

# **NBYBA LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

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The goals of the NBYBA local league rules are as follows:

- a. Provide each player an atmosphere where they can develop as both ball players and individuals.
- b. Facilitate processes that allow the most qualified coaches an opportunity to lead teams.
- c. Give each player, coach, and team equal opportunity in the draft.
- d. Encourage and facilitate competition among all teams in all leagues.

## **COACH SELECTION RULES**

### **I. Introduction**

Coaches will be selected to lead teams on an annual basis. Prospective coaches must submit Letters of Interest to be considered for a coaching position.

### **II. Letters of Interest**

Letters of Interest must be submitted between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> each year preceding the year in which a coach is interested in coaching. Letters received prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> will be dated June 1<sup>st</sup>. Letters received after June 30<sup>th</sup> will be placed in chronological order and held in the event not enough Letters were received during the filing period. Letters of Interest must contain: the prospective coach's name, the date, the league in which he/she desires to coach and must be submitted to the Association President. Letters given to anyone other than the Association President will not be accepted.

A. In the event fewer teams exist than qualified coaches, who submitted letters of intent during the required filing period, coaching positions will be awarded based on the qualifications listed below, in descending order:

1. The prospective coach was a coach in the same league the year before, or coached in the league immediately lower in age and is “moving up”, and remains in good standing with the Association.
  
2. All others wishing to be considered for a team.

Individuals in this group will be considered based on qualifications. Qualifications that will be considered are; instructional aptitude, character, trustworthiness, leadership, community involvement and past experience in baseball both as a player and coach. The most qualified person(s) will be awarded teams. It will be up to the Association’s Board of Directors to evaluate an applicants qualifications.

- a. In the event fewer available teams exist than **equally** qualified coaches (using the above criteria), a random drawing will be held to determine which coaches will be awarded the available teams.
  
- b. Coaches not awarded teams will have their names held by the Association President. In the event a team becomes available prior to the league’s draft, the Association Board will appoint the most qualified coach from the remaining applicants to coach the open team.

B. If more teams exist than coaches, persons interested in coaching who did not submit their Letter of Interest within the required filing period will be awarded teams provided the Association Board feels they are qualified to coach.

**NOTE:** In disputed matters, the situation in question should be evaluated and resolved based on: #1 – when a prospective coach’s Letter of Interest was received, #2 – what the prospective coach’s qualifications are, as set forth earlier and #3 – a random draw should be used in situations that remain in doubt after following #1 and #2.

### **III. Coach Selection**

After the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of Letters of Interest and prior to the start of the following years season, coaches will be selected as set forth in section II. Letters of Interest.

### **IV. Divisional Alignments**

In leagues with multiple divisions, once coaches are selected, each coach can voice a preference on the division in which they wish to coach. If more coaches want to coach in a division than teams are available, a coach or coaches will have to move to the other division (s).

The first remedy for this situation will be to offer coaches the opportunity to move voluntarily. If no coach, or not enough coaches volunteer to move, all of the coaches wanting to coach in the “overloaded” division will have their names placed in a hat. A name or names, will then be drawn from the hat until an appropriate number of names are left in the hat to fill the division in question. The coaches that have their name drawn from the hat will coach in the other division.

## **DRAFT RULES:**

### **I. Introduction**

Each year, every player except protected players shall be subject to the draft.

### **II. Protected Players**

A protected player is defined as a player who is not subject to the draft. Children of a head or an assistant coach are automatically assigned protective player status. Each team shall be limited to a maximum of two protected players, excluding siblings.

When protected players are placed on a team, the assistant coach's child will be designated as that team's 1<sup>st</sup> round draft selection in his/her age group and the head coach's child will be considered the team's 4<sup>th</sup> round draft choice in his/her age group.

A head coach without a child playing in the league may have a protected player designated by The Board. Head coaches must name an assistant coach prior to tryouts.

### **III. Siblings**

Siblings are placed in the 5<sup>th</sup> round if the first child is chosen before the 5<sup>th</sup> round. If the first child is chosen in the 5<sup>th</sup> round or later the second child will be placed in the following round. A third child would be placed in the round following the second child.

### **IV. Distribution of Same Age Players**

It is the goal of the Association to play "AGE PURE" leagues whenever possible and when the Board determines it is in the best interest of the league. When this is not possible it is the goal of the Association to have an equal mix of younger and older players for each team within a league.

### **V. Draft (s) - Methodology**

- A. When a league plays AGE PURE, the draft will feature multiple rounds among the teams and will continue until every player has been placed on a team either through the draft or as a protected player.

- B. When a league has two age groups participating, each draft will actually consist of three separate drafts. The first will be a draft of second year players, the second will be a draft of first year players and the third will be a draft of players not selected in the first two drafts.

Note...If a player is playing in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year within an age division, but his actual age still qualifies him as a 1<sup>st</sup> year player, he will be drafted with the 1<sup>st</sup> year players

To determine the number of rounds in each draft, the League's Commissioner will divide the number of same age players available, including protected players, by the number of teams. If the resulting number is not even, the Commissioner rounds down to the next full number.

For example, fifty-seven older players in a league divided by ten teams equal five point seven (5.7) rounds in the second year player draft. Round down to the nearest full number, which is five rounds. Fifty players would be drafted or placed on teams as protected players; the remaining seven players would be selected later. Continuing, seventy-three younger players divided by the same ten teams equals seven point three (7.3) rounds in the first year player draft. Round down to the nearest full round or seven full rounds. Seventy players would be drafted or placed on teams as protected players; the remaining three players would be taken later. In the final draft, the remaining 10 players would be drafted, one by each team.

