

## **Amateur Game Rules and Policies – 2024**

### **Players/Coaches:**

- No cleats allowed while warming up. Cleats must remain off until the introductions.
- No sunflower seeds, gum, or chew permitted in the dugout or on the field at any time.
- Players and coaches will exit the dugout from the furthest set of stairs from home plate during introductions.
- Do not mess with or interact with the bullpen phones in the dugout or LF Bullpen.
- Teams are allowed a max of 50 people in the dugout at once. Please let your Cardinals Representative know if you have more than 50 people total to get it approved.
- Teams are allowed a max of 5 non-uniformed personnel in the dugout (included in the 50 total people allowed in the dugout).
- During introductions, players and coaches will line up on the dirt warning track along the first and third baseline (on the dirt right outside the dugout).
- The Amateur Game will conclude after 9 Innings or 2 ½ hours, whichever comes first.

### **Pitchers:**

- Stay on the mound at all times (except during a live play). Spikes are allowed.

### **Hitters:**

- Do not throw bats on the grass after a hit, BB, or HBP. Set/toss them on the dirt.
- Walk on the mesh walkways to home plate (if present).
- If a foul ball lands behind the home plate area, it is the on-deck hitter's responsibility to retrieve the ball and hand it back to the catcher or umpire.

### **Umpires:**

- Stay on the dirt at all times during the game (except during a live play), especially the umpires lined up down the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. Stand in the dirt, not the grass.

### **Post Cardinals Game Amateur Games:**

- Players should show up at Gate 1 at least 15 minutes before scheduled gate time with their equipment to get everything inspected. After all the equipment is dropped off, everyone will enter with their ticket through Gate 1.
- In the Top of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inning, (unless there is a Kid's Run the Bases Event which will switch it to the Top of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning) both teams will meet at the East Ramp near Gate 1 (by the Ford Truck) to collect their equipment and change for the game in the Service Level/RF Wagon Gate.

### **Amateur Games When Cardinals Are Out of Town:**

- Everyone (players, coaches, umpires, fans, etc.) will park in Lot C off of Eighth Street.
- Players must be at Gate 2 (across the street from Lot C off of Eighth St.) one hour prior to their scheduled game time to get their equipment inspected. Once players enter through Gate 2, they will follow a Cardinals representative to their designated dugout.
- Fans will enter through Gate 2 after both teams are escorted to their dugouts.
- Fans must sit in the Red seats that are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> level between the dugouts.