

NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION RULES 2019

A. GENERAL RULES

1. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE - Official Baseball Rules shall apply unless superseded firstly by League Interlock rules, secondly by N.D.B.A. rules, and thirdly by B.C. (Minor) Baseball rules.
2. CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK - All members of the NDBA Executive and all Team Managers and Coaches must COMPLETE the criminal record check process prior to Opening Ceremonies for spring league and prior to July 1 for summer ball. Failure to do so may result in indefinite suspension from the Association. Approved Criminal Record Checks received by NDBA will be valid for a period of two years.
3. CODE OF CONDUCT - All members of the NDBA (Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents) must sign a code of conduct agreement prior to Opening Ceremonies for spring league and prior to July 1 for summer ball. Failure to do so may result in indefinite suspension from the Association.
4. COACHING APPLICATIONS – All coaches must complete the on-line coaching application.
5. SELECTION OF TEAM MANAGERS - In the event that there are more Team Managers applying for teams than there are teams, the following rules shall apply:
 - (a) All applicants shall be reviewed by the Selection Committee and be interviewed.
 - (b) The Selection Committee shall be comprised of the Coaching Director, President, Vice-President and two (2) or more other members selected by the Coaching Director, which will include certified (NCCP) baseball coaches, experienced coaches (years) and members who have been involved in the Association and/or Executive for enough years to either know the candidates or have a good feel for the selection process.
 - i. A minimum of five members are required for a quorum.
 - ii. If there is an even number, the President will abstain from voting.
 - iii. If a committee member is an applicant, he/she may not vote.
 - iv. If required, the Coaching Director will add members for a quorum.
 - (d) All Selection Committee decisions are final.
6. FIELD RULES – The home team must occupy dugout behind third base. Before a scheduled game time each manager must give a copy of his batting line-up to Official Scorekeeper and at the pre-game meeting the original and one copy must be given to the home plate Umpire.
7. COACHING ATTIRE - All Managers and on field coaches at the 9U/11U/13U/15U and 18U level are required to wear full baseball uniforms consisting of proper baseball pants, team hat, team jersey/outerwear or NDBA issued shirt/jersey/outerwear.
8. Temporary CALL UP – Refer to the BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook.

9. PERMANENT MOVE UP — Second year players of a division must be ranked within the top 10% of their birth year in order to participate in a tryout or evaluation of the next division. These players must be ranked within the top 4 players of a selected roster of any team that requires a tryout. These players must score within the top 10% of the next division's evaluation group to be eligible for the draft. A permanent move up must not result in a player being excluded from playing baseball within the division of their age group. All permanent move ups must be approved by the NDBA President and the BCBA Player Eligibility Chair.

9. PERMANENT MOVE UP – It's the philosophy of the North Delta Baseball Assoc that players should play in their birth year. There are rare exceptions. The NDBA executive will treat any permanent move up request on a case by case basis. It will be the responsibility of the NDBA executive to define a process for permanent move up requests and approvals. A permanent move up must not result in a player being excluded from playing baseball within the division of their age group. All permanent move ups must be approved by the NDBA Executive and the BCBA Player Eligibility Chair.

10. PERMANENT MOVE UP EXCEPTION – exceptions to the PERMANENT MOVE UP rule may be approved by the NDBA executive if permanent moves up will remove a waiting list in the higher division and allow for the construction of another team.

11. SMOKING - Managers and Coaches shall not smoke during any NDBA event.

12. FOOD - No food or refreshments other than water or sports drinks shall be allowed in the dugout.

B. SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES

9U (Tadpole):

1. PITCHING - All games will be played with a pitching machine. Pitching is not allowed in the 9U Spring Season games; including tournaments and playoffs.

C. UMPIRE REGULATIONS

1. Umpires shall be a minimum of 11 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year and have successfully completed the British Columbia Baseball Umpires Association Level 1 Clinic. Exceptions may be made by the Umpire-In-Chief.

2. A minimum of one umpire although a preference of two or more umpires shall be Allocated to each game.

3. Umpires are requested to be at the field 30 minutes before the starting of the game and on the field 15 minutes before the start of the game to monitor team infields. At a minimum umpires are required to be on the field 5 minutes before the start of the game to conduct a pre-game meeting. Umpires and/or Managers are to telephone the Umpire-In-Chief or the Umpire Allocator for that division regarding any problems encountered during a game, including no

shows or lates. The Umpire-In-Chief shall have the authority to suspend or fine any umpire whom no-shows, cancels or is late for a game without 24-hours notification.

4. Umpires shall wear League approved attire. No shorts, or suggestive articles are to be worn at any time while umpiring. All shirts shall be tucked in.

