

# Nor-Gwyn Baseball, Inc.

### **Youth Baseball Playing Rules**

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#### **Article I** The Pitchers

- A. Any player on a team roster may pitch.
- B. He/she may pitch in a maximum of three (3) innings per day and six (6) innings in a calendar week, <u>Monday through Sunday</u>. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.
- C. If a player pitches in three (3) or less innings on one day, one (1) calendar day of rest is mandatory.

#### Example:

If he/she pitched in *less* and is still eligible for the week *than three innings* on: he can pitch again on:

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
THURSDAY	SATURDAY
FRIDAY	SUNDAY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	TUESDAY

- D. A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game.
- E. Violation of any section of this regulation will result in forfeiture of the game in which it occurs.
- F. Innings pitched during a suspended game shall be charged against pitchers.
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#### Article II General Field Rules

- A. For pre-game practice, the home team is entitled to the field from 5:15 p.m. to 5:35 p.m. The visiting team is entitled to the field from 5:35 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
- B. Weekday games shall start at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm. Saturday games shall commence at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., or as otherwise determined by the Youth Baseball Commissioner
- C. Practice is not permitted in the area between the playing fields.
- D. During practice and during the game, the home team shall occupy the dugout along the first base line. The visiting team shall occupy the dugout along the third base line. No unauthorized persons are allowed in the dugouts.
- E. Players must be in complete league provided uniforms and on a team roster to be eligible to play.
- F. For all regular season and Round-Robin games, an inning cannot start after 7:45 p.m. during April, May, and up to and including June 1.

  After this date, an inning cannot start after 8:05 p.m.

  For games under the lights starting at 7:00 p.m., an inning cannot start after 9:30 p.m.

Night games must end at 10:30 p.m. regardless of the score, subject to the Playoff Rules described below.

- G. Subject to the Playoff Rules, starting and ending the games:
  - (a) A regulation game consists of six (6) innings, unless extended because of a tie score, or shortened because: (1) the home team needs none of its half of the sixth inning or only a fraction of it; or (2) the umpire or the director on duty calls the game.
  - (b) If the score is tied after six complete innings, play shall continue until (1) the visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team at the end of a completed inning; or (2) the home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning. The game may end in a tie if an Article II, Section F General Field Rule goes into effect or an Article XII Umpire decision is made at the onset of, or during extra innings except for a youth baseball Playoff Game. "Playoff Game" means a non-regular season or Round-Robin game.
  - (c) If a regular season or Round-Robin game is called because of the weather, Article II Section F, or an umpire or director on duty decision, it is a regulation game:
    - (1) if four innings have been completed;
    - (2) if the home team has scored more runs in three or three and a fraction half innings than the visiting team has scored in four completed half innings; or



- (3) if the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fourth inning to tie the score.
- (d) If a regular season or Round-Robin game is called before it has become a regulation game, it shall be declared a "No Game".
  - **NOTE:** For score keeping purposes, all batting, fielding and pitching records shall be disregarded. However, the pitcher shall be charged with the number of innings pitched in the current calendar week.
- (e) If after four (4) innings, or three and one-half if the home team is ahead, one team has alead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs may concede the victory to the opponent.

#### **Article III** Ground Rules

- A. An overthrow at first or third base in an attempt to get the runner out, and the ball goes outside the fence, or goes into the dugout, shall entitle the runner to one additional base. If ball stays within fenced-in area, it will be considered in play.
- B. A ball which gets caught in the backstop, screening supports, canvas, or screening which prevents immediate play, limits the runner to one additional base.
- C. A batted ball which bounces over, goes through or under the fence, or is caught in the fence while in fair territory is declared a ground rule double.
- D. A batted ball which hits fair and then bounces foul and goes past the outfield fence while in the playing area shall be declared a ground rule double.

#### Article IV Scheduling of Make-up Games

- A. The decision to cancel a game prior to the start of play shall be the responsibility of the Field Director in concert with the league representative and Youth Baseball Commissioner.
- B. All canceled games shall be played on the first available date following the cancellation and shall be scheduled by the league representative and Youth Baseball Commissioner.
- C. If a team does not comply with the mandatory scheduling for making up a canceled game as set forth in this rule, the said team shall forfeit the canceled game.

#### Article V All Leagues

A. No Contact Rule. A base runner must avoid contact at any base when the opposing player is in possession of the ball in the proximity of the base (including home plate). This rule is intended to eliminate deliberate collision. A base runner in violation of this rule is out, at the discretion of the umpire.



