



***NORTH ROYALTON
BASEBALL BOOSTERS***

**2023
RULES &
REGULATIONS
HANDBOOK**

12-6-2022

NRBB Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 1	In-House Registration Opens		
Tuesday, January 3	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, January 17	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Tuesday, February 7	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, February 21	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Tuesday, March 7	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, March 21	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
March 31	In-House Registration Closes		
April	Boys & Girls Equipment Distribution	TBA	York Field House
Tuesday, April 4	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, April 18	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Week of April 24	In-House Practice Begins		
Tuesday, May 2	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, May 16	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Sunday, May 21	Last Day In-House Practice		
Monday, May 22	In-House Regular Season Begins		
Saturday, May 27	Rookie Season Begins		
June	Team Pictures	TBA	TBA
Tuesday, June 6	NRBB Meeting	9:00PM	York Meeting Room
June 9-11	Girl's "Bear Bash" Tournament		NR / York Fields
June 14-18	Boy's "Bear Brawl" Tournament		NR / York Fields
Tuesday, July 11	NRBB Meeting & Tournament Sch	9:00PM	York Meeting Room
Sunday, July 16	In-House Regular Season Ends		
Week of July 17	In-House Tournament Week Begins		
Sunday, July 23	In-House Tournament Week Ends		
Week of July 24	Rookie Week - Under the Lights		
July	Boys & Girls Equipment Return	TBA	York Field House
July / August	Travel Tryouts	TBA	York Fields
August	Girls Travel Registration Opens		
Tuesday, August 1	NRBB Meeting	9:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, September 5	NRBB Meeting – Trustee Nominations	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 19	NRBB Meeting – Trustee Elections	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
September 30	NRBB Calendar Year Ends		
October 1	NRBB Calendar Year Begins		
Tuesday, October 3	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, October 17	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
November	Boys Travel Registration Opens		
Tuesday, November 7	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	Web Meeting
Tuesday, November 21	NRBB Meeting	8:00PM	York Meeting Room
Tuesday, December 5	NRBB Meeting – Rule Book Approval	6:30PM	York Meeting Room

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants must adhere to following Code of Conduct policies. A participant is defined, but not limited to a manager, coach, player, parent or spectator.

1. All participants must exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
2. Respect and cooperate with officials at all times.
3. Chatter and cheering must be of a positive nature and directed to one's own team. Abusive and vulgar language will not be tolerated.
4. Safety and injury prevention shall be practiced by all.
5. All participants are required to demonstrate a positive attitude and set a good example of behavior. Keep the game in proper perspective. It is supposed to be fun.
6. Facilities, fields, and equipment shall be treated with care.
7. The use of **ANY** tobacco products is prohibited within any of the facilities.

ROLE OF PARENT

Parents must shoulder responsibility and take initiative to make our program successful. Baseball Boosters is not a club in which membership implies babysitting benefits and entertainment privileges. Practically speaking, the baseball program is an adult, volunteer work project, constructed, supervised, and assisted by parents who desire to make its' benefits extend to their children. Volunteers are always needed for fund raising, team organizing, scheduling, purchasing, and equipment distribution.

Each parent should join in the total effort. In addition to the various administrative and service capacities in the program, qualified adult volunteers must be enlisted as team managers, coaches, and umpires. It is not enough that candidates for these important roles have previous experience in the game. Managers and coaches should demonstrate leadership ability, and the know-how to work with young children.

Teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline are attainable goals of the program. There is a place and a job for all. The burden of operating the program should not fall on a few. The parent who shirks this responsibility cannot, in turn, expect others to assume the burden.

PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in North Royalton Baseball by following this code of ethics.

I WILL encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other baseball events.

I WILL place the emotional and physical well-being of all children ahead of any personal desire to win.

I WILL provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I WILL demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sport environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games, practices and baseball events.

I WILL remember that the game is for children and not for adults. I will do my best to make baseball fun for my child.

I WILL ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of age, race, sex, creed, or ability.

I promise to help my child enjoy the baseball experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

VIOLATIONS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Violations to the Code of Conduct may be determined by the umpire and or a Trustee.

1. A violation may result in ejection from the facilities, this includes during a game, pregame, postgame, in the parking lot, etc.
2. Anyone ejected must leave the facilities and is not permitted to return for the remainder of the day/night.
3. An ejection shall result in an additional two game suspension from the facilities. The ejection may be reviewed, and suspension reduced, pending review by the NRBB President, Division Commissioner and Umpire in chief, at the request of the Division Commissioner.
4. Any participant other than player (spectator, manager or coach) ejected more than once during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season, and shall be registered on the Suspended Participant List.
5. Any player ejected from two or more games during the season, may face suspension for the remainder of the season, pending review by the NRBB President, Division Commissioner and Umpire in chief.
6. Ejection resulting from verbal abuse and or physical contact done in anger or in an attempt to intimidate may result in immediate suspension from participating in the program indefinitely, and the person may be registered on the Suspended Participant List.
7. Games shall be suspended whenever a participant is required to leave the facilities, until compliance. Failure to comply may result in a team forfeit. Note: If needed, the local authorities shall be contacted.

EJECTION REPORTS & SUSPENDED PARTICIPANT LIST

1. In the event of an ejection from a game or facilities, the official(s) and or Trustee(s) will complete a report. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the Umpire in Chief and NRBB President, and Division Commissioner (if during a game) within 24-hours of the incident.
2. Ejection reports shall be archived by the NRBB and stored indefinitely.
3. The Suspended Participant List shall be archived by the NRBB secretary.

SUSPENSION REINSTATEMENT

1. Those registered on the Suspended Participant List, and after serving the suspension, may apply for reinstatement, no more than once per season.
2. Persons requesting reinstatement must submit a request explaining their interest in program reinstatement. If reinstatement is for a minor, a parent or guardian must make this request.
3. The request shall be delivered (mailed, emailed or other) to the NRBB President.
4. The NRBB President shall arrange a hearing, limited to the NRBB Executive Board, Compliance Official, Umpire in Chief and the Suspended. If the hearing is for a minor, a parent or guardian shall be included.
5. After the hearing, the Executive Board shall make a ruling on reinstatement within 2-working days.
6. To be fully reinstated, person other than a player, must attend 50% of NRBB scheduled meetings. Violations of this condition may terminate the reinstatement.
7. If reinstated, the person's name shall remain on the NRBB Suspended List, but status changed from "Suspended" to "Reinstated".

REGISTRATION

All details pertaining to registration shall be published in a public forum (e.g., Royalton Recorder, NRBB website, etc). Players who are not residents of North Royalton shall be assessed an additional non-resident fee. Birth certificates shall be required for first time players. Any person registering using a fictitious name, age, residence, etc. shall be removed from the program and forfeit all fees.

Any player participating in a game who is not registered with the Boosters will cause a forfeiture of that game. Registrations received after the cutoff date shall be placed on a waiting list and assigned only if roster space is available. NRBB In-House League participant's player age is determined as follows:

- On or prior to September 30 - 5 & 6 Baseball / Softball
- On or prior to May 31 - All other In-House Leagues
- On or prior to Dec 31 of the prior year – Co-Ed Softball (16-20)

Any player, who because of size or ability requests to play in the next lower or higher league, may do so only with the permission of the Commissioner(s) of the leagues. No applicant may move up 2-birth years to participate in a higher age group.

