



# Noblesville Youth Baseball

## T-BALL 3 & 4 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 3 & 4 Year Old Division** does not keep score.
2. Games will consist of 2 innings or a 45 minute time limit. At the end of the time limit all teams must leave the field so the next game can begin (even if in the middle of an inning).
3. A batter or base-runner that is ruled "out" will remain on base.
4. A base-runner will stop advancing when the ball is in the infield. The infield is defined as the outer edge of the turf. 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 not advance 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 "softie" – 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. All players will bat each inning (unless at the end of the 45 minute time limit).
2. All players will use a batting tee
  - a. Each team will be provided with a practice Tee along with their equipment bag. This Tee will be used in the games as well.
3. 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.



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4. No stolen bases or lead offs allowed.
5. When all players have batted, switch from offense to defense.
6. No bat restrictions.

## Fielding Rules:

1. Players may field any position for any number of innings as assigned by the coaches. However, coaches are strongly **ENCOURAGED** to rotate players defensively and give players opportunities at all positions.
2. No player-catcher will be used. A coach or parent from the hitting team who is setting the tee for their players 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**.

## 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.