

Newnan Youth Athletic Association
(NYAA) Official Rules – January 1, 2025

- NYAA rules supplement and super cede the rules of Georgie USSSA, the rules of National USSSA and the rules of Major League Baseball
- These rules apply to NYAA play and may or may not be allowed in tournament play or play outside jurisdiction of NYAA

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A. League Information

1. The Newnan Youth Athletic Association (NYAA) will play by USSSA as defined by the USSSA National By-Laws & Rules and the State of Georgia USSSA Supplemental rules. These rules can be found on the NYAA website and may be updated at any time.
2. No NYAA team, whether part or whole (51% or more), shall participate in non-league sanctioned tournament play during regular the NYAA season.

B. General Information

1. The NYAA baseball season is not over until ALL tournaments are over. Volunteer help is important during the regular season and during tournaments.
2. No glass containers are permitted in the dugouts.
3. Each team is responsible for policing the dugout and the stand area at the completion of the game and disposing of trash appropriately.
4. The fields will close to any and all activities when games have been cancelled due to the weather.

C. Player Registration / Eligibility

1. Registration will not be limited to Coweta County residents.
   The NYAA will charge a $75.00 impact fee for out of county residents as per Coweta County.
2. A copy of the player's birth certificate must be provided at registration.
3. Parental requests to be excluded from a particular team (Coach) must be included with the registration form and cannot be guaranteed.
4. All registered players are guaranteed a position on a Recreational League team.
5. **There will be NO registration fee refund given after the draft has taken place and a receipt (paper or email) must be shown to receive a refund.**

D. League Format

1. The NYAA baseball league is organized into age divisions based on player ages. Below is a chart that identifies age eligibility by division for the 2024-2025 Fall / Spring season. Players are not allowed to play in a younger age division under any circumstance with the exception of grade qualification. You will need to contact the NYAA board to see if your child qualifies for grade exception. If a parent/guardian desires for a player to play in an older age division, an email requesting permission must be sent to nyaa.information@yahoo.com after player is registered.

4U (T-Ball):	**05/01/2020 - 04/30/2022**
6U (Coach Pitch):	**05/01/2018 -04/30/2020**
8U (Coach Pitch):	**05/01/16 - 04/30/18**
10U:	**05/01/14 - 04/30/16**
12U:	**05/01/12 - 04/30/14**
14U:	**05/01/10 - 04/30/12**

2. All age divisions (excluding 4U T-Ball) will select a post season All-Star team(s). Only Recreation League players are eligible to participate on their respective age division's All-Star team. The NYAA Board of Directors will determine rules for the All-Star team(s) after registration is completed. Details will be made available on the website at a later time.

3. All age divisions (excluding 4U T-Ball) will have a regular season champion. This will be decided by the following criteria:
    i. Overall regular season team record
    ii. Head to head record (regular season games only)
    iii. Run differential (runs scored minus runs allowed) NOT VALID IN FALL BALL
    iv. Coin toss
4. If a situation arises and more coaches volunteer than needed in a division, the priority will go to the coach with more frozen players. NYAA coaching experience will only factor into choosing team names and practice times.

E. Participation Requirements

1. The playing week is defined as Monday through Sunday. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Wednesday and Sunday will be utilized for make-up games)

   NOTE: Rules E.2 - E.6 apply to all teams age 14-and-under.
2. Each player is required to play a minimum of two (2) innings in the field in a game lasting four innings.
3. Players arriving before the end of the third inning may be added to the bottom of the batting order and allowed to pick up play at that point.
4. If a coach does not allow a player to participate because of disciplinary reasons, he must notify the official scorekeeper and opposing coach prior to the game, or immediately, if this action takes place during the game. The coach must inform the parents and division coordinator of this action ASAP. Any disciplinary action in excess of one (1) game, dealing with sportsmanship, must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors in writing via email (within 24 hours).
5. Continuous batting order will be used in all age groups.
6. All participants and coordinators are jointly responsible for enforcement of Rules #C.2 - C.5.

   Penalty: Failure of a team to observe these "minimum play" rules will result in penalties outlined in the NYAA Coaching Penalties document found on the NYAA website.