Refunds are not guaranteed and will be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

1. The commissioner will nominate managers. Nominated managers are approved by the Board of Trustees, prior to team assignment.
2. **To improve communications, a representative from each team (manager or coach) should attend Baseball Booster meetings.**
3. Each team's manager and coaches must remain behind the fence in the bench area unless coaching a base. At no time will the manager or any of his coaches or players stand behind the backstop. No manager or coach is permitted out of the dugout area to assist their defense on the field of play, unless otherwise noted in the league rules. Only the Manager is permitted to go on the field to discuss a call with the umpire.
4. Managers may bench a player for disciplinary reasons during a game. (Details must be filed with the Commissioner within 48 hours.)
5. A manager may recommend that a player be suspended or dropped from the team. The request must be submitted in writing to the Division Commissioner and parents of the player. The request shall be reviewed and a decision made by the Division Commissioner and Executive Board.
6. Reasons a player may be dropped (lack of ability is not a valid reason):
 - a. If the player is endangering himself physically, e.g. poor eyesight etc.
 - b. If he or she is consistently absent from scheduled practices and games. After three unexcused absences (not notifying manager) from practices or games.
 - c. Other: illness, injuries, changes of address, etc. Managers will support their request with sound reasons.
7. **THE MANAGER AND COACHES ARE LOOKED UPON AS AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. CHATTER AND CHEERING MUST BE POSITIVE AND NOT DIRECTED TO THE OPPONENTS.**

The manager and coaches goal is to ensure teams are granted the greatest chance to maximize play. Intentional delays or manipulation of the game pace are not permitted.

Any manager or coach who does not set a good example or follow the Code of Conduct faces suspension, and may be required to attend a hearing. The hearing shall be arranged by the NRBB President and shall be limited to include the NRBB Executive Board, Commissioner, Umpire in Chief and the manager or coach.

8. Protests are permitted. A manager wishing to protest **must do so at the point during the game at which the controversy arose**. The protest must be noted in the official scorebook along with the time of the event. The protesting manager must complete a protest form, available on the NRBB website, with a \$25 filing fee. Protests shall be documented in accordance with this form. The Protest Committee (NRBB President, Commissioner, and Umpire in Chief) will review the protest and meet as conditions arise. A full refund shall be awarded for protests which are upheld. If upheld, the game shall be replayed at point of protest.
9. The home team furnishes the official scorer and maintains the official score sheet. The visiting team operates the scoreboard. It is recommended that both teams keep score sheets and compare them at the end of each half inning. Managers must submit lineups to the official scorer prior to the game's start. Managers must notify the official scorer and the opposing manager of lineup changes.
10. **The manager must possess a means to produce a full roster with emergency contact information, at all practices and games.** The manager shall keep an accurate roster/lineup in the dugout during games.
11. It is a manager's responsibility to ensure that the opposing manager plays all the team's players in accordance with the rules. Any violations **MUST** be noted at the point of infraction.
12. For safety reasons, a manager may request a meeting with the Commissioner for the purpose of sending a player to a lower division. The Commissioner will contact the parents to explain the situation. Sending a player to a lower division must be made prior to the start of the regular season and have the approval of the Commissioner(s).
13. Each manager must report scores to the Commissioner weekly. In the event of a game cancellation or suspended game, the home team manager shall inform the Commissioner within 24-hours.

14. Uniforms shall be issued by NRBB. Managers shall ensure all players wear the issued uniform as intended and designed, for the entire season. No alterations are permitted, e.g. adding names to the uniform or tearing off sleeves. Any player altering his or her uniform shall be issued a new uniform at his or her expense.

15. Each manager is responsible for player evaluations at the end of the season. Completed evaluation forms must be turned in to the Commissioner by the end of the regular season (prior to tournament week). Before September, all Commissioners (except Rookies) must schedule a meeting with their managers to review the evaluations. A manager may not be eligible to manage if the manager fails to submit evaluations.

DRAFT OF PLAYERS

1. All divisions will hold a draft except where noted in the Division Rules.
2. Previous players of the NRBB program shall be evaluated and rated.
3. New players to the program may be required to participate in a tryout evaluation.
4. Teams shall draft players for all divisions in which first and or second place individual trophies are awarded.
5. For divisions in which participation trophies are awarded, the commissioner shall assemble teams.
6. Commissioner may permit managers to select up to 2-coaches of their choice.
7. Prior to the start of the draft, player ratings may be discussed and changed with a majority vote of the managers.
8. Late registrant(s) shall be placed on team(s) at the discretion of the Commissioner, for the purpose of maintaining league equality.
9. Any player who was held back a league will not be placed with their prior year's manager.
10. Any late registrant, after the Managers Only Meeting, will not be placed with their prior year's manager.
11. No trading of players is allowed between managers. The penalty; invalid roster - forfeiture of games played and possible suspension.

GENERAL RULES FOR PLAYERS

1. Exposed jewelry (wrist, ear, neck, ankle, or any other part of the body) is not permitted. Starter post earrings must be covered with bandages. Also, gum, seeds, candy, and etc. are not permitted, while on the field.
2. All team members not involved in fielding, batting or coaching must be in the dugout.
3. Any player charged with unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by the umpire, shall be either (1) restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game or shall (2) be ejected from the game, if flagrant.
4. Malicious contact with intent to injure or intentionally disrupt play will result in an ejection, and shall be recorded as an out if committed on offense.
5. Any player restricted to the bench area or ejected from a game shall count as an out in the continuous batting order. If the restriction drops the team below the minimum number of players, the game shall be considered a forfeit.
6. Teams shall not make any intentional audible noise to hinder the batter or pitcher, during the pitching motion and until the pitch is complete.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

1. The NRBB will provide bats, catcher's equipment, bases, and similar team equipment. All persons should be mindful that such equipment is NRBB property and should be protected from loss and misuse.
2. All equipment is to be stacked behind the benches or sidelines.
3. NRBB equipment must be returned to the appropriate equipment manager promptly at the conclusion of the season. Unreturned equipment shall be billed to the issuee at full replacement cost.
4. Balls shall be furnished by NRBB and instructions for game balls provided at the onset of the season. **No balls shall be given to players.**
5. NRBB furnished equipment shall be used unless personally owned equipment provides equivalent or improved protection, as identified by the manufacturer's specifications. Altering equipment or adding accessories, beyond what was supplied by the NRBB or the original equipment manufacturer, is prohibited.
6. Baseball catchers must wear a protective cup. If a team cannot field a catcher with a cup the game shall be forfeited.
7. All fields shall be prepared and maintained by the Recreation Department.
8. Scoreboard controllers are available in the concessions stand.

