



Northfield Youth Baseball Association (NYBA)

In-House League Rules *Minors - Grades 4-5*

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NYBA Behavioral Guidelines

All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to act responsibly and demonstrate sportsmanlike behavior at all NYBA games, practices, or other activities. A primary goal of the NYBA is to help our children grow and mature through participation in baseball. Winning and losing, and learning to deal with each, can be an important part of this goal, but wins and losses cannot be allowed to override our more important purposes. At all activities we want players to have fun, to get as much playing time as possible, to be put in positions where he or she can improve and experience success, and to learn and exhibit good sportsmanship. The NYBA reserves the right to remove any spectator who is in violation of these behavior guidelines.

The use of ANY tobacco product shall be prohibited by all participants (including but not limited to players, managers, coaches) within the confines of the playing field and dugouts.

NYBA Player Code of Conduct

1. Players shall practice good sportsmanship at all times, to win without boasting, lose without excuse and never quit.
2. Players shall attend and participate in all scheduled games and practices when reasonably possible.
3. Players shall never throw a bat or equipment in anger and to be aware of safety and follow team and league rules to ensure safe play.
4. Players shall agree to their coach's authority and will participate and communicate positively with their coach and teammates.
5. Players shall treat fellow players, opponents, fans and umpires with respect.
6. Players shall exercise self-control at all times, refraining from foul language and setting a positive example for others to follow.
7. Players shall support and encourage teammates and always try their best to keep a positive attitude.
8. A player will be benched immediately by the Coach for the remainder of the game for:
 - Throwing equipment (bat or helmet)
 - Swearing
 - Any other unsportsmanlike conduct that, in the Coach's discretion, warrants the player be benched.
9. Penalty If a player verbally or physically abuses an Umpire, Coach or other Players:
 - 1st offense - Player is ejected for remainder of game (must remain on bench),
 - 2nd offense - Player is not allowed to participate further until the player, his/her parents, and coach meets with the NYBA President and board designated representative to discuss past behavior and future involvement.
 - These offenses are cumulative throughout the entire baseball season.
 - Depending on the severity of the improper behavior, steps may be omitted.



NYBA Coaches Code of Conduct

At all NYBA Events

1. The Coaches will be responsible for their players and not allow unsportsmanlike acts toward opponents, officials, or anyone associated with the game.
2. Coaches will know and comply too the intent and spirit of the rules.
3. Coaches will teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, rules, officials, opponents, and the Associations they represent.
4. Coaches will confine their discussion with game officials to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
5. Coaches will prohibit comments from the bench which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing, and obscene language toward opponents, umpires, coaches, or spectators.
6. Coaches will refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Coaches should demonstrate and expect an umpire's courteous and dignified attitude toward players and each other.
8. NYBA may consider all relevant conduct in determining whether disciplinary action is appropriate. Conduct includes but is not limited to NYBA events. Conduct at non-NYBA baseball events and acts outside of baseball may be considered.

Penalty

Any violation of the above Code of Conduct should be reported to the NYBA and may result in sanctions, or temporary or permanent banishment from any or all NYBA events

NYBA Parents/Spectator Code of Conduct

At all NYBA Events

1. Parents/Spectators will encourage good sportsmanship by showing positive support for all players, coaches, administrators, and officials.
2. Parents/Spectators will remember that physical and emotional health of the players is more important than winning a game.
3. NYBA events will be for the kids to play a game, not for adult interference.
4. Parents/Spectators will make events a positive and fun experience for the players.
5. Parents/Spectators will treat all players, coaches, volunteers, fans, and officials with respect.
6. Parents/Spectators will not undermine or question the coach's instructions, directions, or decisions.

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7. Parents/Spectators will not use or tolerate the use of profanity.
8. Parents/Spectators will show the utmost respect for all umpires and their decisions.

Penalty

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NYBA Umpire Code of Conduct

At all NYBA Events

1. The Umpire should arrive and depart in a timely manner conducive to the game.
2. Umpires should be appropriately dressed.
3. Umpires should behave in a professional manner.
4. Umpires should know and interpret rules in a manner conducive to youth baseball.
5. Umpires will refrain from comments which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing, and obscene language toward players, coaches, or spectators.
6. Umpires will refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Umpires should demonstrate and expect a coach's courteous and dignified attitude toward players and each other.
8. Umpires should remember they are part of a game, intended to be fun for the participants.
9. NYBA may consider all relevant conduct in determining whether disciplinary action is appropriate. Conduct includes but is not limited to NYBA events. Conduct at non-NYBA baseball events and acts outside of baseball may be considered.

