

5. The dropped third strike rule is in effect.
6. The infield fly rule will be in effect.
7. Base runner may leave the base when the ball crosses the plate.
8. 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”.
9. A mercy rule of 15 runs after 4 innings will be in effect.
10. At the beginning of each half-inning or when a pitcher relieves another, no more than one minute may be used to deliver no more than five balls to the catcher or other teammate. The one-minute time limit begins from the third out of the previous half-inning. Play shall be suspended during this time.
11. No intentional base on balls will be permitted. Violations will be reported to the league commissioner and head umpire for disciplinary action.
12. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, she must be removed from that inning. The pitcher may re-enter in the next inning.
13. Call up players will be allowed from Modified Pitch 11-13 year old league, but must be 13 years old.
14. ANY OTHER RULES GOVERNING PLAY IN THIS LEAGUE SHALL REFER TO NFHS SOFTBALL RULES.

## **BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES**

### ***LEAGUE RULES FOR 5 AND 6 YEAR BASEBALL***

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1. For the entire season, a tee will be used
2. For the first 30 minutes of the game each team will be provided instruction by their coaches on the basics of fielding, hitting, throwing, rules, etc.
3. All players who bat will be awarded the base regardless of the outcome of the play. All runners on the base will be awarded the succeeding base regardless of the play outcome.
4. Two innings will be played provided sufficient time exists. All teams should use a continuous batting order; batting the entire roster. A half inning is over when every player has batted.
5. Games that are rained out will not be rescheduled.

## ***LEAGUE RULES FOR 7 AND 8 YEAR BASEBALL***

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The rules for 7 and 8 boy's leagues are identical except for the pitching regulations.

### ***7 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING REGULATIONS***

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1. For the entire season, the manager or coach must pitch overhand the entire game and must pitch from a 35' 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 will be considered out. If the batter swings and misses three (3) times within the six (6) pitches, the batter will 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 will be considered out. NO balls will be called and no walks will be issued.
3. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it will be replayed.

### ***8 YEAR OLD BASEBALL LEAGUE PITCHING REGULATIONS***

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#### **GENERAL**

For the first eight (8) scheduled games of the season, the manager or coach must pitch overhand the entire game and must pitch from 35' pitcher's plate.

For the final six (6) scheduled games of the season, the child will pitch the fourth and the fifth inning.

#### **COACH/MANAGER PITCHING**

1. 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 will be considered out. If the batter swings and misses three (3) times within the six (6) pitches, the batter will 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 will be considered out. NO balls will be called and no walks will be issued.
2. If the coach or manager, while pitching, interferes with a batted or thrown ball, it will be replayed.

#### **CHILD PITCHING**

1. A pitcher may pitch one (1) inning per game. Violation of this rule results in forfeit.

2. One pitch in any inning constitutes an inning pitched.
3. 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.
4. The balk rule will not be in effect.
5. The umpire will call balls and strikes. If a batter is hit by a pitched ball, the batter will be awarded first base.
6. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one (1) inning, he must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
7. Intentional base on balls will not be allowed.
8. Dropped third strike or called third strike will result in the batter being declared out.

## **TEAM IN THE FIELD**

1. A fielded team will consist of all players. There will be seven infielders. When the manager/coach pitches, the fielding pitcher is positioned within six feet behind or to either side of the pitcher's plate, which is located 35' from home plate. The remaining infielders will play within five feet of the baseline between first and third base. There will be a catcher in this league. The remaining players will play outfield. Outfielders must play in excess of twenty feet of the baseline.  

If a team does not have the regulation number of player's ten (10), they may play with six infielders instead of seven.
2. 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 indifferent 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 either 1B or P in the 2nd inning.)  

Seven year olds only – every player must play an infield position at least two (2) innings per game. No player can play the outfield two innings in a row.