GAME RULES

1. The official game time shall be indicated on the official league schedule.
2. Regulation/minimum Number of Players and Player *Substitution (Refer to the League Regulations Table)*
 - a. Teams must field the REGULATION number of players if the required numbers are present.
 - b. Teams unable to field the MINIMUM number of players 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time must forfeit the game.
 - c. If injury or illness drops a team below the MINIMUM number, the game may be resumed at a later date at the point of injury.
 - d. It is the manager's responsibility to see that a team is fielded with the REGULATION number of players.
 - e. In the event of an anticipated player shortage due to vacations or illness, the team affected may request players from a lower league (call up players), to increase the team to the REGULATION number of players. This rule may only be used when a team cannot field a REGULATION number of players.
 - f. Any improper call up player or incorrectly rostered player discovered during a game shall be determined ineligible and removed from the game. The ineligible player will count as an out in the continuous batting order. Games completed where an ineligible player was used shall be forfeited.
3. Call Up Players
 - a. Call up players must be NRBB registered in-house players, except for High School and Co-Ed Softball, which may call up NRBB registered in-house or travel players.
 - b. A call up player for all leagues except High School and Co-Ed must be no more than one birth year younger, on the day the game is played. For example: A boy rostered in the 9-10 division, who turns ten on June 15, is eligible to be a call up player for the 11-12 division, on or after June 15.
 - c. A High School and Co-Ed Softball call up player must be age 14, 15 or 16, on the day the game is played.
 - d. Call up players first obligation is to his/her assigned team and may consent to play only if they don't have a regularly scheduled game at that time.
 - e. For safety reasons, call up players should only be those players with appropriate ability in the lower league. Call up players must play an outfield position, except for boys 13-14 & High School Divisions, where they may play

- any position except pitcher and catcher, bat last (except Co-Ed Softball) and wear the uniform issued to the team they play for, or different color shirt. A Manager will not issue a team shirt to a call up player.
- f. Prior to the start of the game, the manager with call up players must inform the opposing manager, scorekeeper and umpire of the call up players
 - g. Once the game begins, additional call up players are not permitted.
- 4. The home team shall be noted on the schedule. The home/away teams shall reside in the appropriate benches.
 - 5. Prior to 3:30 PM on all weekdays, the fitness of the grounds for all games shall be the responsibility of the recreation department. After 3:30 PM on weekdays the umpires will determine the fitness of the grounds for all games.
 - 6. Procedure for Suspended Game
 - a. The umpire may temporarily suspend a game, when, in the judgment of the umpire, conditions pose a safety hazard (weather, light failure, field conditions, etc.).
 - b. In accordance with the OSHAA Inclement Weather Policy, the umpire shall immediately suspend competition if lightning is observed or thunder is heard, and exercise the Thirty-Minute Rule.
 - c. Any umpire suspending competition at the York Field Complex shall inform the concession stand to sound the air horn, at which time all competition shall be suspended.
 - d. Players, coaches, managers and spectators shall evacuate to safety and must remain and await the decision by the umpire to resume play. National guidelines suggest the appropriate place of shelter is a vehicle. Teams risk a forfeit if they leave before the umpire's decision.
 - e. When an umpire determines that play cannot be resumed, all games which end prior to becoming official shall be replayed as a new game. Games that cannot be resumed after becoming official will use the ending score, provided the losing team has at least as many completed times at bat as the winning team. If not, the score reverts to the previous inning's score.
 - f. If play is suspended during a game the suspension time will not count against the time limit.
 - 7. All leagues will have a time limit to play a regulation game. Time limits are shown in League Regulations Table. However, there is no time limit to play an

OFFICIAL game (minimum number of innings). A full regulation game is permitted, provided the last inning has been started prior to the time limit. Extra innings are permitted. NO inning is permitted to start (after the game is official) once the time limit has been reached.

8. In the event a game starts later than the scheduled time (for example: player shortage, weather, etc.), the time limit shall begin when the umpire declares —PLAY BALL.
9. Any violation of the pitching rules constitutes a forfeiture of the game. The game will not be replayed.
10. When a player arrives late for a game, the other team must be notified of the new player before they enter the game. The new player may enter the game at any point during the inning but must bat in the last position of the order. If their team is in the field, they must enter the game as an outfielder, provided there is an open position.
11. All teams shall use a continuous batting order, batting the entire roster, except where noted.
12. No batter shall be declared out if he/she is unable to bat in the consecutive batting order due to injury, illness or leaving the facility.
13. Illegal slides are not permitted, some examples are defined below.
 - a. The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide into the fielder.
 - b. The runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position.
 - c. The runner goes beyond the base and makes contact or alters the play of the fielder.
 - d. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg.
 - e. Any other attempt by the runner to try to injure the fielder.
14. Sliding is permitted in all leagues. Head first slides are not permitted unless returning to a previous base. Runners violating this rule shall be called out.

15. Batters releasing their bats in an unsafe manner, in the judgment of the umpire, shall be given an individual warning. A second occurrence by the same batter will result in the batter being declared out.
16. A courtesy runner is permitted and optional for the catcher with two (2) outs. This runner shall be the last batter retired.
17. Games that are tied which comply with rules 6 & 7 above shall remain tied. As a result, teams shall be given points to determine the league standings. A team shall be awarded two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
18. Standings shall be kept based on point-percent (total number of points divided by the total number of games played).
19. At the end of the regular season and in the event of a tie, a playoff game can be held to determine a division champion, except in divisions without a player draft.
20. In the event of a tie, when a tie breaking game cannot be played, the tie breaker system is as follows.
 - a. Head-to-head record
 - b. Least number of runs allowed per game
 - c. Coin flip
21. All games, including those between cities (where applicable) shall be used in the standings.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All Tournament Rules take precedence over any other conflicting rules.
2. Tournament seeding shall be based on the season standings.
3. Time limits will remain in effect for all games except championship games and tie games. A winner must be determined. Ties are not permitted. All games that are suspended, due to weather, light failure, etc. shall be resumed from the point at which the game was suspended, at a later date.
4. Tournament play shall begin as noted in the NRBB Calendar.
5. All protests shall be resolved immediately on the field by the NRBB Umpire in Chief or his designee.
6. It is the responsibility of the Commissioner to notify the managers and to post the scheduled and rescheduled tournament games in a timely manner. It is the responsibility of the manager to field his/her team for all scheduled and rescheduled tournament games. Failure to field a team at a properly announced scheduled or rescheduled game will result in forfeiture.
7. The home team for all tournament games shall be determined by the Commissioner.
8. If weather interrupts the normal course of the tournament, the Commissioner may alter the format of the tournament.

GAME SCHEDULES

1. The Scheduler will schedule all games. Every effort should be made to ensure each of the teams within a division plays the same number of games.
2. Rescheduling of games must be due to weather. Requests for games to be rescheduled for reasons other than weather must be done 72 hours in advance and both teams must be affected (i.e., class picnic or community event). Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of game.
3. Rescheduled games shall be posted to the NRBB Official Schedule.
4. The scheduler will notify the NRBB Umpire Assigner of rescheduled games.
5. MAKE UP GAMES HAVE PRIORITY OVER PRACTICES.
6. Regular Season and Playoff games shall be completed as noted in the NRBB Calendar.
7. The Commissioner may determine which rainout games shall be rescheduled to determine league champion (see rule 1).