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MINORS LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This is a list of rules and regulations that will be in effect for the NYBA In House Minors league. Any situations that are not covered by the NFHS (National Federation of State High School) or on the NYBA website will be determined by the NYBA In House President and the Minors Coordinator



COACHES

Every coach that is part of the team will need to complete the Trusted Coaches training or an equivalent as determined by the NYBA Board of Directors. All levels of training must be complete. The Minors Coordinator will be responsible for checking a copy of the certificates from every coach on a team prior to the team's first game.

GAME EQUIPMENT

1. Decisions made by the Umpire regarding equipment are final.
2. No metal spikes
3. Proper helmets must be worn while batting, base running and catching in accordance with the NFHS guidelines.
4. Bats with one-piece rubber grip and knob combination are ILLEGAL.
5. Bat restrictions are found on our website at www.northfieldyouthbaseball.com
6. Wooden bats are allowed.

PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT:

On the first violation for when the batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat or is discovered having used an illegal bat the batter is automatically out. If the infraction is discovered before the next pitch following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat, the defense may take the penalty or the result of the play. Also, the head coach shall be restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game.

On the second and subsequent violation for entering the box with an illegal bat, the batter is automatically out and the head coach shall be ejected.

On detected violations for the use of a damaged helmet, the helmet shall be immediately removed from play.

PLAYING RULES

National Federation of High School rules shall govern play, except where modified in this booklet.

1. The official schedule is on the NYBA website calendar. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of any changes and to be in the right place at the right time.
2. Player safety is the number one concern. Please do your best as coaches to put players in positions to be successful while keeping in mind the player's skill level. Only one player on deck – The rest of the team must remain in the dugout or on the bench. Players are not allowed to be Base Coaches.
3. Responsible adults must supervise teams at all times, on and off the field.

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4. Base length should be 60 feet and pitching distance should be 46 feet.
5. Home team is required to rake fields and assist field supervisor between and after games.
6. A 10-minute grace period will be allowed for a team's game before a forfeit is declared.
7. A 10 run rule is in effect throughout the entire season. Games will end at the conclusion of 3 ½ innings (home team) or 4 innings (visiting team) if the score differential is 10 runs or greater.
8. The Wells Fargo Field will be the main field for the Minors League. Due to scheduling constraints, there are times that other fields will need to be used.
9. Base Running Rules: (Head first sliding is permitted at any base at any time). Stealing is permitted however a runner may not leave the base until the ball crosses home plate. If the runner leaves early a dead ball is declared and the runner in violation is out. Dropped 3rd strike – Batter is out, runners may advance at their own risk, and ball is live. Must use free substitution and must bat entire bench.
10. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the current catcher anytime. This means the catcher must be the catcher of record before and after the at bat. The courtesy runner will be the last player that made an out. The player that is run for must catch the next inning.
11. Teams can use players from other Minors teams or the Rookies league to substitute if they are short players. These players must play in the outfield and bat last.
12. If a player comes late to a game or leaves early, in a round robin batting order you close the batting order up (eliminate the batting spot if player left) or for the player coming late you open up the batting order (add the batting spot at the bottom of the order). If a player is injured during the game you close the batting order up (eliminate his batting spot). It is not an out when his spot comes up to bat. If a player is ejected in a game then that batting spot is an out each time it comes up. If a batter gets hurt during his at-bat, then the next batter in order will assume his count.
13. Seven (7) run rule max per inning.
14. Game Length / Time Limits: 6 innings or 1 hour 20 minute time limit, whichever comes first. No new inning shall begin after 1 hours and 10 minutes during regular season play. Regular season games can end in a tie if the time limit is up or a complete game has been played. If a game is called due to rain, weather, light failure or other acts of nature and cannot be resumed it is a complete game if three (3) innings have been played or if the home team has scored more runs after two and one half (2 ½) innings the game shall be declared a complete game. Regular season games will not be rescheduled. If an inning has started when the time limit is up, play shall stop immediately and the score reverts to the end of the previous inning.
15. Only players listed on the team roster or any other player that is currently filling in on the team from another Minors team or a Rookies player may occupy the team bench. One batboy and one scorekeeper may occupy the bench in addition to team coaches. Any adult that is on the



bench must have taken the Trusted Coaches training. The NYBA In-house President reserves the right to limit the number of coaches per team.

