

BASEBALL BYLAWS

PREFACE

The By-Laws of Huntington Summer Youth Program(HSYP) leagues are developed, maintained and approved annually by the Board of Directors (BOD). Most rules governing the game are not stated here, as they are already stated in the Dixie Youth League Rule Book. This document should be considered a supplement to the Dixie Youth Little League Rules, not a replacement. The newest edition of the Dixie Youth Little League Rule Book should be consulted as necessary.

MANAGERS & COACHES

1. The BOD appoints Managers and Coaches.
2. Both Managers and Coaches shall attend the HSYP coach's meeting.
3. Both Managers and Coaches shall attend a sexual abuse training.
4. Managers and Coaches shall review and have a working knowledge of the Dixie Youth Little League rules and HSYP By-Laws and must support and abide by these rules.
5. Alcohol consumption prior to or during HSYP events or team practices is prohibited.
6. No smoking, tobacco use, or e-cigs are allowed on HSYP fields, practice fields, or dugouts.
7. Managers or Coaches must never leave a practice or game unless all players have suitable transportation home. No child shall be left unattended. A Manager/Coach shall remain at the practice field until every player has been picked up by his or her guardian.
8. Managers must conduct at least one team meeting after receipt of a team roster.

9. Managers or Coaches must be present prior to the start of any practice or game.

10. Managers are responsible for procuring a business sponsorship of at least \$150.00. Sponsor forms are available at the coaches meeting or find a board member. Sponsors are needed to maintain the field and the league. All sponsorship funds need to be turned in ASAP or no later than opening day. Failure to procure a sponsor could result in removal of the head coach or manager. Also, he/she will not be considered for a Manager position in any succeeding years until the original fee is paid.

11. Managers shall call team members as soon as the official team roster is picked – players and parents are anxious for team information.

12. All teams and coaches must attend Opening Day Ceremonies.

13. Managers are not allowed to cancel or reschedule games. The HSYB BOD is the only authorized personnel that can cancel games. League Commissioner must notify other Commissioners when inter-league games are canceled.

14. All coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and parents before, during, and after games.

15. No head first slides in any league except sliding back to a base.

16. Coaches should manage the players on the bench. Cheering only, not jeering.

17. Coaches must supply practice balls and all equipment for the team. If you need help finding anything we will try to help.

18. All coaches and managers must complete a background check prior to being on the field.

19. All protests have to be submitted to HSYP in writing. The cost of the protest is \$25.00 nonrefundable. (*****CAN NOT PROTEST JUDGEMENT CALLS*****)

20. Coaches should follow the chain of command with any problems that arise.

21. Players are required to play (6) six outs & (2) two innings. They don't have to be consecutive.

DRAFT RULES

The below rules will be used for all Baseball teams. The BOD reserves the right to modify these rules at any time

1. The order of the draft will be pre-determined by the Commissioner. Each Head Coach will have their name drawn from a hat and this will determine the order of the draft.
2. The picking will start with the oldest group first and go as numbered from how the coach drew his number. Then it will be backwards once you get through all the coaches once. After all the older age picks are picked the remaining picks(if any) will go to younger picks and coaches will re-draw and start the same process.
3. Every coach will have a maximum of 1 minute to make each pick.
4. The draft will conclude when the last player has been drafted. This may result in some teams having more/less total amount of players.
5. Siblings that are registered in the same league must be picked onto the same team. For example, Sibling A (7 years old) & Sibling B (8 years old) must be taken, but they do not have to be taken at the same time.
6. Trading picks or players is not allowed.
7. Players who sign up after the draft will be placed on random teams by the commissioner using the hat pick system.

UMPIRES

1. Disrespectful behavior towards the umpires will NOT be tolerated and may result in the removal from the game and the park. More than one ejection of any manager or coach during the year may result in a one season suspension from coaching or managing at HSYP.
2. Minimum age of a home plate umpire is 16 years old, field umpire minimum age is 14 years.
3. Only the head coach is allowed to discuss rule interpretations during the game.
4. There will be a fifteen (15) minute grace period for the first game only. Clock starts at scheduled game time.

5. All umpires are to submit a volunteer application, agree to a background check, and must attend one umpire clinic. He/She must also sign the Coaches' Code of Conduct.
6. An umpire will call time out when the play comes to a natural end (approx. 3 seconds) and base runners are making no attempt to advance.
7. An umpire will check equipment before every game.
8. Judgement calls can not be protested. HSYP will always take the position of backing our umpires judgement calls.
9. Throwing the bat is a big safety concern. At the umpire discretion if the bat is thrown (6) six feet or more threw the air the player can be called out. The ALL players will get a warning the first time then called out the next. It is up to the umpires to keep up with who they warned.

