

**Lumpkin County  
Parks and Recreation Department**



**Athletic Participation Rules**

1. Two unexcused absences from practice may result in the suspension of one game. Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department will decide if the absence is excused or not.
2. If a youth sports player is not present before the start of his/her game, the coach will add him/her to the bottom of the line-up/roster and will only be required to play him/her one-half of the mandatory minimum for that sport. (See below)

	<b>Mandatory Minimum per game</b>	<b>½ of Mandatory Minimum</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	2 Defensive Innings	1 Defensive Inning
<b>Basketball</b>	1 Full Quarter	4 minutes
<b>Cheerleading</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Football</b>	8 offensive or defensive plays (excludes special teams)	No exception per North Ga. Youth Football League rules
<b>Soccer</b>	To be determined by United Futbol Academy	
<b>Softball</b>	2 Defensive Innings	1 Defensive Inning

*Exception: When league rules supersede (ex. Football) and any age-group or game in which an official score is not kept (ex: T-Ball).*

3. All youth baseball, softball, and t-ball teams will bat a continuous line-up.
4. Assistant coaches must be in the dug-out, on the bench, field or sidelines for all sports. Assistants must actively participate by assisting the head coach.
5. All players, coaches, parents, and spectators should be familiar with the Yahoola Creek Park and Community Center Rules, Playing Rules, Zero Tolerance Policy, and Parents’ Code of Ethics for all sports and activities in which they participate. Violations of any rules, policies, or code of ethics could result in ejection, fine, suspension, or any combination of the three.