



## **NYBS SINGLE A DIVISION**

### **2026 RULES**

#### ***REMEMBER-THEY'RE JUST KIDS AND IT'S ONLY A GAME!***

The SINGLE A DIVISION (6 and 7 year olds) is the third level for young baseball players. [Note: 5 year olds will not be allowed to play-up into this division]. The players will be introduced to hitting a thrown baseball and to the fundamentals rules of the game. This division is where managers/coaches should emphasize the basic skills; step and throw, catching with two hands, moving to the ball when it is hit, backing up the play, hitting with hips open, and running through the base at first. Please follow the rules outlined herein, keeping in mind that these young players are here to learn the game and have fun. Let them know when they do a good job, constantly praising their efforts! The Board of Directors will observe as many games as possible to determine the practicality of these rules. We are counting on the managers and coaches for suggestions to improve the division. Good luck this season and have fun.

#### **GENERAL RULES:**

1. All coaches, players, and parents will follow NYBS Code Of Conduct at all times. Any infraction will result in immediate discipline by the board.
2. Coaches are responsible for the safety and guidance of the players. You must be in control of the team at all times and assign assistants to police the bench area during games/practices.
3. No team may meet more than two (2) times per week; games and practices.
4. Practices and Games have a maximum time limit of ninety (90) minutes from scheduled start time and in most cases scheduled based upon field availability. No scrimmages allowed.
5. Coaches should meet at home plate before the start of the game and discuss the rules and have a clear understanding of the way the game will be run.
6. There are NO umpires. Absolutely no scorebooks or won/loss records will be kept and standings will not be maintained. All games end in a tie with the traditional handshake at home plate to end the game.
7. Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their respective benches at the conclusion of the game. As well as leaving all equipment ready and available for the next game's teams.
8. Coaches are responsible for their equipment bags. Insure you pack your gear before leaving the dugout and leave the bags at the specified location.
9. NYBS is a volunteer program and everyone must do their part in the upkeep the fields and complex. The "Away" team is responsible for preparing the field prior to the game. This includes but not limited to: lining the foul lines and batter's boxes, dragging the infield, hand raking the mound and bases, setting up scoreboard. The "Home" team is responsible for clean up after the game including but not limited to dragging the infield, hand raking the mound, bases, batters box, setting the bases in the proper plugs (if needed). EACH team is responsible for their side of the field (dugout, grandstands, etc.) to make sure all trash is removed and as required.



## GAME RULES

1. Games will consist of an equal number of innings per team within a ninety (90) minute time limit. Time starts with your scheduled time, not when the game begins, so have the kids ready a few minutes ahead of time in order to take the field at the designated start time
2. An inning consists of 3 outs, or six batters whichever occurs first..
3. A Continuous batting order will be established before the start of each game containing the names of all the players present. Players arriving late will be added to the end of the order. No player misses a turn at bat when not playing in the field. The order **MUST** be changed from game to game to allow each player to bat at the beginning of the order.
- 4. There are ten (10) defensive players;** the normal infield, one position behind the mound and four (4) outfielders. There are no catchers. No more than ten (10) players are rostered...if there is 10 players, place the 10th in the OF, at this age there is no reason to have one sit on the bench. Try to explain as they move up in divisions in future years, they will go from 5 to 4 to 3 OF's over time and that there will be catchers.
5. When the defensive team is on the field, only two (2) adults are allowed on the field, one standing with the player in the pitcher's position and one assisting in the infield.
6. Managers/coaches are encouraged to familiarize players with all positions by rotating them over the season. Keep in mind the safety of the player. For example, a first baseman must be alert and able to catch.
- 7. Players hit from an offensive coach's pitched ball.** The offensive manager is expected to inform the defensive manager when a strong batter is about to hit. No pitching by players at this level. Kneeling is recommended by the league for the coach.
8. Base runners are allowed to advance one base on an overthrown ball after which the ball is ruled a dead ball and all play stops until the ball is hit again. No on deck batter. Personal bats are allowed. Batting helmets must be worn by the offensive team when batting or running the bases.
9. There is a maximum of four (4) swings per batter. If a player misses the four you may offer the player to hit on the tee. Once reached, the manager should assist the batter to make contact with the ball. Balls and strikes are not called, and there are no walks.
10. When a ball is hit, players should take the appropriate number of bases dependent upon distance of the ball hit.
11. There is no leading or stealing any bases.
12. Fielders may make put outs resulting in the runner returning to the bench. The manager/coach should explain being thrown out.