DIVISION RULES

BOYS BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 5 & 6

1. The 5-6 year old program is designed to provide fundamentals and instruction. The commissioner shall assemble teams.
2. Coaches may position themselves within the field of play.
3. Practices shall be held weeks 1-4 and reserved solely for instruction. For the first 1/2-hour, one team will practice in the infield, while the other practices in the outfield. Teams will swap in the second 1/2-hour.
4. Games shall be held weeks 5-7. The tee shall be used the entire game. Pitching is not permitted.
5. Coach pitch games shall be held weeks 8-10. A predetermined number of pitches shall be identified at the preseason manager's meeting. If the predetermined number of pitches is reached during an at bat, the tee will be used. There shall be no strikeouts.
6. Runners can be declared out by the base coaches. A runner declared out will return to the bench. Ties are awarded to the runner. Runners shall advance no more than one base at a time.
7. Teams shall use a continuous batting order, batting the entire roster. A half inning is over when every player has batted.
8. A maximum of six fielders shall be positioned in the infield (1b, 2b, 3b, ss, p short fielder). The remainder shall play in the outfield at least 15-feet from the baseline. Fielders shall be positioned to avoid collisions.
9. Practices/games that are rained out will not be rescheduled.
10. The season will culminate in a rookie night at the conclusion of the season and shall be held on a weeknight. In the event of rain, rookie night may be rescheduled.

GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 7-8

GENERAL RULES

1. This division is an instructional division, with the objective of giving players the experience of playing as many different positions as possible.
2. The commissioner shall assemble teams.
3. There is not a minimum number of players rule. Teams may borrow players from the opposing team. Call up players are permitted. There shall be no forfeits.
4. Standings shall be kept for backer purposes only. No playoffs, tournaments, or league championship games shall be played.
5. For teams in the field, the manager and coaches may assume positions in foul territory and in the outfield, to instruct fielders.

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 7-infielders (1b, 2b, 3b, ss, p, c, short fielder) and no more than 5-outfielders who must begin play approximately twenty (20) feet behind the base path.
2. Positioning Players
 - a. Any player who plays an infield position in the first inning cannot play in the infield in the second inning. If a team does not have enough players for a completely different infield, then every player must play in the infield in the first or second inning, and that team must use different players at the pitcher and first base positions in the first and second innings. (i.e., if a player plays 1B or P in the first inning they cannot play 1B or P in the 2nd inning.) Every player must play infield at least two of the first four innings.
 - b. If numbers permit, every player shall play at least one inning in the outfield/bench in the first three innings.
 - c. No player shall play more than three innings at any combination of pitcher and first base.
3. No player can play outfield/bench two consecutive innings.

4. As a minimum, a player must play at least every other inning. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning.
5. Each manager will present to the other manager his or her list of infielders before the beginning of the game. Fielder rule violations must be addressed and corrected by the manager.
6. No position changes are allowed once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or to replace a player that must leave the field.
7. A fielder mask must be worn by the pitcher.

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. No batter or runners can advance more than one base except for batted balls driven past the infield, where a maximum of two bases is permitted.
3. Any ball clearing the outfield fence on a fly is a home run.
4. A batter batting out of turn that is noticed before a pitch is thrown to the next batter shall result in a replay. The correct batter shall be inserted in the out of turn batter's place with a new ball and strike count and all runners that may have advanced as the result of the out of turn batter hitting the ball shall return to their original bases. If a pitch is pitched to the batter that is following the out of turn batter, the out of turn batter's play shall stand.
5. Any base runner leaving their base before the ball has been hit will result in a warning being given to their team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball—no pitch. After one team warning, the offending player shall be declared OUT. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball—no pitch.

PITCHING

1. The season shall be divided into sections which shall be determined by the commissioner.

FIRST SECTION OF THE SEASON

1. The manager or coach shall pitch underhand the entire game from the pitcher's plate.
2. Each batter will get six (6) pitches in which they will attempt to hit the ball safely. If a fair ball is not hit in six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. A foul ball is considered one (1) pitch. NO walks shall be issued.
3. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it shall be replayed (no pitch).
4. For the team at bat, a coach may be positioned near the backstop to help coach the batter and catcher if needed.

SECOND SECTION OF THE SEASON

COACH/MANAGER PITCH (Innings 1-3)

1. The manager or coach shall pitch underhand in the first three innings from the pitcher's plate.
2. Each batter will get six (6) pitches in which they will attempt to hit the ball safely. If no fair ball is hit within six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. If the batter swings and misses three (3) times within the six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. A foul ball is considered one (1) pitch and also a strike. If the batter fouls off the sixth pitch, the batter shall be considered out. NO balls shall be called and no walks shall be issued.
3. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it shall be replayed (no pitch).

PLAYER PITCH (Innings 4-5)

1. While on the rubber and before the pitch is delivered, the pitcher must pause with hands together. Any underhand delivery is acceptable (underhand or windmill) and a toe drag is permitted.
2. A pitcher may pitch no more than 3-outs.
3. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return to pitch one more time as long as there is no violation of other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
4. A manager may confer with the pitcher no more than twice in any one inning. A third trip to the mound in one inning shall require a change of the pitcher.
5. The umpire will call balls and strikes and shall be positioned in the infield. If a batter is hit by a pitched ball, the batter shall be awarded first base.
6. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, they must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
7. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.

GIRLS FASTPITCH DIVISION RULES FOR 9-10

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 4-outfielders who must begin play approximately twenty (20) feet behind the base path.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. As a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield and outfield during the first three innings, and at least 2 innings in the infield per game. (If a coach has safety concerns about a player playing the infield, that manager must contact the Commissioner to advise them of the situation. The Commissioner can grant an exception to the rule if justified.) Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner.
4. Suspension of play:
 - a. By umpire judgement, when any fielder has control of the ball in the infield, a delayed dead ball occurs.
 - b. When a delayed dead ball occurs, any base runner not in contact with a base must advance or return to the base last touched, with the risk of being put out.
 - c. Any infielder that has control of the ball in the infield when a delayed dead ball occurs may attempt to put out any advancing or retreating base runner. The base runner is not permitted to advance any further than the base that was being attempted. (Example: on an overthrow by any fielder, the base runner cannot advance past the base being attempted.)
5. A fielder mask must be worn by the pitcher, first baseman and third baseman.

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. Any base runner leaving their base before the ball has been hit will result in a warning being given to their team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball – no pitch. After one team warning, any offending player shall be declared – OUT. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball – No pitch.
3. After the ball crosses home plate, a runner on second base may steal third base. No further advance by any runner is permitted.

PITCHING

1. While on the rubber and before the pitch is delivered, the pitcher must pause with hands together. Any underhand delivery is acceptable (underhand or windmill) and a toe drag is permitted.
2. A pitcher shall pitch no more than nine (9) outs per game but no more than six (6) outs in the first 3-innings.
3. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one (1) inning, she must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
4. A pitcher removed from the mound may return once to the mound in the same inning, and may return to the mound throughout the game, as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
5. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.

GIRLS FASTPITCH DIVISION RULES FOR 11-12

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 4-outfielders who must begin play approximately twenty (20) feet behind the base path.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. At a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield during the first three innings. (If a coach has safety concerns about a player playing the infield, that manager must contact the Commissioner to advise them of the situation. The Commissioner can grant an exception to the rule if justified.) Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner.
4. A fielder mask must be worn by the pitcher, first baseman and third baseman.

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. A base runner leaving her base before the ball has crossed the plate will result in a warning being given to her team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball – No pitch. After one (1) team warning, any offending player shall be declared OUT.
3. After the ball crosses home plate, base runners may steal any base except home. No further advance by the runner(s) is/are permitted.