- B. A team, except for Rookie, must field at least (8) eight eligible roster players. Failure to do so results inforfeiture; Round Robin and Playoff games described more fully below.
- C. A player must play a total of 3 defensive innings, unless he/she is prohibited from playing because of sickness, injury or disciplinary reasons. Failure to comply results in forfeiture of the game. An exception to this rule will be allowed: (1) if the game is shortened due to darkness, weather or other reason designated by the umpire or director on duty; or (2) if the home team is ahead after the visitors have batted in the sixth inning.
- D. Every team player shall be placed in a comprehensive batting order made available to the umpire and team managers prior to the start of the game. This batting order shall be followed during the course of the game so that every player will bat in accordance with the straight through batting line up even though he may not be playing the game defensively. This batting order may not be changed once the game has commenced. If a player arrives after the start of a game, they will be placed at the end of the team batting order and bat in that spot through the duration of the game unless the managers of the home team and visiting agree otherwise.
- E. For safety reasons, once a player assumes the bunt position, he cannot pull back and swing away on that pitch. If they do they will be called out. All base runners will return to the basethey occupied before the pitch was delivered. NO SLASH BUNTS.
- F. A batter assuming a bunting position cannot purposely distract defensive players. A batter squaring into a bunting position, prior to or at time of pitch, may not waggle bat or create any unnatural body movement for the purpose of distracting the pitcher or catcher. As a penalty, the batter and both teams will initially be given a warning. Subsequent violation by a batter for either team will result in the batter being called out.
- G. The batter must release the bat in such a way so as not to endanger the safety of any defensive player or umpire. Hitting any defensive player or umpire with a thrown bat, even though unintentional, will result in an immediate warning to the player and both team managers. Subsequent batters who strike a defensive player or umpire with a thrown bat will be immediately called out for violation of this safety rule.
- H. Obstruction Is the act of a fielder who, while not in possession of the ball, impedes the progress of any runner at the discretion of the umpire. A fake tag is considered obstruction. An attempt to trip a runner is also considered obstruction as well as unsportsmanlike. Note: Obstruction shall be called on a defensive player who blocks off a base, base line or home plate from a base runner while thedefensive player is not in possession of the ball.
- I. Base Runners Except in the Major League, Base Runners must stay on their bases until the pitched ball has been batted or the pitched ball crosses the plate. If a runner leaves a base ahead of time, that runner's advance, and the advance of every runner on base at the time, is restricted to no more than how far the batter advances as the result of his safe hit.
- J. Infield Fly Rule An Infield Fly is a fair fly ball, (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt), which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third bases are occupied, before two are out. The pitcher, catcher and any outfielder stationed in the infield on the play shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule.

When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an Infield Fly, the umpire shall immediately



declare "Infield Fly" for the benefit of the runners. If the ball is near the baseline, the umpire shall declare "Infield Fly if Fair."

The Infield Fly only calls the batter out. It does NOT create a dead-ball situation. Runners are allowed to advance at their own jeopardy the same as any other fly ball. If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul.

NOTE (1): If a declared Infield Fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground, and bounce foul and remains foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball, If declared Infield Fly falls untouched to the ground, outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an Infield Fly.

- K. Pitchers must exhibit reasonable control of their pitches so as not to create a safety concern as a result of hit batsmen or hit umpires. If in the judgment of the Umpire, a pitcher does not have reasonable control of his pitches, an immediate warning will be issued to the defensive team manager; at which time, the manager must talk to his pitcher about controlling his pitches. If subsequent pitches are deemed potentially dangerous to the safety of the hitter, the Umpire will call time and ask to have the pitcher replaced. The replacement pitcher will be given 8 warm-up pitches. A pitcher must be replaced if during any pitching outing, they hit 3 batters.
- L. Manager Conference with the Pitcher This rule, which applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher at the foul line or at the pitcher's mound.
  - (a) A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A once in the first inning, then makes a pitching change in the same inning, Pitcher B would be allowed two visits in that inning before being removed on the third visit.
  - (b) A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A twice in the first three innings, then makes a pitching change in the fourth inning, Pitcher B would be allowed three visits in that game before being removed on the fourth visit, subject to the limits in (a) above.
  - (c) The manager or coach is prohibited from making a third visit while the same batter is at bat.

APPROVED RULING 1: At the time a pitcher is removed, a visit shall not be charged to the new pitcher.

APPROVED RULING 2: A conference with the pitcher or any other fielder to evaluate the player's condition after an injury shall not be considered a visit for the purposes of this rule. The manager or coach should advise the umpire of such a conference, and the umpire should monitor same.

#### Article VI Major League Variations

A. If a major league team can not field nine (9) eligible players for any Round Robin or Playoff



Game they can fill out their roster for that game with available Minor League player assigned by the Major and/or Minor League Representative. Each team must have nine (9) eligible players for all Round Robin and Playoff Games.