16. Innings Pitched Restrictions 3 per game, (cannot exceed 5 in one day)* VIOLATION of innings pitched restrictions will result in the Head Coach being ejected for the remainder of the game and the team will forfeit the game of infraction. The pitcher in violation of rule will be ejected for the game of infraction and the next game. One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched. Teams must keep track of innings pitched during each game and verify with the opposing coach and umpire immediately following the game.
17. Trips to the Mound: Two trips to the mound are allowed PER PITCHER, PER GAME. On the second trip the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the remainder of the game, (This is also considered "removed by rule").
18. Legal Pitches: the following pitches are legal, fastballs, straight change-ups, palm balls and knuckle balls. All other pitches, including but not limited to curve balls, knuckle curves, sliders, etc. shall be considered illegal. 1st offense – warning; 2nd offense pitcher and head coach are disqualified for the remainder of that game.
19. Balks: A balk may not be called unless the umpire judges the pitcher is being intentionally deceptive. A fake pitch will be considered a balk resulting in a dead ball with all runners advancing one base.
20. EJECTIONS: Any coach, parent or spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder game. These individuals may not be within 200 of the team bench through out the remainder of the game. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of that game plus the next game. If the suspended party negatively affects the game in any way, they will be removed from the park. If the individual(s) refuses to leave promptly and orderly the police will be called.
21. In the event of inclement weather (or for any other reason) during the game, the In-House President, Minors Coordinator or other NYBA board member in charge reserve the right to do whatever necessary to complete the games, including but not limiting to the changing of the game formats, shortening games, etc. The decision of a NYBA board member in charge is final.
22. All disputes will be handled on the field.

NYBA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

1. Pool Play for the Classic tournament will begin in early to mid July.
2. POOL PLAY TIE BREAKER METHODS:
 - a. Won-Loss-Tie Record
 - b. Head to head
 - c. Least number of runs allowed against tied teams

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- d. Run differential against tied teams (maximum plus or minus 10 run)
- e. Least number of runs allowed in total pool play
- f. Run differential in total pool play (maximum plus or minus 10 run)
- g. Coin toss

If more than 2 teams are tied, please use examples below:

Example #1: If no teams are tied AFTER applying tie breaker #3 as in Team A = 8 runs allowed, Team B = 10 runs allowed, Team C = 11 runs allowed. Then Team A is a #1 seed in the pool, Team B is #2, and Team C is #3.

Example #2: If two teams are tied AFTER applying the tie breaker #3 and determining the #1 Seed as in Team A = 8 runs allowed, Team B = 12 runs allowed, Team C = 12 runs allowed. Thus team A is #1 seed and the #2 seed is determined by the head to head between Team B and Team C.

Example #3: If two teams are still tied AFTER applying the tie breaker #3 and determining the #3 Seed as in Team A = 11 runs allowed Team B = 10 runs allowed Team C = 10 runs allowed. Thus team A is #3 seed and the #1 seed is determined by the head to head between Team B and Team C.

Win = 2 points

Loss = 0 points

Tie = 1 points

3. Runners may advance to home on a passed ball.

4. Game Length/Time Limits: 6 innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes, whichever comes first.

a. Pool Play games can end in a tie if the time limit is up or a complete game has been played.

b. In Bracket Play games, if the score is tied at the end of 6 innings and the time limit has not been reached, the game shall continue until the time limit is reached. When the time limit is reached after an inning has started, the game will continue until the visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team at the end of a completed inning, or the home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning. If the score is tied at the end of the inning after time has expired, the next inning starts with a visiting player on 2nd base. If the visiting team does not score, the home team starts the bottom half of the inning with a player on 2nd base. Play continues this way until a winner can be declared.

5. If a game is called due to rain, weather, light failure or other acts of Nature and cannot be resumed it is a regulation game if in Bracket Play a game is tied after 4 or more innings, the score will revert back to the previous inning. If still tied, the game will be a suspended game. A suspended game when resumed, shall resume from the exact point of suspension.

6. Innings pitched restricted to 3 per game and cannot exceed 5 innings in one day.