   Exception: Should injury or illness prevent a player from playing, the player will be called out upon his first appearance in the batting order; thereafter, his spot is simply skipped. WARNING: This exception to the rule does not apply for any reason other than illness or injury.
7. If a coach cannot field a team, for whatever reason, then that team must forfeit the game. A team must have 8 players to start a game and 8 players to finish a game in **ALL** age groups.
8. If a team does not have enough players to field a team for a game, they will be allowed to add (1-2) players from another team within the same division for that game. The number is determined by the number of players their division fields. The added player must wear their current team uniform, bat last in the order and play in the outfield for the entire duration of the game.

9. Each coach will be required to present his complete roster to the opposing coach indicating the status of each player. Players not eligible to play in the game because of illness, absence or other reasons must be specifically identified on the roster. Players not on this roster are ineligible in the event that a "suspended game" situation arises.
10. No NYAA Games will be changed or rescheduled for any other league or tournament play**. NYAA GAMES WILL COME FIRST.**

F. Game Length / Official Games

1. Control of the ball game will be turned over to the umpire at the time of the coaches meeting at home plate. The umpire will determine the official "game time" for the official scorekeeper.
2. For the **first** scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling the roster. There is no grace period after the first game of the day.
3. Innings / Time for a game to be considered "Official"

AGE DIVISION	INNINGS	TIME
4U	2	1 HOUR
6U	6	NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:10
8U	6	NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:10
10U	6	NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:20
12U	6	NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:30
14U	6	NO NEW INNING AFTER 1:40

***A new inning begins immediately following the third out in the previous inning.**

4. Games will be considered "official" prior to the time limit being reached if the following scores are in effect "Mercy Rule":

After the 4th Inning	Team ahead by 11 runs
After the 5th Inning	Team ahead by 6 runs

G. Suspended Game / Makeup Games

1. Suspended game: If a game is stopped before being completed either by the innings limit or by time, it will be considered suspended.
2. For a scheduled 6 inning game, if 3 or more innings have been played or if the home team is winning and 2 and one half innings (2 ½) have been played, the game will be considered official.
    i. If more than 3 innings have been completed, the score will revert back to the score after the previously completed full inning. Example: If in the 4th inning a game is suspended, the score will revert back to after the 3rd inning was completed. If in the 5th inning and the game is suspended, the score will revert back to after the 4th inning was completed, and so on.
3. Any players participating in a resumed game must keep the same relative spot in the batting order from the suspended game if the player was in the original, suspended game. All other players may be located in the lineup as desired.
4. Any pitcher having pitched in the suspended game will be governed by pitching rules in the week in which the suspended game is scheduled (SEE PITCHING LIMITATIONS).
5. Resuming suspended games: If a game is suspended for any reason, the resume date will be determined solely by the division coordinator. Every effort should be made to

get this game completed as soon as possible, including Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

H. Pitching Limitations:

1. Pitching limits:

Division	One Day Max to Pitch Next Day	One Day Max	Three Day Max
10U – 12U	**3**	**6**	**6**
14U	**3**	**7**	**7**

2. These limitations apply to any game played at NYAA or other parks.

3. Failure to abide by these limitations will result in penalties outlined in the Coaching Penalties document found on the NYAA website.

I. Protest Procedures

1. Protests will be handled as follows:

i. Coach must call "time-out" at time of infraction. Umpire(s) must be notified of infraction. If coach is not satisfied with umpires ruling he must verbally notify umpire that game is under protest. The coach must ensure that umpire properly notes protest in official scorebook (home team scorebook) where the protested infraction took place. Umpire must sign official scorebook. Note: No protest concerning the judgment of officials will be allowed.

ii. Protest must be in writing to the division coordinator within 24 hours after the game in question. The division coordinator will advise the coach whether he considers the protest valid or invalid. A fee of $100.00 must accompany each protest. The protest fee is automatically forfeited if the protest is not upheld by the NYAA Board, and will be deposited in the general fund of the NYAA.

iii. Protests shall be channeled through: 1st – Division Coordinator / 2nd – NYAA Board

iv. If a protest is not withdrawn at the Division Coordinator, it will be presented to the NYAA Board for their consideration and ruling. The decision of the NYAA Board is final.

v. The protest must be ruled on conclusively within 10 days after its original submission; otherwise, the fee is automatically refunded and the protest is denied.