Each manager will present to the other manager his or her list of 1st and 2nd inning infielders before the beginning of the game. If the defense is found to have played a fielder in violation of the above rules, the offense will be credited 6 runs for each inning where an infraction occurred and the league commissioner will review and present the facts to the NRBB Trustees for possible violation of the Code of Conduct.
3. No position changes are allowed once an inning has started except to replace a player that must leave the field.

#### 4. SUSPENSION OF PLAY

- a. When, in the judgment of the umpire, any infielder has control of the ball in the infield, a delayed dead ball occurs. When a throw from the outfield reaches 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.)
  - d. The maximum number of bases a base runner can advance shall be two (2), unless forced by the batter.
5. The infield fly rule will not be in effect.
  6. If a ball is caught in the air before the ball touches the ground, an out will be recorded and a double (or triple) play is possible if runners are on base.

#### **TEAM AT BAT**

1. Three outs or six (6) runs end an inning.
2. 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.
3. No base runner may advance except on a batted ball.
4. 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.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. In the event a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the deficient team could borrow player(s) from the opposing team to play the game. But, the game shall still count as a forfeit against the deficient team for the purposes of league standings.

2. Standings will be kept for backer purposes only. No playoffs, tournaments or league championship games will be played.

## ***LEAGUE RULES FOR 9 YEAR OLD BASEBALL***

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### **GENERAL RULES**

1. A fielded team will consist of 10 players, four of whom are outfielders who will play a minimum of 30 feet behind the base path.
2. 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. 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 League Commissioner to advise them of the situation. The League Commissioner can grant an exception to the rule if justified. Violation of this rule may be reported to the League Commissioner and the NRBB Board for possible Code of Conduct Violations.
3. No changing of positions once an inning has begun, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or injury to a player.
4. Eight (8) runs or three (3) outs ends the inning.
5. The infield fly rule is in not effect.

### **PITCHING**

1. A pitcher may pitch a total of two (2) innings in any one game. There is no per week limit.
2. One pitch in any inning constitutes an inning pitched.
3. A pitcher removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same inning. He can return in the same game as long as there is no violation of any other pitching rule.
4. A manager may confer with the pitcher no more than once in any one inning. A second trip to the mound in one inning shall require a change of the pitcher.
5. A dropped third strike or called third strike will result in a batter being declared out.
6. There will be no Intentional base on balls. If in the judgment of the umpire this rule is violated the incident will be reported to the league commissioner and the head umpire for disciplinary action.
7. The balk rule will not be in effect.

## **BASE RUNNING**

1. No base runner may advance except by a batted ball or walk.
2. 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, 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.

## **LEAGUE RULES FOR 10-11-12 BASEBALL**

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### **GENERAL RULES**

1. 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.
2. No changing of positions once an inning has begun, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or injury to a player.
3. The infield fly rule is in effect.
4. A mercy rule of 10 runs after 3 innings will be in effect

### **PITCHING**

1. **10 year olds:** A pitcher may pitch a total of two (2) innings in any one game. There is no per week limit.
2. **11-12 year olds:** A pitcher may pitch nine (9) consecutive outs per game, this may entitle a pitcher to participate as a pitcher over a period of four (4) innings.
3. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return to the mound in the same game.
4. A manager may confer with the pitcher once per inning. A second visit to a pitcher on the mound in one inning shall require removal of the pitcher.
5. There will be no Intentional base on balls. If in the judgment of the umpire this rule is violated the incident will be reported to the league commissioner and the head umpire for disciplinary action.
6. The balk rule will NOT be in effect for the 10 and 11 year olds. The balk rule will be in effect for the 12 year olds. Each pitcher for the 12 year olds shall receive a total of one warning when the umpire calls a balk. Subsequent balks by the same pitcher shall result in the award of the appropriate balk penalties. A balk warning is a dead ball – no pitch.

7. The dropped third strike rule will be in effect for the 12-year-old league. It WILL NOT be used in the 10 and 11 year old league.