At the end of the draft process, coaches will be allowed to make one trade if they choose. Trades must be completed before the draft meeting concludes and must be for like aged players (if not playing AGE PURE). The league's commissioner must approve all trades.

## **VI. Draft Order**

The draft order will be drawn out of a hat prior to the draft. Coaches are allowed to trade draft positions if they wish to do so.

- A. In AGE PURE leagues, the team with the lowest number will be the first team to make a selection in the draft, assuming that team does not have a protected

player in round one. The team with the highest number will make the last selection in the first round of the draft, assuming they do not have a protected player in round one.

The direction of the draft sequence will be from top to bottom in the first round, bottom to top in the second round, top to bottom in the third round, bottom to top in the fourth round, and so on until all players have been placed on a team.

- B. In mixed age leagues, the team with the lowest number will be the first team to make a selection in the second year player draft, assuming they do not have a protected player in round one. The team with the highest number will make the last selection in the first round of the older player draft, assuming they do not have a protected player in round one.

In this portion of the draft, the direction of the draft sequence will be from top to bottom in the first round, bottom to top in the second round, top to bottom in the third round, bottom to top in the fourth round, and so on. This alternating of direction will continue throughout the second year player draft.

The order will reverse in the first year player draft. The team with the last selection in the first round of the second year player draft will now have the first selection in the younger age group, assuming they do not have a protected player in round one. The team with the first selection in the older player draft will have the last selection in the first round of the younger age group.

In this draft, the direction of the draft sequence will be from bottom to top in the first round, top to bottom in the second round, bottom to top in the third round, top to bottom in the fourth round, and so on. This alternating of direction will continue throughout the first year player draft.

In the final draft, players not selected in the first two drafts will be taken and the draft order will again reverse. The team with the first pick in the older draft will again have the first pick. This draft will continue until all players have been selected.

In this draft, the direction of the draft sequence will be from top to bottom in the first round, bottom to top in the second round, top to bottom in the third round, bottom to top in the fourth round, and so on. This alternating of direction will continue throughout the final draft.

## **VII. Players Not Appearing At Tryouts**

It is the goal of the NBYBA to have all players selected by draft. When a prospective player does not appear at tryouts the player will be discussed before the draft by the coaches. If those players are known by any three different teams' coaches attending the draft and are discussed, they will be chosen during the draft. If the players in question are unknown by those attending the draft and are not discussed, the league's commissioner will hold a vote among that league's head coaches to see if the players will be drafted or if they will be chosen out of a hat as the final picks in the draft.

## **VIII. Late Registration**

A player may register any time prior to the draft. Once the draft begins, there will be no additions to any rosters.

# **ALL-STAR SELECTION RULES**

## **I. All-Star Coach Selection**

All-Star Coaches will be selected based on regular season standings. The head coach with the best record in each League shall be the head coach of that League's All-Star team. The first assistant shall be the head coach with the second best record within the League. The head coach of the All-Star team shall select the second assistant.

In Leagues with multiple divisions, each division's All-Star Coaches will be selected based on regular season standings. The head coach with the best record in each Division shall be the head coach of that Division's All-Star team. The first assistant shall be the head coach with the second best record within the division. The head coach of the All-Star team shall select the second assistant.

## **II. All-Star Player Selection**

All-Stars shall be elected by a majority vote of head coaches within each League (or division if applicable). Each head coach shall be allowed to nominate as many players as he chooses from his team.

## **III. All-Star Eligibility**

Any player who misses more than three (3) regularly scheduled games during the season, other than for school-sponsored activities or medical reasons will not be eligible to participate in all-stars.

## **PLAYOFF FORMAT**

It is the decision of each league Commissioner as to what type of play-off format will be used for their league. However, the Association Board of Directors encourages that a double elimination format be used whenever possible.

## **AGE CUT OFF**

The NBYBA will allow players with birthdays that fall between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> to “play up” with their school class. This provision is optional and it’s the player’s decision to pursue this opportunity or not. Any player taking advantage of this option is advised that their All-Star eligibility may be affected.

## **ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION**

NBYBA is affiliated with the Dixie Youth Baseball Association. Local league play will follow Dixie rules except where amended to meet our local league goals.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ALLOWING TEAMS TO PLAY WITH FEWER THAN NINE PLAYERS**

The NBYBA does allow teams to begin games with eight players. The ninth spot in the batting order is an automatic out. If a team begins a game with eight players and one of those eight players is unable to finish the game, the team cannot continue to play with seven players and the game will be a forfeit. **Teams cannot begin a game with fewer than eight players.**

## **COACHING PACKET**

Prior to the start of a season, each head coach will be given a coaches “packet” by the NBYBA. This packet will include, among other items,

1. Background check forms that must be completed by all adults who will help coach a team.
2. A copy of the league’s Coaching Standards, Rules, and Guidelines that must be signed and returned by the head coach.
3. A copy of the NBYBA Local League Rules.

## **T-BALL**

The T-Ball league will not keep score during regular season games. Score will be kept during the playoff games that occur and the end of the season.

## **TIE BREAKERS**

When at the end of the regular league season, two or more teams have identical overall records, in order to determine seedings for the local league playoffs and/or all-star coaching positions; ties will be broken in the following order,

1. Head-to-Head record between the tied teams.
2. Record within each teams respective Division (if applicable).
3. Coin flip.

