

COFFEYVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION BLASTBALL RULES

**Blastball is an instructional league, however, the integrity of the game must be maintained at all times.
NO league standings will be kept.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. A player must reside within the U.S.D. 445 School District, to be eligible to play as an in-district participant.
2. Out-of-district participants will be allowed to participate if space is available and will be required to pay an additional fee.
3. New players moving to Coffeyville who sign up after the registration deadline will be assigned to a team by the Recreation Commission where space is available.
4. A player must be 4 years of age by April 30th of the current year to be eligible to play Blastball.
5. Blastball is designed for boys and girls to introduce the fundamentals of baseball/softball.

EQUIPMENT/FIELD

1. Players do not use gloves.
2. A tee, a foam bat and a foam ball are used to ensure the players' safety.
3. Only one base will be used, which "honks" when it is stepped on and will be referred to as the "blastbase".
4. Only one cone and one distance marker will be used for fair balls.
5. The blast base will be 30 feet from the tee.

RULES

1. Blastball games will consist of 3 innings or 45 minutes, whichever occurs first.
2. Every player bats while their team is on offense every inning.
3. The play of the game shall go as follows:
 - A batter hits the ball past the fair distance marker and then runs to the blast base.
 - When a fielder stops the ball, he/she holds the ball up and yells BLAST.
 - If the fielder yells BLAST before the batter honks the blast base, the batter is out.
 - If the batter honks the blast base before the fielder yells BLAST, the batter is safe.
4. No formal fielding positions are used. Fielding positions will be marked with an "X". Each fielder will stand on a designated "X" until the ball is hit off the tee and past the fair ball marker.
5. The batter remains at the tee until they hit the ball past the fair distance marker.
6. At the end of the game, each team must line-up to shake hands with the opposing team.
7. If a game is called due to rain, light failure, etc., there will be a 15 minute delay. If the game is called and three innings have not been played, the game will be handled as a suspended game and rescheduled for a later date. Home team will be responsible for information regarding the suspended game (number of outs, runners on base, etc.).
8. A player or coach who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further until proper treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable will be umpire judgment. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the individual can participate again.
9. Players and managers will conduct themselves at all times according to the rules of the game. A player or manager who is ejected from the game will be penalized as follows: if a coach is removed from a game, due to conduct, they must meet with the Director of Recreation and Program Supervisor before their team's next practice, game, or meeting to determine their status as a coach. Coaches and managers can be suspended or removed from their coaching duties at any time due to misconduct ON or OFF the field.
10. Striking an umpire, player, coach, spectator, official or CRC representative will result in an immediate suspension for the remainder of that season, plus a one year ban from ALL CRC sponsored activities. Upon review by the CRC Director, the player or manager's future participation status will be determined.
11. Any fans or spectators that continually harass or display poor sportsmanship toward umpires, officials, coaches, players, etc, will be asked to leave the facility or grounds. If fans are ejected, they may be suspended from all CRC activities for a period of 12 months upon review by the CRC Director.
12. **All rules are subject to change by the Program Director or Director of Recreation.**