PITCHING

1. While on the rubber and before the pitch is delivered, the pitcher must pause with hands together. Any underhand delivery is acceptable (underhand or windmill) and a toe drag is permitted.
2. A pitcher shall pitch no more than nine (9) outs per game.
3. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one (1) inning, she must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
4. A pitcher removed from the mound may return once to the mound in the same inning, and may return to the mound throughout the game, as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
5. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.

GIRLS FASTPITCH DIVISION RULES FOR 13-14 & 13-15

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 4-outfielders who must begin play approximately twenty (20) feet behind the base path.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. As a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner.
4. A fielder mask must be worn by the pitcher, first baseman and third baseman.

TEAM AT BAT

1. Base runners may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate.
2. A base runner leaving her base before the ball has crossed the plate will result in a warning being given to her team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball – no pitch. After one (1) team warning, any offending player shall be declared OUT.

PITCHING

1. While on the rubber and before the pitch is delivered, the pitcher must pause with hands together. Any underhand delivery is acceptable (underhand or windmill) and a toe drag is permitted.
2. A pitcher shall pitch no more than nine (9) outs per game.
3. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one (1) inning, she must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
4. A pitcher removed from the mound may return once to the mound in the same inning, and may return to the mound throughout the game, as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.

GIRLS FASTPITCH DIVISION RULES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
2. As a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players (except for the starting pitcher and starting catcher) have sat out one inning. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner.

TEAM AT BAT

1. Base runners may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate.
2. A base runner leaving her base before the ball has crossed the plate will result in a warning being given to her team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball – no pitch. After one (1) team warning, any offending player shall be declared OUT.

PITCHING

1. While on the rubber and before the pitch is delivered, the pitcher must pause with hands together. Any underhand delivery is acceptable (underhand or windmill) and a toe drag is permitted.
2. A pitcher shall pitch no more than twelve (12) outs per game.
3. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one (1) inning, she must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
4. A pitcher removed from the mound may return once to the mound in the same inning, and may return to the mound throughout the game, as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.

BOYS BASEBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 7-8

GENERAL RULES

1. This division is an instructional division, with the objective of giving players the experience of playing as many different positions as possible.
2. The commissioner shall assemble teams.
3. There is not a minimum number of players rule. Teams may borrow players from the opposing team. Call up players are permitted. There shall be no forfeits.
4. Standings shall be kept for backer purposes only. No playoffs, tournaments or league championship games shall be played.
5. For teams in the field, the manager and coaches may assume positions in foul territory and in the outfield to instruct fielders.

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 7-infielders (1b, 2b, 3b, ss, p, c, short fielder) and no more than 5-outfielders who must begin play approximately twenty (20) feet behind the base path.
2. Positioning Players
 - a. Any player who plays an infield position in the first inning cannot play in the infield in the second inning. If a team does not have enough players for a completely different infield, then every player must play in the infield in the first or second inning, and that team must use different players at the Pitcher and First Base positions in the first and second innings. (i.e., if a player plays 1B or P in the first inning, they cannot play 1B or P in the 2nd inning). Every player must play infield at least two of the first four innings.
 - b. If numbers permit, every player shall play at least one inning in the outfield/bench in the first three innings.
 - c. No player shall play more than three innings at any combination of pitcher and first base.
3. No player can play outfield/bench two consecutive innings.

4. As a minimum, a player must play at least every other inning. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning.
5. Each manager will present to the other manager his or her list of infielders before the beginning of the game. Fielder rule violations must be addressed and corrected by the manager.
6. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. No batter or runner can advance more than one base except for batted balls driven past the infield, where a maximum of two bases is permitted.
3. Any ball clearing the outfield fence on a fly is a homerun.
4. A batter batting out of turn that is noticed before a pitch is thrown to the next batter shall result in a replay. The correct batter shall be inserted in the out of turn batter's place with a new ball and strike count and all runners that may have advanced as the result of the out of turn batter hitting the ball shall return to their original bases. If a pitch is pitched to the batter that is following the out of turn batter, the out of turn batter's play shall stand.
5. Any base runner leaving his base before the ball has been hit will result in a warning being given to his team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball— no pitch. After one (1) team warning, the offending player shall be declared OUT. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball—no pitch.

PITCHING

1. The season shall be divided into sections which shall be determined by the commissioner.

FIRST SECTION OF THE SEASON

1. The manager or coach shall pitch overhand the entire game from the pitcher's plate.
2. Each batter will get six (6) pitches in which they will attempt to hit the ball safely. If a fair ball is not hit in six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. A foul ball is considered one (1) pitch. NO walks shall be issued.
3. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it shall be replayed (no pitch).
4. For the team at bat, a coach may be positioned near the backstop to help coach the batter and catcher if needed.

SECOND SECTION OF THE SEASON

COACH/MANAGER PITCH (Innings 1-3)

1. The manager or coach shall pitch overhand in the first three innings from the pitcher's plate.
2. Each batter will get six (6) pitches in which they will attempt to hit the ball safely. If no fair ball is hit within six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. If the batter swings and misses three (3) times within the six (6) pitches, the batter shall be considered out. A foul ball is considered one (1) pitch and also a strike. If the batter fouls off the sixth pitch, the batter shall be considered out. NO balls shall be called and no walks shall be issued.
3. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it shall be replayed (no pitch).

PLAYER PITCH (Innings 4-5)

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 3-outs or 54 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
 - a. 25 – 54 pitches, 30-hours
 - b. 1 – 24 pitches, no rest is required
3. Pitchers meeting a threshold during an at bat may complete the at bat, without being considered to have exceeded the threshold.
4. Pitch counts shall be reported as outlined during the Managers Meeting.
5. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return one time as long as there is no violation of other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
6. A manager may confer with the pitcher no more than twice in any one inning. A third trip to the mound in one inning shall require a change of the pitcher.
7. The umpire will call balls and strikes and shall be positioned in the infield. If a batter is hit by a pitched ball, the batter shall be awarded first base.
8. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
9. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.

BOYS BASEBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 9-10

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 4-outfielders who must begin play approximately thirty (30) feet behind the base path.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. As a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield and outfield during the first three innings, and at least 2 innings in the infield per game. (If a coach has safety concerns about a player playing the infield, that manager must contact the Commissioner to advise them of the situation. The Commissioner can grant an exception to the rule if justified.) Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner.
4. Suspension of play:
 - a. By umpire judgement, when any fielder has control of the ball in the infield, a delayed dead ball occurs.
 - b. When a delayed dead ball occurs, any base runner not in contact with a base must advance or return to the base last touched, with the risk of being put out.
 - c. Any infielder that has control of the ball in the infield when a delayed dead ball occurs may attempt to put out any advancing or retreating base runner. The base runner is not permitted to advance any further than the base that was being attempted. (Example: on an overthrow by any fielder, the base runner cannot advance past the base being attempted.)

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. Any base runner leaving their base before the ball crosses the plate or has been hit will result in a warning being given to his team at the time of the infraction. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball— no pitch. After one (1) team warning, any offending player shall be declared OUT. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball—no pitch.
3. After the ball crosses home plate, a runner on second base may steal third base. No further advance by any runner is permitted.