J. Coach / Participant Conduct

1. All coaches must be approved by the NYAA Board of Directors and submit to county background checks and 3 year MVR. All coaches' applications must be approved as soon as possible. All teams in each age group must have an approved coach before tryouts for that age group is held.

2. **All COACHES must attend the Pre-Season Coaching Clinic, failure to attend revokes coaches ability to participate with the team in any capacity.**

3. Coaches are **ONLY** allowed to manage one team in the same age group.

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4. Once a coach has been awarded a team, he/she must manage that team or withdraw completely for that season. Any exception to this rule must have the approval of the NYAA Board.
5. All coaches are required to inform the parents of his/her team of all league rules. The coach is required to have at least one (1) team meeting with the parents prior to the start of the regular season. It is your responsibility, within reason, to monitor and control the behavior of your parents.
6. All coaches will turn in all equipment issued by the NYAA. This includes batting helmets, tees, and catching equipment. This will be done at the end of the season at the specified date and time. Coaches not conforming to this rule will forfeit their right to participate in baseball under the auspices of the NYAA. **A post-dated check for the amount of $150.00 will be required from the coach before equipment is issued and the check is to be returned with the return of the equipment.**
7. A coach has the responsibility to teach baseball to his/her team. The NYAA Board believes that this cannot be done unless a team practices. It is therefore required that teams participate in league activities at least once a week. League Activities is defined as a game or practice.
8. Coaches will not debate judgment calls with anyone whatsoever. The NYAA Board will investigate any coach, official, parent, fan or player involved in unethical conduct. Anyone involved will be suspended until the NYAA Board takes action. **Head Coaches ONLY are allowed to talk to the umpires.** Any assistant coach that approaches an umpire to discuss any call will be automatically ejected.
9. There will be **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** allowed on any recreational grounds in Coweta County. This applies to everyone (coaches, officials, parents, players, and fans).
10. There will be **NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS** allowed in the park, including the use of E-cigarettes.
11. Each team in every league is responsible for the maintenance of the fields and concession area. Everyone is requested to assist in this chore, regardless of the location of the game.
12. No practice session will exceed **two (2) hours per day year around.**
13. Beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to game time, each participating team will divide warm-up time evenly. Under no circumstances will a team have less than five (5) minutes warm-up.
14. Each team will be allowed one Head Coach and three Assistant Coaches in the dugout at all times. A Team Mom will also be allowed in the dugout area.
15. Coaches on the field during a game:
    i. 4U (T-Ball) – no limit to coaches on field; direction up the head coaches
    ii. 6U / 8U – when on offense, 2 coaches on field at 1st and 3rd base, 1 coach pitching; when on defense, 2 coaches positioned in the outfield grass, 1 coach backing up catcher to speed up play; all other coaches are required to be in the dugout at all times
    iii. 10U / 12U / 14U – when on offense, 2 coaches on field at 1st and 3rd base; when on defense, 1 coach positioned along the outside of the dugout fence on the field is acceptable; all other coaches are required to be in the dugout at all times
16. ALL COACHES: If an umpire does not show up at a game, the home team coach must notify their Division Coordinator. The game may be played utilizing an amateur

umpire(s) with the approval of both coaches. These games are official and will be counted in the official standings. No protests will be allowed in these games.

17. Unnecessary harassment of players by other teams, spectators, bystanders etc. will not be tolerated. The umpire's discretion will determine this infraction. After the first warning, the spectator will be ejected. After a second offense there will be a team warning, after the third offense the game will be forfeited.
18. Fighting during or after a game by players on NYAA property is forbidden. Players involved in fighting will be issued a consecutive 3 game suspension. **ADULTS FIGHTING WILL BE PROSECUTED BY LAW.**
19. After any game, no one shall challenge an umpire either verbally or physically.
    i. Penalty for First Offense, that person will be banned from the park for the rest of the season.
    ii. Penalty for Second Offense, that person will receive a lifetime ban from the park and will be reported to the proper authorities on harassment charges.
20. Game Ejections: One ejection in a season will constitute a suspension of the current game plus the next scheduled game. The second ejection will constitute a suspension for the remainder of the season. Appeals may be made to the NYAA Board.

