

# NORTHEAST GEORGIA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE

(Includes Jackson, Jefferson, Commerce, Banks, Barrow, and Madison)

## Youth Baseball and Softball Rules & Regulations

### I. Governing Authority

Final authority on all actions and appeals lies with the staff of the Recreation Departments.

### II. General Information

- A. Age control date for baseball is September 1, 2024  
Age control date for softball is September 1, 2024

B. Divisions:	8U Baseball	ages 7 - 8
	10U Baseball	ages 9 - 10
	12U Baseball	ages 11 - 12
	14U Baseball	ages 13 - 14
	6U Baseball/Softball	ages 5 - 6
	8U Softball	ages 7 - 8
	10U Softball	ages 9 - 10
	12U Softball	ages 11 - 12

Participants may compete in one age division only. Participants may move to an older age division upon request from a parent and approved by JCPR prior to team selections. They must remain in that league the entire season. Team selections are **final**, no changes will be permitted.

### III. League Rules

NGBSL follows the rules and regulations of GRPA for baseball, and softball, with the exception of the changes found listed below.

- 1) Players must wear approved team uniforms, and soft-soled shoes or molded cleats.  
**NO METAL CLEATS**
- 2) Umpires will govern all play and any outside interference that may disrupt a game. They will be instructed to warn, and if necessary remove, anyone from the complex if they offer excessive abuse.
- 3) If any coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, he or she will be suspended for the next two games. If a coach or player is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be subject to suspension from the league and may not be eligible for all-star games (based on JCPR judgment). \*\* No All-Stars in fall leagues. Any malicious play (lowering shoulder, raising forearm, etc.) will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 4) Protests can only be made on rule interpretations, not judgment calls. There is a \$50.00 Protest fee. The fee will be returned if the decision is in the coach's favor upon review by the protest committee.
- 4a) Protest will be reported to the home plate umpire at the time of the protested rule. The umpire will make the notation in the official book (home team). The game will continue. At the conclusion of the game, the coach must pay \$50.00 to the recreation department official or withdraw the protest. The protest will be ruled on within 72 hours or 3 business days. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned and the game will be replayed from the point it was protested.
- 5) Only three approved coaches in a team jersey are allowed in the dugouts. **All other** persons must be located in the spectator sections. 6/7/8 exception, 1 extra coach.
- 6) Players are limited to two events per week (game and/or practice) preceding school days. Practices **must** not exceed two hours.
- 7) Any coach pulling his or her team from the field will be subject to automatic Suspension. Upon review by the protest committee.

IV. General Playing Rules

- 1) There will be a continual batting order in all leagues.
- 2) Each player may not sit out more than one consecutive inning defensively. Injury or disciplinary are the only reasons for a player not to play half of Every game.
- 3) No headfirst slides if wearing a helmet with a face guard. Runners will be Called out. Runners can dive back onto a base.
- 4) Helmets may not be intentionally thrown off while running.
- 5) In the event of weather or other conditions which require the game to be stopped, the following rule will be followed:  
 All games will be considered final if 3 1/2 innings have been completed and the home team is winning; and if 4 innings have been completed and the visitors are winning. Games not final based on the above rule, will be continued at the point it was interrupted.
- 6) A new inning will be considered to have started after the third out of the home team has been made.
- 7) Ties will remain ties. There will be **NO** extra innings.
- 8) The last inning will be determined by number of innings played in each age division. The time limit on starting a new inning shall be as follows:

<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Softball</u>	<u>Time</u>
6U	1 hour	6U	1 hour
8U	1 hour	8U	1 hour
10U	1:15	10U	1:15
12U	1:15	12U	1:15
14U	1:30		

- 9) Run rules apply for all leagues, and are listed in age group rules
- 10) Speed-up rules are mandatory with 2 outs for the catcher. A catcher may have a courtesy runner with less than 2 outs. The player that made the last out must act as the courtesy runner for the catcher.
- 11) T-Ball and baseball players must wear a helmet. Face guards are optional. All softball players must wear helmets with face guards.
- 12) Sick/Injured Rule: If a player gets hurt or sick during play and is unable to continue playing, the opposing coach may pick any player from the line-up to hit in that spot. If another player bats for the sick/injured player, then the injured player may not return. The coach of the injured player has an option of taking an out in that spot if he/she feels the injured player may return.

FIELD REQUIREMENTS

<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>BASES</u>	<u>PIT. MOUND</u>	<u>SOFTBALL</u>	<u>BASES</u>	<u>PIT MOUND</u>
6U	60 ft.	46 ft.	6U	60 ft.	35 ft.
8U	60 ft.	46 ft.	8U	60 ft.	35 ft.
10U	60 ft.	46 ft.	10U	60 ft.	35 ft.
12U	65 ft.	50 ft.	12U	60 ft.	40 ft.
14U	80 ft.	54 ft.			