The Minor League Representative will compile a list of 10 Minor League players considered to be qualified to play in the Majors. No player shall be assigned more than one time more than any other player. All players on the list shall be assigned as equally as possible. The Minor League players are <u>not</u> eligible to pitch.

- B. Player Replacement If at any time during a season a team falls below 8 players, then a permanent replacement will be selected from the list of Minor League replacements. This player will be automatically eligible for the Major Leagues in the following season (i.e., he will not try-out), but he will be subject to the draft process. The replacement player(s) will be chosen by the Youth Baseball Commissioner, Minor League Representative, and the team manager.
- C. Pitchers During the regular season, Round Robin, and Playoff Games: A player may pitch in a maximum of three (3) inningsper game, six (6) innings per week Monday through Sunday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. One (1) calendar day of rest is mandatory betweeneach outing.
- D. Courtesy Runner for the Catcher At the Managers discretion, a courtesy runner may be inserted into the game for the catcher when there are 2 outs and the catcher is on base. This move is intended to speed up the game by allowing the catcher to get his/her equipment on for the next inning. The last player to make an offensive out will be the courtesy runner.
- E. 50/70 Playing Field Dimensions & Rules
  - (a) Major League Teams will play on fields with 50/70 dimensions. The distance between the pitcher's plate and home base (the rear point of home plate) will be 50'. All bases will be placed at a 70' distance. The objective is to improve player safety and provide an opportunity for players to play on a transitional field, with advanced rules, to allow for an easier transition to the Connie Mack Baseball level.
  - (b) Stealing of all bases is permitted.
  - (c) No head first slides to advancing bases. Players may only dive head-first BACK to a base.
  - (d) General baseball stealing is permitted.
  - (e) Dropped Third Strike Rule is effect
  - (f) Balks will be called by the umpire. In a Balk situation, a dead-ball call will be made. The umpire shall warn the pitcher of the infraction in an instructional manner. If a 2nd infraction occurs by the pitcher, a balk will be called.
  - (g) 4 Run Mercy Rule in effect for each inning except for the 6<sup>th</sup> inning of a Round Robin or Playoff Game.

#### Article VII Minor League Variations

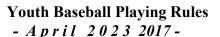
A. Stealing is limited to second and third base (runners may not advance to third base or home plate



on catcher overthrows to the base).

- B. No bunting.
- C. During ALL regular season games, each half-inning shall end when either three (3) outs are made orfour (4) runs are scored, whichever comes first. Additional runs shall be counted only if they score as a result of the ball being hit out of the playing area fair on the fly. During ALL Round-Robin and Playoff Games, the four (4) run limit per inning shall not apply to Inning 6 and each inning that might follow in the event of an extra-inning game.
- D. Only players of league age 11 and under may pitch in the Minor League.
- E. If a Minor League team can only field eight (8) eligible players, they may fill out their roster for that game with an available Rookie Division player assigned by the Minor and/or Rookie League Representative but can play a regular season game with eight (8) players. Each team must have nine (9) eligible players for all Round Robin and Playoff Games.
  - The Rookie League Representative will compile a list Rookie Division players considered to be qualified to play in the minors. No player shall be assigned more than one time more than any other player. All players on list shall be assigned as equally as possible.
- F. Pitchers A player may pitch in a maximum of three (3) innings per game, six (6) innings per week, Monday through Sunday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. One (1) calendar day of rest is mandatory between each outing.
- G. Fielders Every player must play at least one (1) of his three (3) defensive innings in an infield position. This includes: pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base or shortstop. Failure to comply, results in forfeiture of the game. A player shall not sit 2 consecutive innings.
- H. Courtesy Runner for the Catcher At the Managers discretion, a courtesy runner may be inserted into the game for the catcher when there are 2 outs and the catcher is on base. This move is intended to speed up the game by allowing the catcher to get his/her equipment on for the next inning. The last player to make an offensive out will be the courtesy runner.
- I. NO DROP THIRD STRIKE
- J. NO INFEILD FLY RULE
- K. NO HEADFIRST SLIDING AT ALL IN MINORS, GO BACK STANDING UP. (A child who does this will not be removed but you should speak to them and advise that from a safety perspective no one at minors should go headfirst to any bag ever).
- L. 4 Run Mercy Rule in effect for each inning except for the 6<sup>th</sup> inning of a Round Robin or Playoff Game.

