



# NORTH SUBURBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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## NSYBA SUMMER BASEBALL – 2004

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The North Suburban Youth Baseball Association (NSYBA) extends the opportunity to play baseball into the summer in its summer baseball program for 12-, 13-, 14-, and a limited number of 15-year-olds. League age cutoff is August 1. The participating communities are Evanston, Portage Park, Glenview, Skokie Youth, Skokie Indians, Golf-Maine, Evanston and New Trier. The season runs through mid-August. We play two to four games per week. Emphasis is on instruction, improving skills, recreation, and preparing for next year's pony-age baseball experience. Each community sets its own registration fee and provides uniforms, umpires, and other game requirements, just as in the regular season. The NSYBA provides 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 a form used for the NSYBA regular season. You can find these Waiver and Team Roster forms on the NSYBA website ([www.nsyba.org](http://www.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 2004 regular season, and a check in the amount of \$50.00, which is the NSYBA summer baseball team registration fee, must be submitted no later than July 10, 2004, to Joe Hasman at 2434 Elm Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. The season schedule and other particulars are posted on the NSYBA website.

Play is governed by the Major League Baseball Official Rules, *Sporting News Edition*, 2004, and the 2004 NSYBA Local Summer Baseball Rules which are posted on the NSYBA website. These Local Rules supercede all prior discussion of summer ball rules.

1. **Rosters:** Teams may roster as many players as they wish, keeping in mind that each player is entitled to play four 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. We recommend 15 players on a roster.

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. Current traveling team or high school players are not eligible. See Local Rule 11.

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. 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.

4. **Pitching Limits:** In order to encourage development of pitchers, no player may pitch more than two innings in a game nor 10 innings in any seven-day period. Fifteen-year-olds may not pitch. Fourteen-year-olds may pitch a maximum of three innings per age group. Twelve- and 13-year-olds must pitch at least four innings per age group. Once a pitcher is replaced, he shall not again pitch in that game, but may play any other position. See Local Rule 8 for details.

5. **Schedules and Umpires:** The schedule of play is 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 arrange for, provide, and pay for the umpires. There must be at least one experienced umpire for each game, but we encourage teams and their sponsoring communities to provide a second and even a third umpire to work the bases for umpire training purposes. The NSYBA provides baseballs to the managers of the teams when administrative requirements, the paperwork, and the registration checks have been turned in.

6. **The "Julio rule":** The team which is ahead may score no more than five runs in an inning. The team which is behind may score enough runs to tie the game in their inning. During the last full inning, the "Julio rule" does not apply. See Local Rule 4L.

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

Joe Hasman  
NSYBA Commissioner