PITCHING

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 6-outs or 75 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
 - a. 55 – 75 pitches, 40-hours
 - b. 25 – 54 pitches, 30-hours
 - c. 1 – 24 pitches, no rest is required
3. Pitchers meeting a threshold during an at bat may complete the at bat, without being considered to have exceeded the threshold.
4. Pitch counts shall be reported as outlined during the Managers Meeting.
5. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return one time as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
6. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.
7. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.

BOYS BASEBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 11-12

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 4-outfielders who must begin play approximately thirty (30) feet behind the base path.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. At a minimum, a player must play every other inning in the field. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Commissioner. All players must play at least one inning in the infield during the first three innings. (If a coach has safety concerns about a player playing the infield, that manager must contact the Commissioner to advise them of the situation. The Commissioner can grant an exception to the rule if justified.)

TEAM AT BAT

1. The inning shall end after three outs or the team reaches the max run limit for the inning.
2. Any base runner(s) leaving the base before the pitch crosses the plate shall be declared out. A pitched ball at the time of the infraction shall be declared by the umpire to be a dead ball—no pitch.
3. After the ball crosses home plate, base runners may steal any base except home. No further advance by the runner(s) is/are permitted.
4. A runner on third may only score on a batted ball or if forced (walk, hit batsman) or on a bases loaded dropped third strike with two outs.

PITCHING

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 9-outs or 85 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
 - a. 75 – pitches or more, 60-hours
 - b. 55 – 74 pitches, 40-hours
 - c. 25 – 54 pitches, 30-hours
 - d. 1 – 24 pitches, no rest is required
3. Pitchers meeting a threshold during an at bat may complete the at bat, without being considered to have exceeded the threshold.
4. Pitch counts shall be reported as outlined during the Manager Meeting.
5. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return one time as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
6. Intentional walks are not permitted. Violations shall be reported to the Commissioner.
7. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.

BOYS BASEBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 13- 14

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A team will field no more than 3-outfielders.
2. No position changes are permitted once an inning begins, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or a player that must leave the field.
3. As a minimum, a player must play at least every other inning. No player can sit out a second inning until all players have sat out one inning, and no player can sit out a third inning until all players have sat out two innings.

PITCHING

1. A pitcher may pitch no more than 12-outs or 95 pitches per game.
2. Pitching threshold for required rest.
 - a. 75 – pitches or more, 60-hours
 - b. 55 – 74 pitches, 40-hours
 - c. 25 – 54 pitches, 30-hours
 - d. 1 – 24 pitches, no rest is required
3. Pitchers meeting a threshold during an at bat may complete the at bat, without being considered to have exceeded the threshold.
4. Pitch counts shall be reported as outlined during the Manager Meeting.
5. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return one time as long as there is no violation of any other Pitching or Team in the Field player rules.
6. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.

BOYS BASEBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 15-18 HIGH SCHOOL

All cities that participate in the NRBB High School Baseball League must follow all rules found in the latest issue of the NRBB Rules and Regulations Handbook, regardless if the game is played at a city other than North Royalton. Additional league rules may be found in the General Player Rules & Equipment and Facilities sections.

GENERAL RULES

1. All players present at the game (excluding call up players):
 - a. Must play a minimum of three innings in the field.
 - b. A player arriving late to a game is required to play a minimum of half the innings for which the player is present.

PITCHING

1. For specific pitch counts and rest periods, refer to OHSAA.
2. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. The player can return one time as long as there is no violation of any other pitching rule.
3. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from that inning. The pitcher cannot return to the mound until the next inning.
4. A player who has pitched in a High School varsity game, in the season preceding the In-House season, is not permitted to pitch during the In-House season.

COED SOFTBALL DIVISION RULES FOR 16-20

GENERAL RULES

1. The regular season for Co-Ed shall start on the first Friday after the last day of class of Ohio Universities. Usually, the second Friday in June; the date will fluctuate depending on University calendars.
2. In the rare instance a complete team from your rostered players cannot be fielded, you may use call up players. Players must meet age requirements and must be registered participants in North Royalton. Players rostered on another Co-Ed team are not eligible as call ups. Prior consent of the call up player's other team should be obtained if possible.
3. A player must have played in at least half of your regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.
4. Call up players for Co-Ed may play any position in the field when less than five (5) players of their gender are present or able to play. Calls up players are restricted to a maximum of two (2) innings in the field when five (5) or more players of their gender are present or able to play.
5. Approval for use of under-age player may be obtained by contacting the Commissioner in advance. Approval shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Players over the age limit are prohibited in all instances.
6. Possession of alcoholic beverages on any field where Coed games are played or in the areas surrounding the fields is a violation of North Royalton city ordinance 6 1 2.10 Liquor in Public Places. Any individual rostered on a Coed team found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be immediately and permanently ejected from the League. The individual's team shall be barred from participation in playoff games. If an incident occurs during playoffs, all playoff games shall be forfeited with a 6-0 victory declared for the opponent.
7. A team will have 15 minutes from the scheduled start time to field a minimum team. After the time limit, a forfeit shall be declared.
8. Rainouts will not be rescheduled.

TEAM IN THE FIELD

1. A fielded team will consist of ten (10) players, five (5) boys and five (5) girls, four (4) of whom will alternate in the outfield, four (4) in the infield (not necessarily alternating, and one (1) pitcher and catcher alternating. Outfielders must begin play 150ft from home plate.
 - a. The minimum number of players to begin a game is eight (8).
 - b. A Team may begin the game with three (3) girls or three (3) boys but must have eight (8) players total.
 - c. If a team plays with three (3) boys/girls, they may play with nine (9) fielders, provided that the ninth player is the catcher and the same gender as the pitcher. (I.e. a team with three (3) girls may have a male pitcher and catcher and the three girls can play fielding positions.)
 - d. If a field is not lined, the umpire shall indicate, to both teams, the location where the outfielders shall be positioned.

TEAM AT BAT

1. A Boy/Girl or Girl/Boy batting order shall be used regardless of the boy/girl ratio. (i.e. If a team has six (6) boys and four (4) girls the six (6) boys will bat in the same order, and the girls will bat in their own order) (ex. Batting Order B 1, G 1, B2, G2, B3, G3, B4, G4, B5, G1, B6, G2, B1, G3, etc.)
2. Any player arriving late shall be placed at the bottom of the order provided they stay with the same batting format as described above.
3. First foul ball after two strikes shall be declared an out.

PITCHING

1. If a male batter is walked, he is awarded two (2) bases. The next female batter has the option of taking first base or batting.

The following rules apply to ALL divisions within the NRBB Travel Program.

TRAVEL PROGRAM RULES & REGULATIONS

The purpose of the NRBB Travel Program is to provide an opportunity for players to participate at a more competitive level. The program is designed for teams to participate against teams outside of the city of North Royalton. While the programs provide higher levels of softball and baseball, the intent is to create a positive experience for both players and parents. All travel teams are directly affiliated with the NRBB and must conform to the rules and guidelines established by the NRBB.

Travel Commissioners – Boys and girls travel teams are governed, and represented on the NRBB board, by a Boys Travel Commissioner and a Girls Travel Commissioner. As trustees, these positions are established by the NRBB. The Travel Commissioner's role is to ensure that the travel team guidelines are followed, to coordinate all travel activities such as tournaments, field scheduling coordination, and address issues relating to leagues for which teams play.

Travel Team Advisory Board (TAB) – As required, the NRBB Executive Board will serve as the TAB.