FIELD PREPARATION

1. Before the start of each game, the home team is responsible for the preparation of the playing field. The pitcher's mound and the batter's box must be raked to fill in holes and all the lines must be re-raked. The home team will set out bases and chalk the field.
2. If the home team is late and cannot set up the field and the visiting team sets up the field, then the home team will complete the post-game responsibilities.
3. It is at the discretion of the Field Supervisor, Safety Officer or any league official to determine if the field is safe for Little League play. If the field is determined unsafe, both teams will be allowed ten (10) minutes in which to prepare the field for safe play.
4. Tee Ball: Each team may use their own batting tee when their offense is up to bat.
5. The visiting team will be responsible for post-game field dragging, raking and general field cleanup.
6. If either team fails to complete their pre/post-game responsibilities, the offending team Manager shall be given a warning by the Commissioner for the first offense. The second offense will result in suspension by the BOD for one

game. After three (3) suspensions, the offending manager shall be removed from the team.

CONCESSION STAND

TRASH

1. Each team is responsible for cleaning out it's own dugouts and bleacher area after the game.
2. At the end of each game, each manager is responsible for checking the garbage can near the team dugout. The garbage can shall be dumped in the dumpster if it is more than half full. After the last game of the day, the can needs to be dumped in any case.
3. If either team fails to complete their pre/post-game trash responsibilities, the offending team manager shall be given a warning by the Commissioner for the first offense. The second offense will result in suspension by the BOD for one game. After three (3) suspensions, the offending manager shall be removed from the team.

DIVISIONS

TEE BALL

1. The primary goals of Tee Ball are to have fun, instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of team work.
2. Duration of the games is at least two complete innings.
3. Players are generally League Age 4-6 years old.
4. Outs are called. Players must leave the field when out.
5. All players on a team will bat in order. An offensive inning will end when 7 runs or made or 3 outs are obtained.
6. Both teams shall be responsible to police the stands, dugouts and field for trash and debris at the end of the game. See Trash Section.

7. Only the following people are allowed in the dugout during the game: the manager, two (2) Coaches, the team mom, and the rostered players.

8. One adult must be in the dugout at all times – no more than 4 adults are allowed in the dugout at one time.

9. Managers are highly encouraged to rotate players on defense each inning.

10. Throwing the bat is a big safety concern. At the umpire discretion if the bat is thrown (6) six feet or more thru the air the player can be called out. The ALL players will get a warning the first time then called out the next.

11. Outfielders must remain in the outfield.

12. On offense. One coach can assist batters/runners at home plate. You are also allowed coaches at first and third base. On defense, one coach can direct defense from in front of his/her own dugout. Two more can direct in the outfield. Coaches cannot physical help players running or fielding.

BASEBALL

ROOKIES (Coach Pitch)

1. This is an instructional division to prepare players for the more competitive upper divisions.

2. A complete game shall be completed after (70) mins of play or after six (6) innings have been played, whichever occurs first.

3. Players are generally League Age 7-8 years old.

4. The entire team will be included in the batting line up and will bat whether on the bench or on the field. This will be continuous the entire game.

5. The coach will pitch from a distance of at least 40 feet. The home plate umpire shall decide when an adjustment is required.

6. The offensive team must provide a coach to pitch for their team.

7. A batter hit by the coach-pitched ball will not be awarded first base.

8. Base stealing is not allowed.

9. There will be no walks. Three (3) strikes and the batter is out.
10. Batters will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches from the coach.
11. A foul ball does not count as a 3rd strike.
12. A hit ball that strikes the coach is considered a dead ball and does not count toward the 5 pitches a batter receives. .
13. All runs will be scored on an "over the fence" home run or a ground rule double.
14. A face mask is required for the player pitcher while playing the pitching position.
15. No head first slides except back to the base.
16. Coaches are encouraged to rotate defensive players each inning to different positions.
17. Ten (10) players can be used on defense. Defense is to consist of 4 infielders, 4 outfielders, catcher and a "fielding pitcher."
18. Players are required to play (6) six outs & (2 two innings. They don't have to be consecutive.
19. Ball is dead once it is caught by the pitcher in the pitcher's circle. All play will then stop and base runners must return to the last occupied base, unless the runner has passed the half-way point.
20. Players are allowed on-deck circle or practice swings.
21. Both teams shall be responsible to police the stands, dugouts and field for trash and debris at the end of the game. See Trash Section.
24. Only the following people are allowed in the dugout during the game: the manager, two (2) coaches, the team mom (or, if none is available, a parent), and the rostered players.
25. One adult must be in the dugout at all times - no more than 4 adults are allowed in the dugout at one time.

26. During offense, there can be two base coaches to direct the runners(base coaches must remain in the coaches box at all times.). Only the pitching coach can direct the batter. The pitching coach is not allowed to direct runners. Official will give one warning . If it continues, the pitching coach will be removed from pitching and another coach will have to continue. During defense, Only one coach is allowed outside the dugout. He/she must remain in front of own teams dugout.

