



NOBF 2010 SEASON BULLETS

Behavior/Sportsmanship:

- Managers are responsible for the behavior of their players, coaches and fans.
- Players and coaches throwing helmets or bats are subject to ejection from the game.
- Teams cannot make derogatory remarks or gestures to any official or member of the opposing team, or attempt to distract them from making a defensive play or, while batting, by either talk or action.
- A base runner deliberately running into a defensive player, including the catcher, will be ejected from the game and called "Out." It is up to the umpire to determine whether a collision is deliberate.
- A player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended from participation in the next regularly scheduled game.

Protests:

- Protests must be made at the point the alleged violation occurs. After 1 subsequent pitch has been made, the protest cannot be accepted.
- A written summary and a \$100 protest deposit must be submitted to the Commissioner or League Director within 24 hours.
- No judgment calls can be protested.
- A valid protest must have a direct effect on the outcome of the game.

Uniforms and Equipment:

- The NOBF retains the following rules regarding the length/weight differential of bats: Mickey Mantle (15/16) & Koufax 14 Divisions: -3 (same as H.S.). There are no bat weight restrictions for Sandy Koufax 13, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, Willie Mays or Jackie Robinson divisions. Bat diameter should not exceed 2-3/4" in all age divisions.
- Base coaches are required to wear protective headgear on the field of play beginning in 2010.

NOBF 2010 Umpire Rate Information:

- A. UMPIRE FEES (To be paid PRIOR to the start of the game – NO EXCEPTIONS).

2 umpires - \$50 per umpire / \$55 per umpire 15-16 year old division.

1 umpire - \$60 (\$70 for Mantle).

Rainout before first pitch - \$15 per umpire.

Rainout after first pitch – full pay at game site (rainout fees not reimbursed by NOBF). NOTE: UMPIRES REQUIRED TO WAIT A MINIMUM OF 30 MIN. AND A MAX. OF 1 HOUR, UNLESS COACH / UMPS AGREE TO WASH GAME.

Continuation games – full pay at game site.

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B. UMPIRE PENALTIES.

Prior to June 1st – 2 innings grace.

\$5 deduction per inning after grace. (i.e. Ump shows in 3rd, less \$5; 4th, less \$10; 5th, less \$15. Shows after 5th – no pay).

After June 1st – 1 inning grace.

\$5 deduction per inning after grace. (i.e. Ump shows in 2nd, less \$5; 3rd, less \$10; 4th, less \$15; 5th, less \$20. Shows after 5th – no pay).

Umpires must complete tie games even if the game's time limit and scheduled number of innings have been exceeded.

Coaches can decide to stop play due to darkness.

Game Speed Up Rules:

- Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The same runner may not be used for both positions.
- The batter must keep one foot in the batter's box throughout the time at bat. If the batter fails to comply, the plate umpire shall charge a "Strike" to the batter.

Exceptions: A batter may leave the batter's box after...

- a. The batter swings at a pitch
 - b. The batter is forced out of the box by a pitch
 - c. The batter attempts a "drag bunt"
 - d. The defensive team feints or attempts a play at any base
 - e. The pitcher leaves the area of the pitcher's mound
 - f. Any player requests and is granted "Time"
 - g. The catcher leaves the catcher's box
 - h. The catcher does not catch a pitched ball
- Each team when on offense may be granted not more than 1 charged conference per inning to confer with the batter, base runners, etc. The umpire shall deny subsequent requests for conferences.
 - Each team when on defense may be granted not more than 3 charged conferences. In extra inning games, each team will be granted 1 additional conference each inning while on defense. Prior to accumulating 3 charged conferences, a conference is not charged if the pitcher is removed as pitcher. After 3 charged conferences, or for any charged conferences in excess of 1 in each extra inning, the pitcher must be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.
 - Starting and relief pitchers will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 8 practice pitches. At the beginning of each subsequent inning, a pitcher will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 5 practice pitches.
 - In the Robinson, Mays, Hodges, Reese and Koufax Divisions, no inning shall start after 2 hours has elapsed unless the game is tied. Tie games must be played out. Weather or injury delays will not be included in the 2 hour limit.

Miscellaneous

In Hodges, Reese and Koufax divisions, an extra player (EP) may be used by either or both teams in a set spot in the batting lineup, and may be inserted freely into defensive positions.

Designated hitters may be used in the Mickey Mantle division as well as an extra hitter (EH). The EH is considered a starter, and may never be used as a defensive player.