

NOBF 2018 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 one (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 Division Director within 24 hours.
- No judgment calls can be protested.
- A valid protest must have a direct affect on the outcome of the game.

Uniforms and Equipment:

- The NOBF retains the following rules regarding the length/weight differential of bats: In 16U & 14U divisions: -3 (same as H.S.). In 8U to 13U divisions, bat diameter shall not exceed 2-3/4" and there are no restrictions in regard to the differential between length and weight. ALL BATS must have certification of BPF 1.15 or less.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2018, ALL bats used in AABC, Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, Dixie Youth, Little League and Pony Baseball sanctioned events MUST have the new USABat licensing mark clearly visible. For 2018, NOBF will allow the USABat as well as the USSSA approved bats bearing the USSSA BPF 1.15 "thumb print" stamp to be used for the 8U through 13U divisions league games (14U and 16U divisions use HS bat rules). It is our understanding that USSSA also will allow the use of both types of bats. NOTE that it is EACH TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY to access, review and adhere to individual rules regarding specific tournament and post-season competition.

NOBF 2018 Umpire Rate Information:

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

2 umpires - \$55 per umpire / \$60 per umpire 15-16U division.

1 umpire - \$75.

Rainout before first pitch - \$15 per umpire, paid on field by each team at time of occurrence.

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 MANAGERS / UMPIRES AGREE TO WASH GAME.

Continuation games – See Rule XI.J.4 (2017 NOBF Rules) regarding payment of umpires for continuation/suspended games.

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NOTE: Games may be played with 2, 1 or no umpires. In the case of no umps, if both teams agree on substitute person(s) to officiate a game, the game becomes official.

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. Umpires, with the agreement of one manager, may end a game early 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 feigns 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 8U-14U 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

Designated hitters may be used in the 16U and 18U divisions only. In the 8U-14U divisions, rules regarding batting rotation, allowed number of hitters and relative defensive substitutions will be decided and approved by each Division Director prior to the start of a season.