***Rules 17-20 apply to all NYAA baseball participants, not just head coaches**

21. There is an anti-collision rule in all age groups. Any player who attempts to run over a player at any base when a play is being made will be ejected.
22. If a coach instructs any player (offense or defensive) to use deliberate force then the coach will be ejected from the game and will go before the NYAA Board.
23. There will be absolutely NO deliberate throwing of helmets or bats! The first time a player violates this rule the umpire will issue a team warning. The second time a player violates this rule, the player will be ejected from the game.
24. No skateboards, scooters, bikes, etc will be allowed in the park.

K. Draft Procedures

***Team freeze forms will be official and must be turned in by the date and time specified by the NYAA president. This information will be made available at the coaches meeting as well as posted on the NYAA website. Freeze forms not turned in by that team will not count and all players will be entered into the player draft.**

*** Should a situation occur beyond a contracted player's control, he can be released from that contract and can sign with another team, coach or he can be returned to the hat. These circumstances include but are not limited to not enough players to field a competitive team or a coach leaves the league or decides not to coach.**

1. There will be NO trades. This includes during the draft.
2. The Draft is to be conducted by the Division Coordinator or another NYAA Board member.
3. Those present for the draft will include **only** team coaches.
4. A Coach's children must count as a freeze.
5. For siblings coming into the league for the first time the procedure is as follows: when the first child is drafted, the second child must be taken by that same team with their next two pick.
6. A younger sibling moving into an age group will be placed on the older sibling's team and will not count against the freeze allotment. The younger sibling will be taken in the

third round of the main draft. *If there are 2 younger siblings of an older sibling that is frozen to a team, the two younger siblings must be drafted in the 2nd and 3rd rounds.

7. Team Freeze Limits **(There will be a maximum number of 12 players per team)**

Recreation Leagues	Freeze Limit
4U (T-Ball)	No limit
6U	6
8U	6
10U	6
12U	6
14U	6

8. True equalization will be enforced for the Recreation League. Equalization means that each team, when possible, will have a balanced number of younger and older players within the division. Example: Team will have 6 – five year old players and 6 – six year old players.
9. Any player not "frozen" by a team prior to evaluations and who **does not** participate in evaluations will be drafted by hat.
10. Any player not “frozen” by a team prior to evaluations and who **does** participate in evaluations will be selected during the draft by a team from the master draft list.
11. The draft will be conducted on an up and down basis as declared by NYAA and the team draft order will be determined by a random selection from hat.
12. Drafting rounds will be as follows: Supplemental (Supplemental Rounds will be required to ensure all teams have the same number of players on roster before all teams begin picking), First Round, Hat Picks
13. Coaches’ requests and carpool requests will be taken into consideration but will have to be agreed upon by **ALL** coaches participating in the draft before being allowed.
14. Late sign-ups will be on a first-come basis, and will go on a team that falls below the maximum number of players. The Division Coordinator or NYAA President will be responsible for assigning players to a team. It will be the responsibility of the coach to notify the Division Coordinator if a player leaves a team.
15. All team names will be chosen at the draft and are picked by head coaching seniority based on number of consecutive NYAA coaching seasons. Tiebreaker will be total number of seasons and if tie is not broken, a coin flip will decide.

L. T-Ball (4U) Division Specific Rules

*** All age groups are governed by the USSSA of Georgia rules of play and the NYAA rules of play. However the following age group specific rules of play are a supplement to the USSSA and NYAA park rules and expect where specifically noted these specific age group rules of play take precedence.**

1. This division is available to players who will be 3 years old before May 1st of the calendar year.
2. Players will be assigned to teams by the NYAA, except for any frozen players.

3. The purpose of the league is introduce the fundamentals of baseball and team sports in preparation for the 6U division, in an atmosphere that is fun and encourages total team involvement.
4. Players will receive any combination of six (6) swings from the tee or pitches from the coach. If after the sixth pitch if the ball has not been put in play, the runner will advance to 1st base.
5. A complete game consists of two (2) innings.
6. Each inning, each team will bat through the entire roster using continuous batting order. Once the team bats through the entire batting order the inning is complete.
7. Batters advance to first base only, base runners advance one base only and last batter continues running until he/she reaches home.
8. Batting order is revered, bottom to top, for the 2nd inning of play.
9. Outs are not counted. Score is not kept.
10. Coaches may use scorebooks, if desired, as a tool to track the player's progress. Umpires are not used in this division.
11. Six (6) infielders are allowed in the infield, the remaining players will be allowed to play in the outfield.
12. Players will wear molded cleats only. NO metal cleats allowed.

