

Spring 2016

General League Rules

All Boys Leagues & Tball

Conduct

- 1.** YYBS expects a high level of conduct from the coaches, players, and everyone else associated with the league. Please refer to the YYBS Code of Conduct document on the YYBS web site for specific details on expected conduct and behavior as well as consequences and procedures for handling conduct violations. Please realize that we take this very seriously and failure to follow the code of conduct can result in censure, suspension, or removal from the league.
- 2.** Managers, coaches, players, and fans may not argue or complain about an umpire's call. The umpire's call is final, and should be respected by all involved. Any rule interpretation or question should be directed to the league representatives. Only managers will interact with the umpires! If an umpire makes what you think is a bad call, you may politely ask him about the call, then please drop it. If coaches or parents start getting upset over calls, please do everything in your power to calm down the situation, don't fuel the fire.
- 3.** The use of obscene language, gestures, fighting, or the deliberate throwing of equipment will result in immediate ejection and potential suspension.
- 4.** If a coach or fan is ejected, they must leave the field of play and or facility and otherwise not be in attendance. Within 48 hours of any ejection, the home plate umpire & both managers must forward to the league director an detailing the offenses and all of the facts leading up to and following ejection.
- 5.** It is an obligation of managers and coaches for each team to address any unacceptable behavior by parents or fans sitting at the field.
- 6.** The use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs in any form, by players or adult leaders in the dugout, on the benches, or on the playing field shall not be permitted.
- 7.** Umpires, in consultation with the coaches, shall decide whether to suspend a game for rain, inclement weather, or darkness.
- 8.** Managers should review basic game rules together with the umpire prior to first pitch.
- 9.** All coaches and parents must sign and adhere to YYBS Code of Conduct. Anyone not following these rules will be asked to leave the park. Any coach or parent conduct violations should be reported to the League Directors.

Field Prep & Pre Game

- 1.** Each team will supply 1 new game ball.
- 2.** Home team will chalk the field before the game and sit in the third base dugout. Visiting team shall put all bases away and lock all sheds or boxes. (If playing an Oswego team in Yorkville - Yorkville team is responsible for both.)
- 3.** Visitor team on field 30 Minutes prior to game, Home team on field 15 minutes prior to game.
- 4.** Pregame batting practice is to be taken in the outfield or grass areas only.

Player Safety

- 1.** First Aid/Ice Packs are in the shed. If you use ANY ice packs, please notify a league director that same day.

2. Games shall be suspended when lightning is visible OR when the lightning detector warning activates. The warning alarm is a steady horn from the detector. Games shall resume no earlier than 20 minutes after the last visible lightning strike OR the 'all clear' signal has been given by the lightning detector. The 'all clear' signal is three short blasts of the horn. For fields near the detector, the 'all clear' signal will take precedence over the 20 minute threshold
3. On Deck hitters must wear a helmet and be located on the same side of the plate as the hitter. Helmets may not be removed until player has left the field of play.
4. Catchers MUST wear athletic supporters with protective cups. All other players are strongly encouraged to wear these same items.
5. All uniforms worn in any game including pants, jerseys, and hats must be supplied or distributed by the board or their delegates. Each game a team plays with improper equipment is a forfeit. A single player with lost or damaged equipment does not require a forfeit.
6. "Avoid Contact Rule." This rule states, "Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who is in the act of fielding the ball at a base." If a fielder at a base is about to receive a thrown ball, and if the ball is in flight directly toward and near enough to the fielder so that he or she must occupy his position to receive the ball, he or she may be considered to be "in the act of fielding the ball. Also if the shoulder is dropped and the runner intentionally runs into the fielder, he is automatically out and may face ejection. It will be of the discretion of the umpire if this player is allowed to continue playing.
7. If a player starts to square off for a bunt, the player must bunt the ball, if he pulls the bat back and swings at the pitch, the player is OUT! This is a safety issue, no exceptions will be made.

General Rules

1. Continuous batting order will be used—everyone bats!
2. A player arriving late will be added to the last spot in the order and bat when that turn arrives.
3. For a player who becomes ill, is injured, is ejected, or who voluntarily removes himself from the game, the batting spot of the player so removed will be passed over and will not be recorded as an out. The player may not re-enter the game once skipped over.
4. Players that were not in the line-up of a suspended game are eligible to play in the resumed game and must be added to the bottom of the batting order.
5. A courtesy base runner for pitchers and catchers can be used at any time and are highly recommended to help speed up play. Courtesy runners must be the last recorded out. Pitchers and catchers are defined as those players fielding that position in the next half inning.
6. If a player is ejected from the game, his spot in the batting order will be recorded as an out each time he is due to bat.
7. Players and coaches must remain in their respective bench area or coach's box during the game. A coach shall NOT be behind the backstop during the game.
8. Call-up Players for teams short players.
 - A player may only be used to avoid forfeiture of the game when a team will not have 8 players.
 - Must be players from the YYBS division below the one you are bringing them up to.
 - Players will bat at the end of the batting order.

- Players cannot pitch or catch in the game.
- A team can only bring call-up same player once during the season.
- Call-up player must sit more than or equal to every regular play at the game on defense. ****

Game Length & Standings

1. Actual Game start time, Managers from each team should confirm "official" start time of game with umpire upon first pitch.
2. After the 4th inning, if a game is called during the inning due to darkness or weather, the game is considered official and the score reverts to the score at the end of the previous inning. If 4 innings are not completed, and the game is called, the game will continue from the point the game was suspended.
3. Innings Played.
 - TBALL - 3 innings - No inning starts after 75 minutes.
 - Shetland & Pinto - Game consists of 6 innings - No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
 - Minor - Game consists of 6 innings.
 - Bronco & Pony - Game consists of 7 innings.
4. Game Lengths - Yorkville Fields Only (Mustang, Bronco & Pony)
 - Weeknight games begin at 5:30 or 5:45 pm. Saturday & Sunday games will vary.
 - April 28th through May 15th - No inning starts after 7:45pm
 - May 16th through May 31st – No inning starts after 8:00pm
 - Month of June – No inning starts after 8:10pm
 - An inning starts when the last out of the previous inning has occurred.
 - Games no inning starts after 2:10 - 2:30 minute hard stop.
 - If an official game is called for darkness or hard stop, score will revert to the last full inning. It is the umpire's judgment as to when the game should be called for darkness.
5. If the game is called for any reason before it is an official game, it shall be considered a suspended game, and shall be resumed at the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by the YYBSA and/or Oswego league officials. Managers must get the game rescheduled ASAP.
6. Points will be awarded as follows: Win – 3 points, Loss – 0 points, 1- points Tie or Rain Out. All teams must attempt to play any suspended or rained out games. Any team not in good faith attempting to play the games will receive 0 points while the opposing team shall receive 3 points. League standings tie breakers will be determined in the following order.
 - Total Wins
 - Head to Head Record
 - Fewest Losses
 - Least Runs Allowed
 - Coin Flip