



NORTH SUBURBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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2010 NSYBA SUMMER SEASON

TO: Interested Community Representatives and Coaches
FROM: Joe Hasman and Tom Kendall NSYBA Co-Commissioners, Mases Hagopian Assistant Commissioner
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It's time to get ready for the 2010 Summer Season!

The NSYBA Summer Ball league is designed to allow players interested in playing more baseball an opportunity to do so in the summer. The league is open to any interested 12-14 year olds of any ability level. There are a few rule differences from our Spring Season to help encourage the development of more pitchers as well as to encourage more competitive games by limiting the amount of games ending in a slaughter rule. However, most the rules follow that of our Spring Pony league season, which makes for great experience for 12 yr olds who will be moving up to Pony baseball in the following year. (see below for rule differences)

We will start the season on Monday, July 12, and play through Saturday, August 21. Scheduling of games is dependent on diamond availability and the amount of games each team desires per week. In the past we have had teams play anywhere from one to five games each week, including night games at fields with lights and weekend double headers. If your team has more than 12-13 rostered players, you can schedule additional games, allowing each player on the team to participate in a handful of games. The league follows an unbalanced schedule which will match up teams of similar strength levels as much as possible. The Summer Ball season does overlap with many travel ball seasons in July, so if your community wants or needs to start or end sooner or later, we will accommodate. You're also welcome to roster a limited number of traveling team players after their season ends in late July.

As in the past, pitching rules will apply to encourage development of pitchers. No player will be permitted to pitch more than 2 innings in any one game nor more than 6 innings in any 7 consecutive day period. 14-year-olds as a group may pitch no more than 4 innings per game and 12- and/or 13-year-olds as a group must pitch no less than 3 innings per game. Of course, adjustments must be made if you don't have enough 12- and 13-year-olds.

The "Julio Rule" will apply to keep slaughter scores to a minimum or even to prevent them. The "Julio Rule" allows for a maximum of 6 runs to be scored in a single half inning, unless the team is trailing by more than 6, of which they can then score as many runs as it takes to tie the ball game.

MID-SUMMER TOURNAMENT: Diamonds permitting, we will have a round-robin tournament during the weekend of August 7-8. Every team will play every other team in three-inning games, with pitching rules relaxed somewhat.

We will soon post on the website and distribute the complete 2010 Summer Season Local Rules. Age eligibility is determined as of May 1 and the summer program is intended for players ages 12-14. Players 11 years of age can play up to fill out the remaining spots on the roster if need be. Players born before May 1, 1995 are not age eligible. In rare circumstances, and only with the Co-Commissioners' permission, a 15-year-old may be rostered for good cause shown.

We need as soon as possible from each community that intends to participate in Summer Baseball: the number of teams the community will sponsor; contact information for the summer season community representatives and for the manager(s) of each team; an \$80 registration fee for each team (make checks payable to "NSYBA"); the name of each park or field the community can use for home games; the dates and times we can schedule games on those fields; and letters of insurance naming NSYBA and the tournament host park district as co-insured. Please also provide an estimate of the strengths of your teams (1 being strong, 2 being average, 3 being below average), and we will try to match relative strengths when scheduling games. Your registration fee will entitle you to entrance to the league as well as game balls for all home games scheduled.



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The mid-summer tournament will be extra, since NSYBA will cover the umpiring expense. The amount will be determined based on the number of teams entered, but please think in terms of an additional \$75.00 minimum per team.

By the 6th of July, we need a roster for each team with player and coach contact information; player birth dates; liability waivers and age certifications signed by each player and at least one parent/guardian; and a certificate from the community's liability carrier showing liability insurance coverage through at least August 21 with the North Suburban Youth Baseball Association (NSYBA) as an additional assured. On the NSYBA website home page — www.nsyba.org — you will find links to forms that can be downloaded for mandatory player waivers and mandatory team rosters as well as forms to determine player availability, game reports, game cards, lineups, and like matters.

You can e-mail or mail or drop off paperwork at the addresses below with any questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your paperwork. Finally, if we have missed any person or community with this memo, it is inadvertent. Please pass on this memo and information to any community representative or individual that should have received it or that you think would be interested.

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