarship Nominees

Bob Hales Scholarship Nominees

Gary Taylor Memorial Scholarship Nominees

Tar Heel League 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.

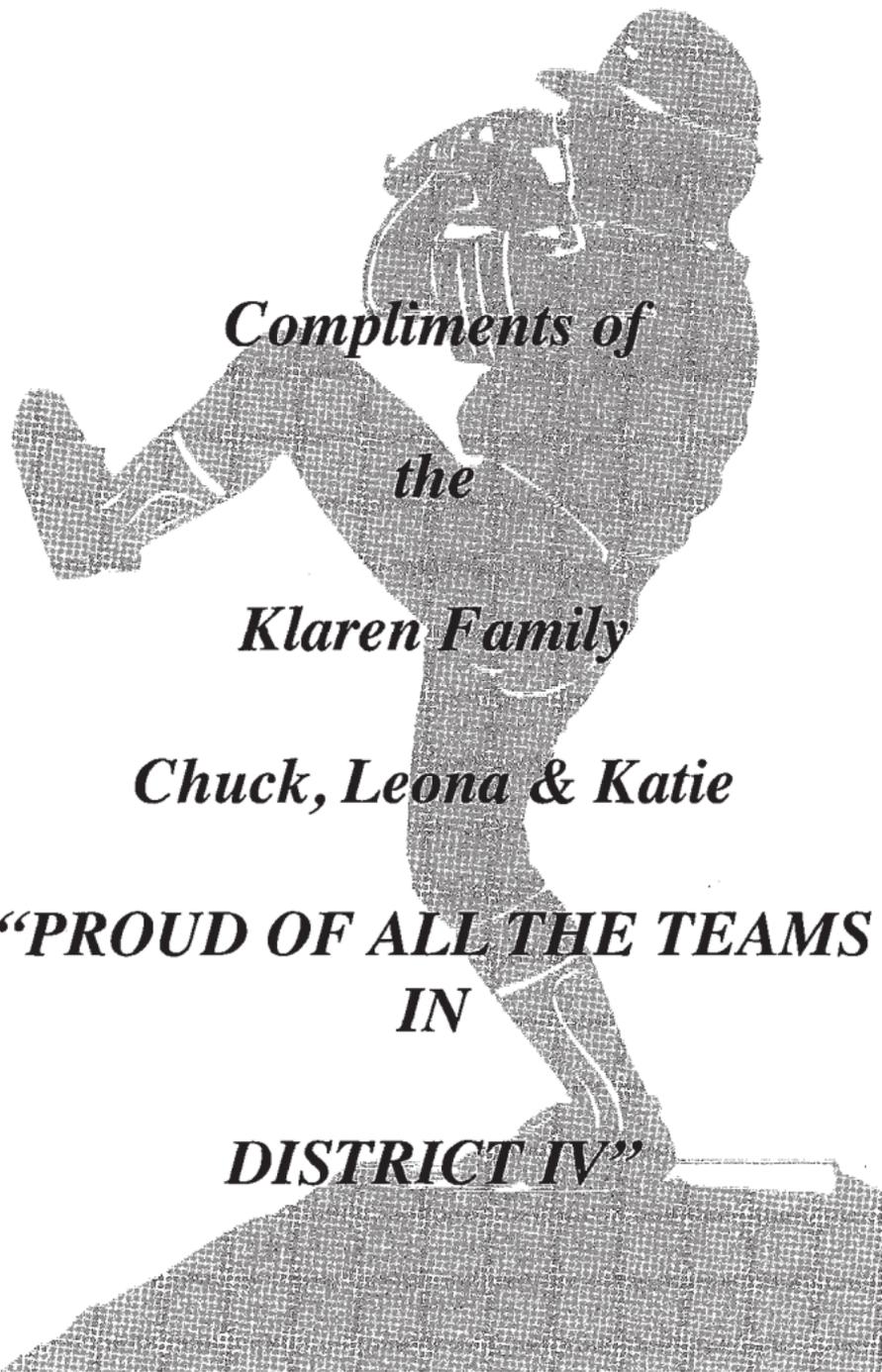
The form is available for download from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association web site. The link to the form is listed below.

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 susceptible 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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*Chuck, Leona & Katie*

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IN  
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**#1 Rule**  
**HAVE FUN!**

**Make Friends & Memories  
That Will Last A Lifetime**



**The Family of  
HAROLD GAINES  
"THE CANDY MAN"**

**Hope You Have a FUN 2017 Season  
Alyce, Amy, Rodney & Abby**

"And can it be that in a world so full and busy, the loss of one creature makes a void in any heart, so wide and deep that nothing but the width and depth of eternity can fill it up!"

Author: Charles Dickens

COMPLIMENTS

OF

***The Pace Family***

Oscar, Carla,

Justin,

Megan & Kasey

“We support Tar Heel Leagues, Inc.  
as they support our youth.”



## Notes



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