Manager Selection – Every manager must be approved by the Board of Trustees. If at any point throughout the year a manager is removed, resigns from their position or if a new non-bid team (second team) is formed in an age group, the position of manager shall be deemed open. Anyone interested in a managing position shall contact the corresponding Commissioner. The candidate may be asked to complete an application, provide resume or credentials and may be interviewed by the Commissioner. Candidate acceptance of a managerial position constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions set forth by the NRBB and/or Travel Commissioner.

General Criteria for Travel Managers – In selecting travel managers, individuals shall:

- Have proper knowledge of the game of baseball
- Have previous coaching and/or playing experience
- Maintain strong organizational skills
- Maintain a strong commitment to the travel program and player development
- Maintain a strong commitment to spend the necessary time required to properly manage a team
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times
- Maintain a strong commitment to follow all rules set forth by NRBB and their respective league, or other appropriate governing bodies

Manager's Responsibilities – The manager and coaching staff shall be responsible for the conduct of their team and for complying with all applicable travel rules.

Managers (or a designated representative of the manager) shall be responsible for attending meetings held to discuss rules, scheduling, field selection or other league matters.

Manager Conduct –Managers agree to represent the City of North Royalton in a professional manner at all times. Managers shall be responsible for their coaches, players and parents, and must do everything in their power to ensure they conduct themselves properly. Managers shall take immediate action against a coach, player, parent, guardian or spectator for all inappropriate actions. The NRBB Code of Conduct shall be followed. Any manager failing to follow the Code of Conduct shall be placed on manager probation.

Manager / Coach Probation – A manager or coach may be placed on probation by the TAB for violation of the NRBB rules. If a manager is on probation and commits a second violation, the manager shall be given a final warning, and serve a one game suspension. That one game suspension shall be the game immediately following the incident, or if in a tournament, the manager will not be permitted to manage or be on the premises, for the remainder of the tournament.

If after the one game suspension the manager commits another violation, the manager shall be immediately dismissed from the travel program. Managers dismissed will not be permitted to manage any team in the NRBB organization, unless reinstated by the TAB.

Ejections from a Game or Field – Under no circumstances will the NRBB tolerate a manager, player, parent, guardian or spectator being ejected from a game, a field or premises. If anyone associated with a travel team is ejected from a game, or is requested to leave the premise, that person will face at minimum a two game suspension. There shall be no appeals. All such incidents must be reported to the proper Travel Commissioner within 24 hours. If the Commissioner feels that the action was severe, he/she will present it to the corresponding TAB. The TAB will decide if additional action is necessary. All incidents involving a travel manager will result in that manager being placed on probation or being removed from the travel program. If the action was by a player, parent or guardian, the Commissioner will contact the person and inform them that further behavior inconsistent with the Code of Conduct, will not be tolerated. The player involved in the incident or the player associated with the parent or guardian involved in the incident, may be dismissed from the program for the remainder of that year. Any player dismissed must be reinstated by the TAB, to be eligible for future travel programs. Any adult dismissed is prohibited from managing or coaching in future In-House or travel programs, until reinstated by the TAB.

Player Eligibility – Team rosters are limited to players that are North Royalton residents or players attending a school in the City of North Royalton School District. Teams may roster non-resident players in accordance with the limits listed below. Non-resident players must be approved by the appropriate Commissioner.

1. U8-U14 – Are permitted to roster no more than six (6) players from outside the stated boundaries.
2. U15-U18 – Are permitted to roster no more than six (6) players from outside the stated boundaries.

Registration – Players selected for a travel team shall complete the NRBB registration process. Any player falsifying a registration form, relating to residency or age requirements shall be immediately removed from the NRBB travel program.

Registration & Roster Deadlines – Final Rosters, fees and registrations are due prior to the dates below. The appropriate Commissioner shall approve rosters, and any changes required after the deadlines.

1. Boys U8-U14 – March 1.
2. Boys & Girls U15-U18 – May 1.
3. Girls U10-U14 – March 31.

Team events are not permitted until team rosters have been approved and team insurance purchased.

Leagues – Due to the changes in community leagues, the respective Travel Commissioners shall approve the league for each travel team.

1. Boys – For example, teams may play in the Cuyahoga Valley Baseball Association (CVBA) or Ohio Prospects League, but are not be limited to these leagues.
2. Girls – For example, teams may play in the Emerald Necklace Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association, but are not limited to this league.

Teams – The following age groups are eligible to host travel teams.

1. **Boys U8** – One (1) team is permitted.
2. **Boys U9-U14** – If there are enough players to field a competitive team, two teams may be established. If an age group has only one team, they shall be the bid-team. If a second team is established, they shall be the non-bid team. The Boys Travel Commissioner and the NRBB has the final decision if a non-bid (second team) shall be established.
3. **Boys U15-U18** (High School) – If in the year prior to moving into the U15 age group, two U14 teams exist, both teams shall be eligible to move into the U15 age group, and will remain eligible until reaching the U18 age group, as long as there are enough quality players to field a competitive travel team. If two teams move into the U15 age group, the second team will remain the non-bid team. If only one team exists in any age group within the U15-U18 divisions, a second team will not be permitted, unless approved by the Travel Commissioner.

4. **Girls U10 – U18** – If there are enough quality players, no more than four (4) teams per age group, or two (2) teams per age will be permitted. In most seasons, two (2) teams per age group or one (1) team per age will be permitted.

Bid & Non Bid Teams

1. **Boys U9-U18** – The Bid Team may play in a League or Division which presents a higher level of competition compared to the Non Bid Team, subject to the travel commissioner’s discretion.

Team Nicknames – The travel organization is established for North Royalton. Travel teams have the obligation of using the Bears nickname, or any related Bears theme as the team name. Nicknames and logos must be approved by the appropriate Commissioner.

1. Boys Bid Team – “Bears” must be used.
2. Boys Non-Bid – A Bears related nickname must be used.
3. Girls – “Bears” or a related nickname must be used.

Team Uniforms – Teams will prominently display “North Royalton”, “NR” or the team nickname, on the front of the jersey. Uniforms shall be approved by the appropriate Commissioner

1. Boys Bid Team – Uniforms shall include purple, vegas gold, black, and white.
2. Boys Non-Bid – Uniforms shall be purple and vegas gold, or black and vegas gold.

Tryouts – General

1. It is the responsibility of the Travel Commissioner and the Travel Managers to ensure eligible players are given an opportunity to try out for travel teams. Players shall be given a fair and equitable chance to make a team, and judged on playing ability, attitude, availability and other criteria that the manager feels relevant.
2. Commissioners shall approve the tryout dates.

3. Tryout information shall be published on the NRBB website. Additional forms of advertisement are permitted.
4. Tryout Dates
 - a. Boys & Girls U14 and under – Dates and times shall be established by the Travel Commissioner, and typically take place in July and August. Travel managers may be consulted.
 - b. U15-U18 – Tryouts may be held at the discretion of the managers but must be held prior to any roster deadlines.
5. Players desiring to be placed on a travel team must attend tryouts (U15-U18 excluded). Players are not permitted to be placed on a roster without attending a tryout.
6. Players (parents/guardians) attending tryouts and extended a player position, shall be notified within 14-days from the final tryout date.
7. If a player requests further information, the manager shall discuss the team selections with the player's parent or guardian.
8. Tryout information shall be kept confidential.
9. Special situations regarding players moving into North Royalton after the tryout date, or not being available for tryouts, shall be presented to the Commissioner. Additional tryout dates may be scheduled to accommodate such situations.