M. 6U Division Specific Rules

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1. Umpires shall call "Time" after every play and declare the ball dead. "Time" does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule. There will be a chalk line half way between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, & 3rd and Home. Depending on which side of the line the runner is on when time is called will determine placement of the runner (This will be the umpire's judgement). When time is called the umpire will start with the lead runner and progress backwards to determine runner placement. Time will be called once a defensive player is control of the ball and the pitching circle or the leader runner has not made an attempt to proceed to the next base. The stoppage of all other plays will be determined by the umpire when in their judgement the play has stopped or cannot continue.
2. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Sundays and Wednesday will be utilized for make-up games.) Make-up games will be rescheduled for the first available date. All rain-out games will be ruled suspended and will be completed at the first available date. In the event of the time limit ending the game, the inning in which the time limit expires shall be completed.
3. In games played Monday through Thursday, no inning shall begin after 9:00 pm.
4. NO drop dead game allowed, meaning the full inning must be played out (top and bottom of inning). Unless Time or Mercy Rule Apply.
5. For the first scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling an eight (8) man roster. **THE GRACE PERIOD IS ONLY FOR THE 1ST GAME OF THE DAY.**

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6. If a coach does not allow a player to participate because of disciplinary reasons, he must notify the official scorekeeper and opposing coach prior to the game, or immediately, if this action takes place during the game. The coach must inform the parents and the NYAA Board of this action ASAP. Any disciplinary action in excess of one (1) game dealing with sportsmanship must be brought to the attention of the NYAA Board in writing (within 24 hours).
7. Participation:
    i. Each team shall field no more than 10 players on defense at a time.
    ii. Each player MUST play at least 6 defensive outs in a game.
    iii. On offense, a continuous batting order is used for all players on the team.
    iv. Batting order cannot be changed once the game begins. Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the batting order.
8. No metal cleats are to be used by anyone in 6U division. (This includes coaches and players).
9. The catcher will wear full protective gear and will be positioned a minimum of 5 feet from home plate toward the backstop.
10. The on-deck batter, base runners, and batter will have helmets on at all times.
11. No tee ball bats or coach pitch bats will be used. The coach gets one warning before being ejected from the game. See the USSSA rules on the NYAA website for more details regarding bats.
12. The offensive team coach, or designated adult, must throw six (6) pitches to each batter. This person will pitch with one ball in hand, not multiple balls in hand. Only one ball will be on the playing field at any time except during warm up prior to inning starting.
13. While the coach is pitching, the player playing the pitcher position must remain even or behind the pitching rubber. The player playing the pitcher position must stay in this spot until the ball is hit. No player may be positioned between the plane of the rubber and home plate.
14. A base runner shall be called out if he/she leaves the base before the ball is hit.
15. If a player who is not sick or injured refuses to bat, he or she will be called out. Delay of game will not be allowed in this instance. The umpire must use discretion in this situation. If a player is removed from the game because of sickness or injury, that player must sit out an entire inning before returning to the ball game ("entire inning" means the half inning the player was in when taken out and the next half inning also).
16. A defensive manager or coach will be limited to two (2) time outs per inning, except in the event of injury. An offensive manager or coach will be limited to (1) one trip to the batter's box per batter, except during defensive time out. An injury is an exception.
17. Offensive base coaches must remain in the coach's box. Coach will not assist the batter runner or baserunners at any point of a live ball.
18. **OVERTHROWS:** On any overthrow to first base, ALL base runners may advance one base only, **AT THE BASERUNNER'S RISK**. Play will stop after everyone advances one base.
19. Warm up time will be shared equally. Each team will have a minimum of five (5) minutes to warm up.
20. There is **NO INFIELD FLY RULE** in the 6U division.
21. There will be no intentional walks allowed in the 6U division.
22. There will be a 5 run limit all innings including the last inning.

