

Indian Trail's alternative to travel baseball!

Tournament baseball in conjunction with Little League, Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken, Dixie Youth, and Pony League

Mission Statement:

The Carolina Challenge Baseball League (CCBL) exists to strengthen and support the growth of youth baseball in the Carolinas by helping players develop their skills. We believe in the traditional youth leagues, whether they are Little League, Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken, Dixie Youth or Pony League. Our goal is to provide the best value possible to the players and parents who are looking for the opportunity to play against better competition in a tournament format. Another goal is to help traditional youth leagues provide their better players with a higher level of baseball so that they can keep these players in their associations.

Entry Requirements:

Only youth leagues may enter teams in the CCBL. The league must be chartered with one of the major umbrella leagues, including Little League, Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth, Dixie Youth and Pony League. No independent "travel teams" or "baseball factory teams" are permitted. League Presidents will certify their teams by submitting copies of their regular season team rosters to CCBL, with participating players highlighted.

Each League President or Commissioner must make sure his association's teams are formed per the rules, and sign off on each roster to verify this. **There is a two step process to play in CCBL tournaments:**

STEP 1 Team Registration - Submit team registration form and follow instructions to submit a team roster. Team rosters must be submitted, listing players and coaches. Each roster must be signed by the Association's League President or Commissioner. A team roster must be sent to CCBL, along \$35 team registration fee (make checks out to CCBL). The roster and registration fee must be received by 3/14/06 for your team to participate in March tournaments. This roster is good for all Spring 2006 tournaments. If you need to add or drop a player, revisions may be sent up to 10 days prior to tournament start date. League President or Commissioner must sign the revised roster. [ONLINE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM](#)

STEP 2 Tournament Entry Form - Each team must submit an entry form for each tournament, making sure the tournament dates, age group and other information are completed correctly. This form, along with payment of \$225 per team, per tournament, (make checks out to CCBL), will get your team entered into the tournament. March Tournament Registration Form must be in by 3/14/06, so that we can put together schedules, book umpires, etc.

[TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM](#)

Team registration and tournament entry payment page [CLICK HERE](#)

Team Selection:

Associations must hold open tryouts at each age group, available to all players participating on one of their regular season teams. Associations must also adhere to their umbrella league rules against pre-selecting an All Star team. The intent of CCBL is to help associations develop more players, and to provide additional opportunities for evaluating players that may be selected to an All Star team later.

Player Eligibility:

Participants must be an active player on one of their association's regular season team rosters. Age for the 2007 season is determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2007. Players must provide a copy of their official birth certificate to CCBL as proof of age. [2007 age chart](#)

Coaches must also be on a regular season roster.

Team Composition:

Each team shall consist of no less than 15 players or more than 18 players, a manager and two coaches. Team rosters must be submitted to CCBL no later than March 15, 2007, for the 2007 season. Each team must pay a registration fee to cover umpire booking fees and administrative expenses. The association league president must sign each team roster and certify that each player and coach is eligible to participate. Any changes to team rosters, either players or coaches, must be received and acknowledged by CCBL prior to any new player or coach participating in any CCBL tournament. Association league presidents must certify any roster changes.

Note: The 15 player minimum is due to rules against pre-selecting All Star teams. Teams are encouraged to develop a rotation system so that a team brings no more than 12 players to a single game. For example: with 15 players on a team, the team could have 9 core players that play every game, and 6 developmental players that play every other game. This means 3 players play the first game and the other 3 players play the second game, etc. A team with 18 players could have 6 core players, and 12 developmental players. CCBL tournament score keepers will check lineups against rosters to ensure players are eligible and that rotation guidelines are followed correctly. Teams may bring all players on their roster to a game if they so choose. [Roster download](#)

Age & Divisions:

There are two major CCBL age groupings:

Juniors (12 and under): includes 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u

Note: 8u will have a Coach Pitch league and a Machine Pitch league

Seniors (13 and up): includes 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, 17 to 19.

