

REDBACKS BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

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CLUB RULES 2017



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1 GENERAL CLUB RULES

- 1.1 All members are to abide by the Club's constitution and governing bodies constitution.
- 1.2 The most senior representative baseball team shall be called the "Essex Redbacks" other Redbacks adult teams, baseball or softball shall be called Redbacks prefaced with a moniker showing the local region / area represented. The youth teams shall be called the "Forest Glade Redbacks or a derivative of using such the Redbacks moniker. The Club shall be based in, and play in, the South Essex Area namely Chelmsford and Billericay. Any further adult or youth team teams generated shall be named by Committee vote using the Redbacks moniker in adherence to British Baseball Federation (BBF) or British Softball Federation (BSF) rules.
- 1.3 The Club shall always be affiliated to the sports governing body.
- 1.4 All members shall respect, use properly and look after any equipment belonging to the Club or its members during and in between activities and events. Wilful damage or misuse will be deemed to be a breach of Club rules and payments for replacements sought.
- 1.5 All club members attending games are to be included by the Club's management in some capacity, unless extraordinary circumstances prevail, so that all members play on game day at some stage where or when possible, unless it is deemed detrimental to the game outcome.
- 1.6 All players should wear club uniform (cap pants, and jersey) during official BBF, BSF or tournament games. Uniform should be clean and seen as not to detriment the club standard or brand.



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2 CONDUCT RULES

- 2.1 The Club shall be open to all ages, sexes, nationalities, ethic backgrounds or religious beliefs. Minimum age is four as advised by insurance guidelines and is only subject to change when advised.
- 2.2 Each member should be prepared to be called upon to officiate at a game on a rota basis; provided it is believed that the person is competent to officiate to a desirable level.
- 2.3 The first five people at practice session/game shall be expected to aid in the setting up of equipment but are excused the duty of striking and stowing away any equipment at the end of the session/game unless nine persons or less attend the activity.
- 2.4 All members will be expected to abide by the direction and guidelines given by the Club's Executive Committee and officers, regarding behaviour, co-operation and commitment.
- 2.5 Members shall be asked to co-operate during all Club activities to ensure a co-ordinated effort to achieve objectives. This is during events, Promotions, games and practice sessions.
- 2.6 Each member is asked to remember that they represent the Club and that comments or behaviour are to reflect the general mood and well being of other members. Harmony and co-operation amongst members is essential.
- 2.7 All members are to abide and adhere to the Club's rules.
- 2.8 The Clubs members are to act and interact in a manner befitting the good and friendly nature of the Club. Disputes and indifferences are to be brought to the Committee via the player representative and/or captain or team manger and amicably settled. Any un-toward or unbecoming behaviour, descent, violence, libellous, slanderous, racist, discriminatory or indecent behaviour or actions will not be tolerated and members unable to adhere to this rule will be handled through the clubs disciplinary procedures and could be reprimanded by the Committee with continuation of membership reconsidered, terminated or refused.
- 2.9 All players, coaches and volunteers must abide by the club code of conduct.

3 WELFARE SAFTEY RULES

- 3.1 The club and its members are to provide help (by agreement) with funding to continually better and/or improve facilities, equipment and status of the Club.
- 3.2 No members are to embark on potentially dangerous activities without adequate supervision or training and permission of Committee.
- 3.3 Any lost, damaged or dangerous equipment shall be reported to the Club's officials immediately. Any faulty equipment, plant, or electrical devices are to be taken out of use immediately.
- 3.4 The safety of Club members is paramount and all members are to act and "drill" using safe recognised methods.
- 3.5 An updated and regularly inspected first aid kit is brought to all practise sessions, games and promotional/exhibition events and is the responsibility of all Club members to make sure that it is present at all activities.



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4 EVENTS/ACTIVITY RULES

- 4.1 Members are to report in good time for all activities, events, training, games and functions unless a reasonable excuse is given to the Head Coach (in the case of training), Team Manager (for game days) or other event lead at least 2 hours before the event (unless there are exceptional circumstances).
- 4.2 Members are required to use changing facilities at home/away venues and are to avoid changing at the side of the diamond (shoes only). Indecency laws apply in this circumstance. At home games field set up is to be achieved first, so that the away team can use the diamond. Whilst changing within the changing rooms (if available) attention is to be given to tactics by manager/skipper/coaches. Players will be expected to pay attention and will be advised by management as to when to take the field after tactics signals are recapped upon. The team will always warm up together prior to the game using pre-set routines
- 4.3 When travelling to away games minimum vehicles should be employed whilst ferrying players/members to games. Arrangements should be made by all concerned to adhere to this. Drivers are to make individual financial arrangements with the passengers, with regards to splitting costs. There is no financial reimbursement from the club.

5 PUBLICITY COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- 5.1 The Club web site -www.essexredbacks.co.uk is the official channel for all club information and news. No other site using the Redbacks name shall be set up by members unless written permission has been granted by the Club Committee.
- 5.2 All club press releases and communication with the press, including written, spoken or e-channel shall be through the Club Press Officer.
- 5.3 Any planned publicity for the club shall be channelled through the Club Marketing Officer
- 5.4 Any social media sites or electronic channels/forums which are set up and used by club members using the Redbacks (or Redbacks derivative) name shall be only by written permission of the Club Committee.
- 5.5 Any members who write misleading, abusive derogatory or defamatory comments on club social media or electronic channels/forums against club committee members, officers of the club, other club members or relations, other clubs or other club members, umpires or BBF, Baseball Softball UK (BSUK) officials will be subject to the clubs disciplinary procedures. All such comments or articles will be removed by the Club.
- 5.6 All members should use common sense when writing comments written on club social media, or club electronic channels/forums as viewers of club sites may be children. Indiscrete or inappropriate language will not be tolerated and will be removed by the Club and the member may be subject to the Clubs disciplinary procedures.



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6 COMMON SENSE RULINGS

- 6.1 Any member has the right to challenge the Club with regards to its interpretation of the rules in writing. The Committee will be obliged to issue a written detailed explanation giving clarification on any such matters being questioned.
- 6.2 Any occurrence requiring a ruling not concerned by these Club rules shall be acted upon by Committee and judgement used as an interim rule. Interim rulings are to be added to the numbered Club rules at the following Committee meeting and added officially by vote at the next AGM.

Rules as agreed by Club Committee.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Club Chairman

SIGNED:

DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Club Hon. Secretary