23. On defense, there will be 2 coaches in the outfield and 1 coach behind home plate. However, they will not interfere with the play. **COACHES MAY NOT STAND IN FRONT OF ANY PLAYERS. THEY MUST STAY BEHIND THE BASES IN THE OUTFIELD GRASS.**
24. Players get 6 pitches total and will be called out after the 6th pitch if the ball has not been put into play.
25. Six innings shall constitute an official game. Games will be official by the "mercy rule" referenced in section F:4.
26. The official scorekeeper of the game will be the home team and the away team should provide someone to operate the scoreboard.
27. Each player will receive 6 overhand pitches. The batter will be called out on the 6th pitch unless the ball is fouled away and then the batter will receive another pitch until the batter has put the ball in play or strikes out.

N. 8U Division Specific Rules

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1. Umpires shall call "Time" after every play and declare the ball dead. "Time" does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule. There will be a chalk line half way between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, & 3rd and Home. Depending on which side of the line the runner is on when time is called will determine placement of the runner (This will be the umpire's judgement). When time is called the umpire will start with the lead runner and progress backwards to determine runner placement. Once a batted ball has reached the outfield grass in order for time to be called the ball must reach the infield be in control by any player. The stoppage of all other plays will be determined by the umpire when in their judgement the play has stopped or cannot continue.
2. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Sundays and Wednesday will be utilized for make-up games.) Make-up games will be rescheduled for the first available date. All rain-out games will be ruled suspended and will be completed at the first available date. In the event of the time limit ending the game, the inning in which the time limit expires shall be completed.
3. In games played Monday through Thursday, no inning shall begin after 9:00 pm.
4. NO drop dead game allowed, meaning the full inning must be played out (top and bottom of inning). Unless Time or Mercy Rule Apply
5. For the first scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling an eight (8) man roster. **THE GRACE PERIOD IS ONLY FOR THE 1ST GAME OF THE DAY.**
6. If a coach does not allow a player to participate because of disciplinary reasons, he must notify the official scorekeeper and opposing coach prior to the game, or immediately, if this action takes place during the game. The coach must inform the parents and the NYAA Board of this action ASAP. Any disciplinary action in excess of one (1) game dealing with sportsmanship must be brought to the attention of the NYAA Board in writing (within 24 hours).
7. Participation:
    i. Each team shall field no more than 10 players on defense at a time.

ii. If 10 players are playing defense, at least 4 players must be positioned in the outfield grass.
iii. If 9 players are playing defense, at least three players must be positioned in the outfield, and you must have a catcher.
iv. Each player MUST play at least 6 defensive outs in a game.
v. On offense, a continuous batting order is used for all players on the team.
vi. Batting order cannot be changed once the game begins. Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the batting order.

8. No metal cleats are to be used by anyone in 8U division. (This includes coaches and players).
9. The catcher will wear full protective gear.
10. The on-deck batter, base runners, and batter will have helmets on at all times.
11. No tee ball bats or coach pitch bats will be used. The coach gets one warning before being ejected from the game. See the USSSA rules on the NYAA website for more details regarding bats.
12. The offensive team coach, or designated adult, must throw six (6) pitches to each batter. This person will pitch with one ball in hand, not multiple balls in hand. Only one ball will be on the playing field at any time except during warm up prior to inning starting.
13. While the coach is pitching, the player playing the pitcher position must remain even or behind the pitching rubber. The player playing the pitcher position must stay in this spot until the ball is hit. No player may be positioned between the plane of the rubber and home plate.
14. A base runner shall be called out if he/she leaves the base before the ball is hit.
15. If a player who is not sick or injured refuses to bat, he or she will be called out. Delay of game will not be allowed in this instance. The umpire must use discretion in this situation. If a player is removed from the game because of sickness or injury, that player must sit out an entire inning before returning to the ball game ("entire inning" means the half inning the player was in when taken out and the next half inning also).
16. A defensive manager or coach will be limited to two (2) time outs per inning, except in the event of injury. An offensive manager or coach will be limited to (1) one trip to the batter's box per batter, except during defensive time out. An injury is an exception.
17. Offensive base coaches must remain in the coach's box.
18. Warm up time will be shared equally. Each team will have a minimum of five (5) minutes to warm up.
19. There is **NO INFIELD FLY RULE** in the 8U division.
20. There will be a 5 run limit all innings including the last inning.
21. There will be no intentional walks allowed in the 8U division.
22. On defense, there will be 2 coaches in the outfield and 1 coach behind home plate. However, they will not interfere with the play. **COACHES MAY NOT STAND IN FRONT OF ANY PLAYERS. THEY MUST STAY BEHIND THE BASES IN THE OUTFIELD GRASS.**
23. Each player will receive 6 overhand pitches or 3 strikes. The batter will be called out on the 3rd strike or the 6th pitch. A foul ball on the 6th pitch is an out.
24. Six innings shall constitute an official game. Games will be official by the "mercy rule" referenced in section F:4.
25. The official scorekeeper of the game will be the home team and the away team should provide someone to operate the scoreboard.