## **BASE RUNNING**

*10 and 11 year olds will follow these rules for the entire season.*

1. No runner may advance except on:
  - a. A base on balls or hit batter, when forced.
  - b. A batted ball that is not a foul tip.
2. The only exception to rule one (1) is that a runner may advance, one (1) base only, on a non-batted pitch or foul tip after the ball crosses the plate, providing no such advancement has been attempted on two (2) other pitches in the same 1/2 inning. Runners in violation of this rule are at a liability to be tagged out when attempting to return to a base. No time outs can be called to allow a runner(s) to return safely to any base.
3. 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.

*12 year olds will follow these rules for the entire season.*

Base runners are permitted to lead off and steal in accordance with Major League Rules with the following exceptions:

1. No runner may advance except on:
  - a. A base on balls or hit batter, when forced.
  - b. A balk.
  - c. A batted ball that is not a foul tip.
2. The only exception to rule one (1) is that a runner may advance, one (1) base only, on a non-batted pitch or foul tip after the ball crosses the plate, providing no such advancement has been attempted on two (2) other pitches in the same 1/2 inning. Runners in violation of this rule are at a liability to be tagged out when attempting to return to a base. No time outs can be called to allow a runner(s) to return safely to any base.

# ***LEAGUE RULES FOR 13 – 14 BASEBALL***

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## **GENERAL RULES**

1. As a minimum, a player must play at least every other inning.
2. This league will use continuous batting order batting the entire roster.
3. NO changing of positions once an inning has begun, unless determined by removal of the pitcher or injury to a player.
4. A mercy rule of 12 runs after 3 innings will be in affect.

## **PITCHING**

1. A pitcher may pitch a total of 12 consecutive outs per game.
2. A pitcher once removed from the mound may not return to pitch but may play any other position in the field.
3. The balk rule will be in effect. Each pitcher will receive a total of one (1) warning when the umpire calls a balk. A balk warning is a dead ball – no pitch. Subsequent balks by the same pitcher shall result in the award of the appropriate balk penalties. A balk warning is a dead ball – no pitch.

## ***BOYS HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RULES***

*Please note additional league rules in General Player Rules and Equipment and Facilities sections.*

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. A fielded team will consist of 9 players.
2. 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 only is required to play a minimum of half the game he is present for.
3. A mercy rule of 12 runs after 4 innings will be in effect.
4. To keep the pace of the game moving, a courtesy runner will be permitted for the catcher with two (2) outs. This runner will be the player retired at the end of the previous inning or the last batter retired. This rule is optional and does not have to be used every time the catcher reaches base.
5. For the safety of all players, no aluminum bats may be used that reflect a weight/length differential greater than a negative 5 (-5). Any player stepping into the batters box with an illegal bat in hand will be called out.

NO WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED. If a player uses an illegal bat and puts a ball in play prior to the notice of the umpire, the batter will be declared out. If runners advanced during the at bat, the runners will be returned to their original base. Managers are asked to inform and remind all players of this rule prior to the beginning of every game.

## PITCHING

1. A pitcher may pitch 10 innings in two days. A pitcher may not pitch three consecutive days. There is no limit to the number of innings a pitcher can pitch in a week. This rule also applies to make-ups.
2. A pitcher once removed from the mound may NOT return to pitch but may play any other position in the field.
3. If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one inning he is to be removed from the mound and not pitch for the remainder of the game.

## CO-ED SOFTBALL 16 – 20

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.

If, 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. Players rostered on a team that has been eliminated are also not eligible.** A player must have played in at least half of your regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs. Prior consent of the call up player's other team should be obtained if possible. Approval for use of an under-age player may be obtained by contacting the commissioner in advance. Approval will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Players over the age limit are prohibited in all instances.

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 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. The maximum number of players in the field is ten (10), four (4) of whom must play the outfield no closer than 150 ft from home plate. If a field is not lined the umpire shall indicate to both teams the approximate position of this line.

