



NORTH SUBURBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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NSYBA SUMMER BASEBALL – 2003

The North Suburban Youth Baseball Association (NSYBA) extends the opportunity to play baseball into the summer and is putting together a summer baseball program for 12-, 13-, 14-, and a limited number of 15-year-olds. League age cutoff is August 1. The communities which already have expressed an interest in participating are Edgebrook Sauganash, Skokie, Morton Grove, Golf Maine, Portage Park. We think others will join. The season will start Monday, July 14, 2003, and will run through August 17, 2003. We will play two to three games per week, mostly weeknights, leaving weekends open for other recreation. Emphasis will be on instruction, improving skills, recreation, and preparing for next year's Pony-age baseball experience. Each community will set its own registration fee and provide uniforms, umpires, and other game requirements, just as in the regular season. The NSYBA will provide the baseballs and administrative expenses.

In order to play, each team must be sponsored by an NSYBA member program and a team manager or head coach must submit a complete detailed roster and signed waivers (signed by both parents and players) in the form used for the NSYBA regular season. You can find these Waiver and Team Roster forms on the NSYBA website (NSYBA.org) by clicking on "NSYBA and League Forms". These completed and signed forms, along with birth certificates for those players who did not submit a birth certificate during the 2003 regular season, and a check in the amount of \$40.00, which is the NSYBA summer baseball team registration fee, must be submitted no later than July 7, 2003 to Joe Hasman at 2434 Elm Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. The season schedule and other particulars will be posted on the NSYBA website in early July, before the season starts.

Play will be governed by the Major League Baseball Official Rules, *Sporting News Edition*, 2003, and the NSYBA Local Rules of Play for the 2003 Season, supplemented by the following Summer Baseball Rules.

1. **Rosters:** Teams may roster as many players as they wish, keeping in mind that each player who shows up in a uniform is entitled to play 4 innings in the field. Roster batting will be a rule. Teams are encouraged to roster sufficient players so that as players go on vacation or camp or become unavailable from time to time, their teams may nonetheless play the games.

2. **Age and Eligibility:** Players who are league ages 12, 13, and 14, and no more than two 15-year-olds per team, are eligible to be rostered. 15-year-olds may be rostered only if they played during the 2003 NSYBA regular season for an NSYBA team. Team sponsors and managers must give rostering priority to players who played in the 2003 NSBYA regular season or a 12-year-old house league affiliated with an NSYBA member.

3. **Call Ups:** If a team is short players for a game, it may call up a player on a game by game basis, but no call up may be more than league age 14, and the call up must come from the regular season house league (including the NSYBA program). Call ups may play any position but pitcher. If a call up plays two games in the summer season, he may not play in any other game unless and until he is officially rostered, all administrative requirements are met, and the roster change is accepted by the Commissioner or his designate.

4. **Pitching Limits:** In order to encourage the development of pitchers and catchers and to maximize the opportunity for players to play multiple positions, no player may pitch more than three innings, 15-year-olds may not pitch, and 13-year-olds must pitch at least three innings. For purposes of summer baseball, three innings shall consist of nine outs, which must be achieved in three or four consecutive innings. Once a pitcher is removed from a game, he shall not again pitch in that game, but may play any other position.

5. **Schedules and Umpires:** The schedule of play shall be made up in advance by the Scorekeeper of the NSYBA and will be flexible enough to accommodate weather, holidays, exigencies, and just plain whim where initiated or approved by the Commissioner or the Scorekeeper. Home teams shall arrange for, provide, and pay for the umpires. There must be at least one experienced umpire for each game, but teams and their sponsoring communities are strongly urged to provide a second and even a third umpire to work the bases in order to train those umpires and supplement the umpiring programs of the various sponsor communities. The NSYBA will provide baseballs to the managers of the teams before the season begins but not until the administrative requirements, the paperwork, and the registration checks have been turned in.

Please use the NSYBA website, and particularly its discussion pages, for further questions or comments or contact Hasman at the numbers listed.

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NSYBA