



# Noblesville Youth Baseball

## 5 Year Old Division Revised 2-14-2023

**NO GUM OR SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ALLOWED AT NYB DUE TO THE ALL TURF INFIELDS. ANYONE FOUND VIOLATING THIS RULE CAN BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY!**

**COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING PLAYERS ARE FOLLOWING THIS RULE. IF PLAYERS ARE FOUND WITH GUM OR SEEDS, THE HEAD COACH WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME. FUTURE VIOLATIONS CAN INCLUDE BANNING FROM NYB.**

### Game Rules:

1. **Pre-K, 5 year old Division** does not keep score.
2. Games will consist of multiple innings with a 60 minute time limit. At the end of the 60 minutes all teams must leave the field so the next game can begin (even if in the middle of an inning).
3. For the first four (4) games of the season, even when a base runner is ruled "out", they will remain on base. For the remainder of the season, a batter or base-runner who is ruled "out" will return to the dugout. This is to allow time for players to adapt to the concept of being called "out".
4. A base-runner will stop advancing when the ball is in the control of a player in the infield. The infield is defined as the outer edge of the turf. The players should hold the ball up and ask for "timeout". If runners are beyond half way to the next base, they can advance. If they are not half way to next base, they must go back to the base last touched.
5. Runners may advance only one base on any over throw or ball thrown out of play.
6. There are no assigned umpires for these games. The defensive coaches or base coaches closest to each base should make the call.
7. ***The baseball used will be a RIF 5 "softies" – no hard balls allowed!***
8. Games will be played on 60' base paths. **The field crew will set bases, but coaches should verify bases are set on the 1<sup>st</sup> peg.**

### Hitting Rules:

1. Coaches will pitch over-hand, in a natural pitching motion to their own players. If a batted ball hits the pitcher-coach, the ball remains "alive" and play continues.
2. Pitcher shall be no closer than 20 feet from the batter.
3. All players will bat each inning (unless at the end of the 60 minute time limit).



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4. A batter will get up to 4 pitches from the coach. If the player does not hit one of the pitches, a batting tee will be brought out for the player to hit from.
  - a. Each team will be provided with practice Tee in their equipment bag.
5. All players will be placed in a batting order by the coach. The second time through, the order is reversed and will continue in this manner every other inning.
6. No walks, stolen bases or lead offs allowed. Runner can't leave the base until the ball is hit.
7. Bunting is not allowed.
8. The batter does not strike out, walk, or advance on hit by pitch.
9. There are no automatic outs. If a player needs to leave, just skip over that spot in the batting order.
10. No bat restrictions
11. When all players have batted once, switch from offense to defense.

## Fielding Rules:

1. Players may field any position as assigned by the coaches. However, coaches are strongly **ENCOURAGED** to rotate players defensively and give all players opportunities. No more than one (1) inning at any position per game and each player must play at least one (1) inning in the outfield.
2. No player-catcher will be used. A coach or parent from the hitting team will catch for their team and set the tee for their players, if needed. Also, they will retrieve balls which are out of play around home plate.
3. Two pitcher's helpers will be used and each will wear a batting helmet with **Face mask**. No Exceptions! Coaches allowing pitchers helpers without helmets will forfeit their position.
4. A maximum of 6 infielders, including the pitchers helpers are allowed. All other players must be positioned on the **outfield grass**.
5. The "Infield fly rule" does not apply.



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## General:

1. **The HOME team is assigned to the 3rd base dugout for all games. Home/Away is predetermined in Tourney Machine with the away team listed on the top and home team listed on the bottom.**
2. It is important that the coaches teach the proper fundamentals, skills, positions, and attitudes on how the game should be played. These players are our future – give them the opportunity to learn and have fun!

For coaches, there are many fun and effective drills listed on our website. Go to [www.noblesvillebaseball.org](http://www.noblesvillebaseball.org), click on Leagues > Coaching > Drills

3. If you have a complaint or concern, contact your league commissioner. If you are not satisfied with the decision/result, a written request concerning the situation must be submitted to the Board of Directors for review.
4. All rules questions/complaints should be directed to the League Commissioner. If necessary, the Commissioner will escalate to the Rules Committee Chairperson. These individuals can be found on the NYB Website. If necessary, the Rules Committee will escalate to the Program Director, Executive Director or Board of Directors.