Tryouts – Evaluations & Team Selection

1. **Boys U8** – During the tryouts, players shall be evaluated on relevant baseball skills. Player ratings shall be evaluated. The top 11 or 12 players shall be identified and selected by the Boys Travel Commissioner. The manager position shall be deemed open (see Travel Manager Selection).
2. **Boys U9-U14** –
In the event of an open manager position, the Commissioner shall oversee the appropriate player evaluation and team selection duties.

- a. The Bid manager and the Non-Bid manager (if applicable) shall conduct the tryout and have a minimum of two independent evaluators. Independent evaluators shall have little or no affiliation with the team.
- b. The Bid manager, the Non-Bid manager (if applicable) and the two evaluators shall determine player ratings. At the conclusion of the tryouts, all ratings shall be given to the Bid manager.
- c. The Bid manager shall compile the final player ratings, rank the players and review the ratings with the Non-Bid manager (if applicable). The Bid and Non-Bid managers may adjust the player rankings based on the previous year performance and finalize the player rankings.
- d. The Bid manager will select the top rated players and those boys shall play on the Bid team.
- e. The Non-Bid manager (if applicable) will select the next top rated players and those boys shall play on the Non-Bid team. At the U9 level, if there are enough quality players to field a second competitive travel team, the existing bid manager and/or the Boys Travel Commissioner shall select the players for the non-bid team.
- f. Players selected for the Bid team MUST play on that team. If they elect not to play on the Bid team they CANNOT play on the Non-Bid team and are only eligible for the NRBB In-House league.
- g. If a player was on a Bid team the previous season and is not selected for the bid team, he shall be placed on the Non-Bid team. However, if the player is not ranked as one of the highest rated players after the evaluation process, or the manager feels other circumstances are preventing the player from being rostered on the non-bid team, the manager may present the case to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will determine the status of the player.

3. Boys U15-U18

- a. Teams shall be selected between August 1 of the prior year and April 30, of the upcoming season.
- b. Managers may select players directly from their respective High School tryouts held each spring or from observing and rating them while they play for their High School team.
- c. The manager may hold tryouts for non-High School team players if there are not enough High School team players available or interested in playing in the NRBB High School Travel program.

- d. If two (2) teams exist in any one age group, the Bid Manager will have the first right to select his players and the Non-Bid Manager will have the second right to select his players.
 - e. Managers are not permitted to recruit players who have either played on a team or who have been selected by another Manager in the Boys High School Travel division.
 - f. The Commissioner must approve any changes or additions. Players on a team cannot be removed without Commissioner approval. If a player quits a team, the manager may add a player that had previously attended the tryouts.
4. **Girls U14 and under** – Managers and commissioner shall evaluate the players.
5. **Girls JV & Varsity (U15-U18)**
- a. Teams shall be selected before May 1, of the upcoming season.
 - b. Managers may select players from their high school tryouts in spring, during NRHS softball “contact” days held the previous summer, or from observing and rating them while they play for their respective high school.
 - c. Managers are forbidden from approaching U14 eligible players who have tried out and rostered on a U14 team.
 - d. U14 eligible players are expected to try out and play for U14 teams. A U14 eligible player may be contacted by U18 manager during NRHS softball "contact" days.
 - e. A rostered player may not change teams at any age group after accepting an offer from a team, without the NR Girls travel commissioners approval.

Tryout - Parent Waiver and Approval Form – Parents/Guardians of a player trying out for a travel team shall complete the Parent Waiver and Approval Form.

Call Up Players – Travel teams may roster players as long as they are age appropriate NRBB travel team provided that they are eligible to play in the respective league/division. Call Up players may participate in tournament and non-tournament games, as long as there are no conflicts with their own team’s schedule.

Use of NR City Fields – All teams shall be given dates that they can utilize the North Royalton fields for practices and games. The NRBB controls these field times and the NRBB has first right to use that field. In the event that a conflict arises, the NRBB Scheduler will give the appropriate manager adequate time to reschedule a game. If

a travel team needs additional field time for a makeup game or a special situation exists, a request should be submitted to the proper Travel Commissioner.

Team Accounting – Travel team managers shall sign and adhere to the rules identified in the NRBB Travel Team Fiscal Policy. The policy is available upon request of the appropriate Travel Commissioner.

Payment of Umpire Fees – All games on North Royalton fields shall be assigned an umpire(s) by the association under contract with the NRBB. Prior to the start of the season, all managers will provide their finalized home schedule to their respective Travel Commissioner and the NRBB Scheduler. This home schedule will identify all games being played during the season on North Royalton fields. Umpire rates for each division shall be available to the managers. Umpire fees shall be the responsibility of the travel team and paid by the NRBB. These fees are governed by the NRBB Travel Team Fiscal Policy.

APPENDIX

In-season revisions to this Rule Book shall be posted at www.nrbb.org.

LEAGUE REGULATIONS TABLE

Division	Regulation Game (innings)	Official Game (innings)	Time Limit (hrs)	Bases (feet)	Pitch Dist (feet)	Mercy Rule	Run Limit (per inning)	Reg No (players)	Min No (players)	Infield Fly	Dropped 3rd Strike	Lead Off	Steals	Balk Rule	Ball Type	Bat Spec	Other Rules
B-Rookies	None	None	1	50	None	None	None	n/a	None	No	No	No	No	No	T Ball	None	MLB
B7-8	5	3	1.25	50	35'	None	6	12	None	No	No	No	No	No	RIF 5	None	MLB
B9-10	5	3	1.5	60	43'	None	6	10	8	No	No	No	Yes**	No	RIF10	None	MLB
B11-12	6	4	1.75	70	50'	15 after 4	6/None*	10	8	Yes	Yes	No	Yes**	No	NFHS	†	MLB
B13-14	7	4	2.0	80	54'	15 after 5	None	10	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NFHS	†	MLB
B-HS	7	5	2.25	90	60'6"	15 after 5	None	9	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NFHS	NFHS	NFHS
G-Rookies	None	None	1.0	50	None	None	None	n/a	None	No	No	No	No	No	11" Safety	Softball	USA
G7-8	5	3	1.25	50	25'	None	6	12	None	No	No	No	No	No	11" Safety	Softball	USA
G9-10	5	3	1.5	60	35'	None	6	10	8	No	No	No	Yes**	No	11" Safety	Softball	NFHS
G11-12	6	4	1.75	60	40'	15 after 4	6/None*	10	8	Yes	No	No	Yes**	No	12" Optic	NFHS	NFHS
G13-15	6	4	1.75	60	43'	15 after 4	None	10	8	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	12" Optic	NFHS	NFHS
G-HS Fast	7	4	1.75	60	43'	15 after 5	None	9	8	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	12" Optic	NFHS	NFHS
Coed SB	7	5	1.25	65	46'	20 after 4 15 after 5	None	10	8	Yes	No	No	No	No	12" RIF 10	USA	USA

* 6-runs innings 1-4, no limit innings 5 & 6

** Refer to specific division rule

† Only USABat Approved (www.usabaseball.com/bats/guidelines)