5. Umpires shall conduct a pre-game meeting at home plate with the (1) manager or the (1) acting manager of each team 5 minutes before the scheduled game time. Umpires shall introduce themselves on a first and last name basis and shake hands with each manager. Umpires shall obtain the original and 1 copy of each teams batting line-up from each manager, verify both and distribute the 1 copy of each to opposing managers and keep the original for the duration of the game to be used to record any offensive substitutions in nine man ball, pitching changes and ejections. Umpires shall obtain a minimum of three League approved baseballs for use in the game from the home team manager. Ground rules should then be discussed by the umpire or if requested by the umpire, the home team manager. Umpires shall ask if there are any questions and answer where necessary and if not shake hands again with each manager. Following the home team will be allowed to take the field, pitcher warm-up properly with 8 warm-up pitches and on deck batter warm-up in the on deck circle. The umpire may take usual position behind the catcher and watch the pitchers warm up pitches. The umpire should meet the catcher and if possible the pitcher during the warm-up. Following the warm-up the umpire, with the first batter in the batters box and pitcher on the rubber with the ball shall point at the pitcher and state "Play".

6. After the game Umpires shall stand behind the mound and watch both teams shake hands, return all baseballs used in the game to the home team and after both teams are back at their dugout the umpires may leave the field, change and proceed to the concession to sign the Umpire Record.

D. DISCIPLINE

The Division Rep. must be advised whenever a Manager sits a player out of an entire game or portion of a game for discipline reasons. The Division Rep. will then determine if such an act is or was justified and take the appropriate action.

E. EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Abuse of players, team representatives and umpires shall not be tolerated. The Manager or the acting Manager is the only one allowed to approach and question the Umpire. All ejections shall be reported to the Umpire-In-Chief within 24-hours. Ejected players may sit in the dugout in uniform unless instructed to leave the field by the umpire. Ejected team representatives must leave the field. Any player or team representative ejected from a game will be suspended for a minimum of one game. Suspended players or team representatives may come to the field to watch although shall wear street clothes and may not sit near the team's bench or coach from the stands.

F. BODILY FLUID RULE (BLOOD)

Any player during a game who is bleeding or who has an open wound, shall be removed from the field of play by the umpires and immediately substituted for by the last out without penalty. The substituted player is only a courtesy player until the original player returns. The player may return to the game only after the bleeding has stopped and affected or open wound has been completely and securely covered to the satisfaction of the umpires. Should the same player start bleeding again or the affected are show signs of bleeding, the umpires can remove the player for the duration of the game. Should any blood be on the player's uniform, it must be washed out completely to the satisfaction of the umpire prior to the player returning to the game.

G. SUMMER RULES

1. Any Manager or Coach may apply for the position of summer Manager in his or her respective Division. Seniority or standing in the league does not have any bearing on being picked for the position of summer Manager.
2. The Coaches' Selection Committee (as defined in SELECTION OF TEAM MANAGERS) shall select the summer Manager in all Divisions. The applications must include a copy of the transcript of their NCCP Coaching Certification and shall be submitted to their Divisional Reps by the May Long Weekend. The selection committee as defined in Section C part 4 will be assigned to select the summer Manager.
3. The summer Manager shall choose the players. Other Managers shall submit a roster of potential players to help the summer Manager with his selection. There shall be tryouts held for any summer team and any player may request to attend the summer tryouts for their Division.
4. Players must attend tryouts for the first summer team to be eligible for any additional summer teams. The Executive has the discretion to and will consider an individual player's request to be excused from the tryouts if, it is brought to the Executive by the Division Rep.
5. All Team Managers and Coaches of our summer teams must meet BC (Minor) Baseball's required NCCP certification levels. Refer to the BC (Minor) Baseball Rulebook.
6. Every summer Manager and Coach in any Division must wear NDBA assigned uniforms for all games being played during their summer season.
7. Any manager of a summer team, which has to make changes to the roster prior to zone or provincials is required to contact the president prior to the change being submitted to BCMBA.

H. FUNDRAISING

Fundraising rules don't apply to 'merger' teams or teams using paid coaches.

SPRING TEAM BUDGET POLICY

1. Any spring team budget that exceeds \$75 per player must be submitted and approved by the Executive.

2. Submissions must include the names of 2 parents responsible for the money.
3. All parents/guardians of the players must sign off on the budget.
4. Budgets must include an outline of how monies are to be spent.
5. Any money left over at the end of the team's season must be returned to the team.
6. Spring teams are not entitled to group fundraise.

SUMMER TEAM BUDGET POLICY

1. Any summer team budget that exceeds \$125 per player must be reviewed by the Division Rep. This figure excludes any summer registration and tournament fees.
2. Submissions must include the names of 2 parents responsible for the money.
3. All parents/guardians of the players must sign off on the budget.
4. Budgets must include an outline of how monies are to be spent.
5. Any money left over at the end of the team's season must be returned to the team.
6. Fundraising plans for the summer season must be submitted to the fundraising director for approval.
7. These fundraising policies do not apply to the North Delta Junior and Senior Premier teams as they have their own budget, fundraising and sponsorship guidelines.

I. SPONSORSHIP

Only Association level sponsorship is allowed. All sponsorship activities must be approved by the Marketing Director.

J. TOURNAMENT FEES

1. Spring/Summer League Teams are entitled to NDBA paying for 1 tournament per season, not including provincials and Westerns.
2. Single Season Teams (ex. 15U AA/AAA and 18U AAA) are entitled to NDBA paying for 2 tournaments per season, not including provincials, Westerns and/or Nationals.