2. A Boy/Girl or Girl/Boy batting order will 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 B1, G1, B2, G2, B3, G3, B4, G4, B5, G1, B6, G2, B1, G3, etc.)
3. Any player arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the order provided they stay with the same batting format as described above.
4. A team will have 15 minutes from the scheduled start time to field a minimum team. After that a forfeit will be declared.
5. A pitched ball must have an arc of at least 6 feet from the ground before the ball reaches home plate. The ball shall not reach higher than 12 feet at its highest point above the ground.
6. There will be no intentional bases on balls
  - a. 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.
7. The infield fly rule will be in effect.
8. A mercy rule of 20 runs after 4 and 15 runs after 5 will be in effect.
9. First fouled third strike batter will be declared out. (ASA rule)
10. The Age cutoff for Coed shall be December 31st of the year prior to the year of the season. i.e. Player age on 12/31/2007 is the playing age for the 2008 season.
11. 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 612.10 "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 will be barred from participation in playoff games. If an incident occurs during playoffs, all playoff games will be forfeited with a 6-0 victory declared for the opponent.
12. Any other rules governing play in these leagues shall refer to ASA softball rules governing each particular age bracket.

### 13. PLAYOFFS

- All batters shall start their at bat with the count of one (1) ball and one (1) strike.
- All games will have a 60 minute time limit. No inning shall start after 50 minutes. All innings started after 50 minutes will be completed.
- If the score is tied at the end of 60 minutes (or end of the last inning), extra innings will be played until there is a winner. International tie-breaker rules will be used for every extra inning until a winner is determined. That is, the final batter from the previous inning who has completed an at-bat shall start the inning as the base runner on second base. The rest of the batting order will then bat in order. The game shall end when a winner is determined.

### NRBB 2008 CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue. Jan 08	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Jan 22	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Sat. Feb 09	Registration	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	NRHS Cafeteria #1
Tue. Feb 12	NRBB Meeting	7:00PM	York Meeting Room
Sat. Feb 23	Registration	10:00 PM - 4:00 PM	NRHS Cafeteria #1
Tue. Feb 26	NRBB Meeting	7:00PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Mar 11	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Mar 25	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Sun. Mar 30	Last Day for Registration		
Sun. Apr 06	Easter Sunday – FYI		
Tue. Apr 08	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Mon. Apr 14	League Drafts Begin		York Meeting Room
Tue. Apr 22	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Fri. Apr 25	League Drafts Completed		York Meeting Room
Sat. Apr 26	In-House Practices Begin		
Tue. May 13	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. May 27	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room

**NRBB 2008 CALENDAR** *continued*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. May 25	Last Day for In-House Practices		
Mon. May 26	Memorial Day		
Tue. May 27	First Day of Regular Season		
May 28 to May 30, 2008	8th Grade Washington Trips		
1st week of June	Team Pictures	TBD	High School Cafeteria
Tue. Jun 10	NRBB Meeting	9:00 PM	York Meeting Room
June 11-15, 2008	Boys Father's Day Tournament		
Fri. Jul 04	No Games		
Tue. Jul 08	NRBB Mtg – Tournament Brackets Set	9:00 PM	York Meeting Room
July 20-23, 2008	Emerald Necklace Tournament		
Sat. Jul 26	Last Day of Regular Season		
Mon. Jul 28	Tournament Week Begins		
Sat. Aug 02	Last Day of Season		
Sun. Aug 03	Rain Make-up Final Day		
Sun. Aug 17	NRBB Day at Progressive Field	12:30 PM	Progressive Field
Tue. Aug 26	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Sep 09	NRBB Meeting – Nominations for 2009	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Sep 23	NRBB Meeting – Elections for 2009	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Oct 14	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Oct 28	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Nov 11	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room
Tue. Dec 09	NRBB Meeting	7:00 PM	York Meeting Room