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O. 10U Division Specific Rules

*** All age groups are governed by the USSSA of Georgia rules of play and the NYAA rules of play. However the following age group specific rules of play are a supplement to the USSSA and NYAA park rules and expect where specifically noted these specific age group rules of play take precedence.**

1. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Sundays and Wednesday will be utilized for make-up games.) Make-up games will be rescheduled for the first available date. All rain-out games will be ruled suspended and will be completed at the first available date. In the event of the time limit ending the game, the inning in which the time limit expires shall be completed.
2. In games played Monday through Thursday, no inning shall begin after 10:00 pm.
3. NO drop dead game allowed, meaning the full inning must be played out (top and bottom of inning). Unless Time or Mercy Rule Apply
4. For the first scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling an eight (8) man roster. **THE GRACE PERIOD IS ONLY FOR THE 1ST GAME OF THE DAY.**
5. Bats subject to USSSA official bat rules. The coach gets one warning before being ejected from the game. See the USSSA rules on the NYAA website for more details regarding bats.
6. No metal cleats are to be used by anyone in 10U division. (This includes coaches and players).
7. See section H for Pitching Limitations.
8. 5 run rule per inning for recreation league teams.
9. 10U division will play closed bases baseball rules including no leading off of bases, no balks, and no dropped Third Strikes. Runners may only advance(steal) after the ball crosses home plate. In the event a runner leaves a base early the following will apply: 1) First Infraction- Team Warning. 2) Second Infraction- Defensive Coach has three (3) options: 1. Take the out for runner leaving early 2. Declare No Pitch and all runners return to original base 3. Take the result of the play. **This rule is a judgment call by the umpires and cannot be argued**
10. The official scorekeeper of the game will be the home team and the away team should provide someone to operate the scoreboard.
11. There is no Stealing Home off of the pitcher. This mean that the 3rd base runner can not steal while the pitcher is delivering the ball to the plate (unless there is a passed ball by the catcher or attempt to pick-off at 3rd base.)

P. 12U Division Specific Rules

*** All age groups are governed by the USSSA of Georgia rules of play and the NYAA rules of play. However the following age group specific rules of play are a supplement to the USSSA and NYAA park rules and expect where specifically noted these specific age group rules of play take precedence.**

1. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Sundays and Wednesday will be utilized for make-up games.) Make-up games will be rescheduled for the first available date. All rain-out games will be ruled suspended and will be completed at the first available date. In the event of the time limit ending the game, the inning in which the time limit expires shall be completed.
2. In games played Monday through Thursday, no inning shall begin after 10:00 pm.
3. NO drop dead game allowed, meaning the full inning must be played out (top and bottom of inning). Unless Time or Mercy Rule Apply.

4. For the first scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling an eight (8) man roster. **THE GRACE PERIOD IS ONLY FOR THE 1ST GAME OF THE DAY.**
5. Bats subject to USSSA official bat rules. The coach gets one warning before being ejected from the game. See the USSSA rules on the NYAA website for more details regarding bats.
6. No metal cleats are to be used by anyone in 12U division. (This includes coaches and players).
7. See section H for Pitching Limitations.
8. 5 run rule per inning for recreation league teams.
9. 12U division will play full baseball rules including leading off of bases, stealing and advancing to first base on a dropped 3rd strike (when first base is unoccupied or when first base is occupied and there are two outs in the inning).
10. The official scorekeeper of the game will be the home team and the away team should provide someone to operate the scoreboard.
11. There is no Stealing Home off of the pitcher. This mean that the 3rd base runner can not steal while the pitcher is delivering the ball to the plate (unless there is a passed ball by the catcher or attempt to pick-off at 3rd base.)