There are also two Divisions in CCBL:

4A Division: for the largest associations with more players to choose from

3A Division: for the other associations

Note: CCBL will work with association league presidents to determine the proper division for each team. CCBL reserves the right to move a team from one division to the other based upon game results.

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Tournament Play:

CCBL will hold tournaments one weekend per month in March, April, May, and June. The format will be pool play, and a championship round. Leagues will be asked not to schedule regular season games on these weekends so that their challenge players can participate.

CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT - Spring Tournament for ages 8U coach pitch, 8U machine pitch, 9, 10, 11, 12

March 30 ([click here for team registration & tournament entry info](#))

May 4 (host & locations to be announced)

May 25 (host & locations to be announced)

We are working with area youth organizations to manage the "Carolina Challenge Baseball League". For more info or to join one of our age divisions or play in our tournaments contact us. Spring baseball 2007 is here! Call it what you want, Challenge league, Select Baseball, travel baseball, tournament info. You found the source for EXTRA BASEBALL in Charlotte, NC and surrounding areas including York County SC, Tega Cay, Rock Hill, Ft. Mill, Monroe, Belmont, Gastonia, Shelby, Concord, Gaston County, Union County, Mecklenburg County, Cabarrus County and more! For more information about Youth Baseball, league resources, tournament brackets, sample league documents and youth baseball in the Charlotte, NC area [CLICK HERE!](#)

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Note: It is recommended that associations set aside Sunday afternoons for challenge practice. Players do not develop by playing tournament games alone – they must receive proper instruction and have the chance to

2007 Carolina Challenge Baseball League Game Rules

Game rules for ages 9 through 12:

- Games played on 60' bases and 46' pitching distance
- No leadoff; runner cannot leave the base until the pitched ball crosses the plate
- Free substitution of players in and out of the game
- Continuous batting order – all players are in the batting order
- No head first slides, except back to the base the player occupies
- Must slide to avoid contact
- No 10 batter rule – the defense must get 3 outs
- There is a 10 run slaughter rule after 4 innings
- Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game

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- Once a pitcher is removed from pitching, he may not pitch again in that game
- Infield fly rule is in effect
- Minimum of 8 players required to start a game
- No big barrel bats
- Time limit: do not start another inning after 2 hours
- Play to win – no ties

Additional rules for 8 year olds:

Machine Pitch Division rules:

- All rules listed for ages 9 to 12 apply
- Will play machine pitch, using spring loaded machine set at 38 mph
- Defense plays a 4th outfielder; all outfielders must be at least 12' behind bases and base paths

NOTE:

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Infield fly rule is in effect

- Stealing or advancing on a past ball is allowed; player may not leave base until the pitched ball crosses the plate
- Bunting is allowed

Coach Pitch Division rules:

- All rules listed for ages 9 to 12 apply except the following
- No Infield fly rule
- No base stealing or advancing on a past ball
- No bunting
- Defense plays a 4th outfielder; all outfielders must be at least 12' behind bases and base paths work fundamentals at practice.

Tournament Hosts:

CCBL will work with member associations to determine hosts for each tournament. Hosts must have adequate field space, and fields must meet minimum requirements such as fence distance, safe dugouts and pitching mounds, and properly maintained fields. Hosts must also have adequate concession and restroom facilities. CCBL will hire Tournament Directors, Official Scorekeepers, and Field Crews for each tournament, as well as umpires. Teams will pay an [entry fee](#), and there will be an [Admission Charge](#) at the gate for anyone watching the tournament. (Players and coaches in uniform do not pay admission.) The host association will run concessions and keep all proceeds from concessions. The host association will also receive a percentage of the gate. CCBL will use the team entry fees and the remainder of the gate to pay for baseballs, umpires, tournament director, official scorekeepers, and field crew.

Insurance:

Each team must have insurance in order to participate in a tournament. Many associations have policies that cover challenge teams already. If not, CCBL has arranged for teams to buy insurance through K&K Insurance, a major provider of insurance for youth sports. [Team / Player costs](#).