MINORS (PLAYER PITCH)

1. The intent of the Minors division is to prepare players to participate in the Major division. Players will pitch and receive extensive work with catchers and pitchers and will also get advanced instruction on base running drills.
2. Players are generally league Age 9-10 years old to play in this division.
3. Both teams shall submit pitching affidavits to home team scorekeeper before each game.
4. Team line-up cards shall be submitted to the home plate umpire, home team scorekeeper and opposing Manager 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
5. Both teams shall be responsible to police the stands, dugouts and field for trash and debris at the end of the game. See Trash Section
6. On deck circle or practice swings are allowed.
7. Only the following people are allowed in the dugout during the game; the Manager, two (2) Coaches, and the rostered players.
8. One adult must be in the dugout at all times - no more than 3 adults are allowed in the dugout at one time.
9. During offense, there can be two base coaches to direct the runners (base coaches must remain in the coaches box at all times and wear batting helmets.). All other coaches must remain in the dugout. During defense, Only one coach is allowed outside the dugout. He/she must remain in front of own teams dugout. Official will give one verbal warning to each dugout.

O-ZONE

1. The O-ZONE Division is governed by Dixie Youth League rules.
2. This division is player pitch, with rules that more closely resemble baseball as it is commonly played at higher levels. Minimum playing time rules exist for this division, but lineup will begin to reflect the Managers decision as to skill levels of the players.
3. Players are specifically League Age 11-12 years old to play in this division.
4. Both teams shall submit pitching affidavits to Home team scorekeeper and Home plate umpire before each game.
5. Team line-up cards shall be submitted to home plate umpire, Home team scorekeeper and opposing Manager 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
6. Both teams shall be responsible to police the stands, dugouts and field for trash and debris at the end of the game.
7. On deck circle or practice swings are allowed.
8. Only the following people are allowed in the dugout during the game; the Manager, two (2) Coaches, and the rostered players.
9. One adult must be in the dugout at all times - no more than 3 adults are allowed in the dugout at one time.
10. During offense, there can be two base coaches to direct the runners. (base coaches must remain in the coaches box at all times and wear batting helmets.). All other coaches must remain in the dugout. During defense, Only one coach is allowed outside the dugout. He/she must remain in front of own teams dugout. Official will give one verbal warning to each dugout.

JUNIORS

1. The Junior Division is governed by Dixie youth League rules.
2. Players are specifically League Age 13-14 years old to play in this division.
3. Both teams shall submit pitching affidavits to Home team scorekeeper and Home plate umpire before each game.

4. Team line-up cards shall be submitted to home plate umpire, Home team scorekeeper and opposing Manager 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
5. Both teams shall be responsible to police the stands, dugouts and field for trash and debris at the end of the game.
6. Only the following people are allowed in the dugout during the game; the Manager, two (2) Coaches, and the rostered players.
7. One adult must be in the dugout at all times - no more than four (4) adults are allowed in the dugout at one time.
8. During offense, there can be two base coaches to direct the runners. (base coaches must remain in the coaches box at all times and wear batting helmets.). All other coaches must remain in the dugout. During defense, Only one coach is allowed outside the dugout. He/she must remain in front of own teams dugout. Official will give one verbal warning to each dugout.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. "If it's not fun, it's not Little League".
2. The purpose of our league is to build character and a positive self-image through baseball and softball. To prepare players for the next level of play. Therefore, it is necessary for players, coaches and parents to adhere to a code of conduct, which is signed by the parent at registration that will promote an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and encouragement.
3. Be positive and encouraging in all that you say.
4. Derogatory comments / cursing toward the umpires, players, coaches, managers, BOD members or parents have no place in sports and will not be tolerated at HSYP.
5. Players, coaches and parents have an obligation to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
6. All volunteers, including the BOD, Managers, Coaches, Team Moms, and Umpires, will help maintain a positive image of HSYP and avoid disparaging HSYP or other volunteers in the broader community.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

1. Umpires will advise coaches and players that any behavior that violates the HSYP Code of Conduct will result in a warning or removal from the game.
2. If a player, coach or parent receives one (1) ejection, they will be suspended for at least one (1) additional game and must go before the Commissioner to explain his or her actions/behavior; it is the up to the Commissioner to decide if further disciplinary action is necessary.
3. Ejected Coaches/Parents must leave the HSYP fields. (This includes ejections for Inter-League games).
4. Complaints about umpires must be in writing and shall be made to the Commissioner. Necessary action will be taken by the Chief Umpire. (Complaints should be made after the game).
5. Ejected players will be asked to sit in the stands with their parents or responsible adult. If not available, the player may remain in the dugout to be monitored by the team's Coach.
6. At the discretion of the Commissioner, anyone not abiding by the Code of Conduct may be required to sign a "Zero Tolerance" letter.

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