

Beachmont Christian Ministries Men's Softball League



2010 Rules

1. The league information is found on Beachmont's webpage at www.beachmont.org.
2. Entry Fee \$700.00 (Full amount due by your first game).

Checks should be made payable to:
Beachmont Christian Ministries (6433 Mt. Vista Road Kingsville, MD 21087).
3. First Game, Second Game Start time 6:00 PM and 7:05 PM (visiting team has field 5:35-5:45 p.m.).
Forfeit time 6:15 PM and 7:20 p.m. (home team has field 5:45-5:55 p.m.).
4. Player Requirements: Must have 8 players to start and/or continue a game. Players must be on the roster. Removal of batter from the lineup, for any reason, who cannot be replaced will result in an out being registered each time the removed player would have batted. IF 9 players are present at 6:00pm – start. If 8 players are present at 6:15pm – start. OR coach's discretion at 6:00pm even if only 8 players are present. Up to 14 batters will be allowed in each lineup.
5. Roster:
 - a. Roster must be submitted via E-mail to Beachmont's office before the first game. E-mail address: deanna@beachmont.org
 - b. Adding players requires E-mail report to Beachmont's office one week before players' first game. Adding players must be done by E-mail. E-mail address is office@beachmont.org.
 - c. Additional players may be added at anytime, replacing inactive players. Teams are allowed a maximum of 30 players. Players must have reached their 15th birthday *before* the start of the season.
 - d. Players must attend church on a regular basis.
 - e. Players will be trusted for honesty concerning eligibility of your players for each game.
6. The only acceptable spiked shoe will consist of a one-piece molded rubber sole. No metal spike and not screw in plastic studs will be allowed.
7. Score/roster sheets are located in the mailbox at the ball field. Official score and roster will be maintained by both teams at each game. Include last and first name for eligibility requirements. Each team is responsible for turning in completed score and roster sheets – you can either return them to the mailbox after each game or e-mail them by 12:00 noon the following day (deanna@beachmont.org). Scores and standings will be updated on the website by each following Monday.

8. Protest: The Umpire's judgment on the field will be final. The Umpire will enforce the aforementioned start times. No changes will be made to the start times unless by prior approval of the commissioner.

9. Completed Game:

Regular season games:

- a. Completion of 5 innings when called because of darkness, weather or time, otherwise at the end of 7 innings
- b. 10 run rule after 5 complete innings played
- c. Incomplete games will be replayed in their entirety
- d. Game 1 will stop at 7:05 PM regardless of what inning has been completed. If the home team is behind, the current inning must be completed

Play-Off Games:

- a. Completion of 7 innings
- b. 10-run rule after 5 complete innings played
- c. Incomplete games will be continued from the last inning played

10. Field Conditions: Every effort will be made to declare rainouts by 4:30 PM on the day of the game. For field conditions call the Beachmont office (410-592-3648) NOT the commissioner. If in doubt: SHOW UP!

11. The commissioner will be the only person to schedule rainouts of incomplete games. The teams involved must call the commissioner for the make up dates. Failure to call may result in a forfeit. Make-up games will be scheduled at least 3 days ahead. Monday and Tuesday make-ups may be scheduled for the next Saturday on the calendar. **Communication is a necessity.**

12. Final standings in the respective leagues will determine the seeds for the double elimination playoffs within the two divisions. The top three teams of each division will enter the playoffs. The two divisional winners will play a best of 3 series for the league Championship. Trophies will be awarded to the divisional winners and to the first and second place finishers of the League Championship. Ties regarding final standing will be broken by: 1) best record between tied teams, 2) best record within the division, 3) one game playoff.

13. Player Participation: It is the opposing team's responsibility to bring rule infractions concerning participation to the attention of the league commissioner. Inquiries must be made in writing by coaches only.

- a. A 10 position batting order is standard, at coaches' discretion an extra player may be used, creating an 11 position batting order.
- b. A substitute batter can be inserted into the lineup and the started player who was replaced can be reinserted into his original position one time.

- c. When the substitute batter has been removed from the lineup, he cannot be reinserted in any batting position.
 - d. A substitute runner will be allowed only one time for injury replacement.
- 14. Uniforms are not required.
- 15. There will be one foul to waste on the third strike. All other rules according to A.S.A.
- 16. A player must have played in 10 league games to be eligible for tournament play. The commissioner will settle a player's eligibility. Game results will be used to determine eligibility.
- 17. Out-of-bounds lines will run in line with the rear of the backstop fence from the backstop outward.
- 18. A fly ball to the right of the centerfield marker that clears the line above the right field ditch and lands on the hill is a homerun*. A fly ball to the right of the centerfield marker that lands below the line but beyond the ditch is a single. A fly ball beyond the ditch is not playable. Any ball to the left of the centerfield marker is alive. Three home runs to the right field is the limit. After three each home run is a single.
- 19. A fly ball to the right of the centerfield marker that lands in or over the right field ditch is a ground rule single. A ground ball to the right of the centerfield marker that enters the ditch is a ground rule double. If in the umpires judgment the ball is played into the ditch by a fielder to purposely impede the runners progress he will award an additional base or bases as guided by A.S.A. rules.
- 20. Using the Lord's name in vain or any other language deemed unchristian will not be allowed. Upon the request of the other team's coach, the umpire will at the time of the first offense warn the team. Upon the request of either coach, the umpire will at the time of the second offense, eject the player from the game.
- 21. A catcher's mask is required.
- 22. All rainouts scheduled by the commissioner are final.
- 23. Each team is required to turn in a completed score sheet. Game sheets without rosters will NOT be counted towards eligibility regarding playoffs. The commissioner will advise playoff teams of the eligible players before playoffs begin. Rosters must include a typed list of players names; last name first and in alphabetical order.
- 24. As of the 2009 season the WORTH EST 2009 or older bat will be allowed. New MetalWood bats will also be legal this season. All bats will be shared among teams.

25. This league will use the “avoid contact”. This means if a defensive player has the ball the runner must give up and/or slide. If in the judgment of the umpire the play was a bang, bang play, contact will not result in the runner being called out.

26. Regular season play will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count on the batter to speed up play.

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