Q. 14U/16U Division Specific Rules

*** All age groups are governed by the USSSA of Georgia rules of play and the NYAA rules of play. However the following age group specific rules of play are a supplement to the USSSA and NYAA park rules and expect where specifically noted these specific age group rules of play take precedence.**

1. Games will be scheduled Monday through Saturday. (Sundays and Wednesday will be utilized for make-up games.) Make-up games will be rescheduled for the first available date. All rain-out games will be ruled suspended and will be completed at the first available date. In the event of the time limit ending the game, the inning in which the time limit expires shall be completed.
2. In games played Monday through Thursday, no inning shall begin after 10:00 pm.
3. NO drop dead game allowed, meaning the full inning must be played out (top and bottom of inning).
4. For the first scheduled game of the day, there will be a 15-minute grace period from game-scheduled-time ONLY for the purpose of filling an eight (8) man roster. **THE GRACE PERIOD IS ONLY FOR THE 1ST GAME OF THE DAY.**
5. Bats subject to USSSA official bat rules. The coach gets one warning before being ejected from the game. See the USSSA rules on the NYAA website for more details regarding bats.
6. **Metal cleats are allowed in the 14U division, except for the pitcher. In order to preserve the pitching mounds, pitchers must only wear plastic molded cleats while pitching.**
7. See section H for Pitching Limitations.
8. 14U/16U division will play full baseball rules including leading off of bases, stealing and advancing to first base on a dropped 3rd strike (when first base is unoccupied or when first base is occupied and there are two outs in the inning).

9. The official scorekeeper of the game will be the home team and the away team should provide someone to operate the scoreboard.

R. Post-Season Play / All-Star Selection

The following section defines the process of how the NYAA will select age specific All-Star coaches and player selection to represent the NYAA in post season play (Sub-State, State, National, and World Series) tournaments for the 6U and up age groups.

1. The number of required All-Star teams within each age division will be based on the number of participants in each division and determined by USSSA.
2. If more than one team is required in an age division, the teams will be considered "A", "B", "C", etc. The coach of the "A" All-Star team will have first choice of players and it will then proceed to the coach of the "B" team to make his selections.
3. These teams can include players of either age within the division. (i.e. In the 6U division, both 5 and 6 year olds can play on any of the All-Star teams within the 6U division)
4. Players that have played up into an older age division during the regular season are not eligible to drop back down into their default age division to participate on an All-Star team. (i.e. If a 6U eligible players plays in the 8U division during the regular season, he is ineligible to participate on any 6U All-Star teams but is eligible for 8U All-Star teams)
5. The head coach of each All-Star team will be based on the final regular season standings within each age division. The 1st place team will be given the choice to manage the "A" team and it will move down the standings for any remaining teams until these positions are accepted.
6. In the event that the 1st place coach does not accept the role of the All-Star coach, it will proceed to the next coach in order of the regular season standings.
7. Once a coach accepts the position of All-Star coach, he/she is responsible for selecting the assistant coaches for the team.
8. Player selection for all All-Star team will be done in the following manner:
    a. The All-Star teams required roster size for each age group will range from a minimum of ten (10) players to a maximum of twelve (12) players. Roster size of each All-Star team will need final approval from the NYAA Board of Directors.
    b. All players on each All-Star team must have played on a NYAA recreation team during the current NYAA Spring season.
    c. The NYAA Board of Directors will communicate to all head coaches a cutoff date for player nomination during the Spring season.
    d. At the conclusion of the Spring season and once the coaches are determined for the All-Star teams, the head coach will then make the decisions on whom to include on the All-Star team(s). The NYAA Board of Directors will make the final approval before parents/guardians are contacted.
9. The NYAA Baseball league will provide funds for entries into the Sub-State and State tournaments, but coaches and parents of each All-Star team will be responsible for selection and payment of all uniforms and other tournament entries.
10. The NYAA Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to the All-Star selection process based on any changes made by USSSA throughout the Spring regular season.