#### Article VIII Rookie League Variations





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- A. No bunting
- B. No stealing or advancing on throwback to the pitcher. A runner on base may not lead off the base. He may not leave the base until the batter hits the ball in play.
- C. Every team player shall be placed in a comprehensive batting order made available to the umpire and team managers prior to the start of the game. This batting order shall be followed during the course of the game so that every player will bat in accordance with this straight through batting line-up even though he may not be playing the game defensively. This batting order may not be changed once the game has commenced. If a player arrives after the start of a game, he will be placed at the bottom of the team batting order and bat in that spot through the duration of the game.
- D. All catchers must wear a protective helmet, mask and cup to participate in a game.
- E. Games are 6 innings long. An inning shall end when either three (3) outs are made or the entire team has batted in that inning, whichevercomes first.
- F. All players are to get equal playing time at as many positions as safely possible. It's recommended that no player play one position more than two (2) consecutive innings in a game. No player can play one position more than three (3) innings in one game.
- G. Play will stop when ball is thrown back to pitcher. The pitcher does not have to be in possession of the ball, but there must be an intent to get the ball to the pitcher when ball is hit in the infield. When ball is hit in the outfield, play stops when ball is returned to the infield inside base paths except if ball is thrown over infield on throw back, then one (1) base is awarded. When a ball is hit in the infield, the batter may <u>not</u> advance on an overthrow to firstbase.
- H. The following batting rules will apply for theentire season:
  - (1) When a ball is hit in the infield, the batter may not advance on an overthrow to first base.
  - (2) During the Coach Pitch period, a player gets five (5) pitches. If he/she fails to hit in fair territory in five (5) pitches, the batter must use a tee for that at-bat during the first half of the season During the second half of the season, after five (5) pitches of which three (3) are strikes if the player does not hit the next strike a strike-out will be called and counted as an Out. A foul ball will not count as a final strike of a strike out.
  - (3) During the Coach Pitch period, Bases on Balls will not be awarded.
  - (4) During the Coach Pitch period, a batter Hit By Pitch will be awarded a base.
  - (5) During the Coach Pitch period, there will be no called strikes or strike-outs except as set forth on H(2).
  - (6) Player Pitch shall began, subject to the skill set of each team, midway through the season, with the goal that player pitch will be introduced alongside of coach pitch, i.e. 6 inning game may have 4 innings coached pitched and 2 innings player pitch with the goal that by the end of the season half the game should be player pitched, subject to the skill set of each team.



#### **Article IX** Grievance Procedure

- A. If a dispute should arise involving violation of the Nor-Gwyn Baseball By-laws, said disputes shall be brought to the attention of the designated representative of the division of the league in which the dispute arose. The dispute must be brought to his attention within two (2) days of said dispute or within two (2) days of notice of said violation. If the appropriate representative feels that the dispute cannot be settled, or if either of the parties involved in saiddispute are not satisfied with the decision of the representative, it should be brought to the attention of the President not later than one (1) week after the date of the occurrence of the dispute or notice of violation. He shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors within one (1)week of receiving said notice. The individuals involved in said dispute have a right to be present at such meeting of the Board of Directors and present such evidence as they deem desirable. The Board's decision and action taken in regard to said dispute or violation shall befinal.
  - B. In a dispute involving the violation or interpretation of a playing rule, a protest shall be made to the umpire immediately and before any succeeding play begins. Said protest shall be in conformity with the Williamsport Baseball Rules for protesting a game. The Youth Baseball Commissioner will make the final decision on all protests.

#### PROTESTING A GAME (per Williamsport Baseball Rules)

- (a) Protest shall be considered only when based on: (a) the violation or interpretation of a playing rule, (b) use of an ineligible pitcher or (c) the use of an ineligible player. No protest shall be considered on a decision involving an umpire's judgment. Equipment which does not meet specifications must be removed from the game.
- (b) The managers of contesting teams only shall have the right to protest a game (or in their absence, coaches). However, the manager or acting manager may not leave the dugout until receiving permission from an umpire.
- (c) Protests shall be made as follows:
  - (1) The protesting manager shall immediately, and before any succeeding play begins, notify the umpire that the game is being played under protest.
  - (2) Following such notice the umpire shall consult with the other umpire(s). If the umpire is convinced that the decision is in conflict with the rules, the umpire shall reverse that decision. If, however, after consultation, the umpire is convinced that the decision is not in conflict with the rules, said umpire shall announce that the game is being played under protest. Failure of the umpire to make such announcement shall not affect the validity of the protest.
- (d) Protest made due to use of ineligible pitcher or ineligible player maybe considered only if made to the umpire before the umpire(s) leave the field at the end of the game. Whenever it is found that an ineligible pitcher or ineligible player is being used, said pitcher shall be removed from the mound, or said player shall be removed from the game, and the game shall be continued under protest or not as the protestingmanager decides.



- (e) Any protest for any reason whatsoever must be submitted by the manager first to the umpire on the field of play and then in writing to the Commissioner of Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball within 24 hours. The umpire-in-chief shall also submit a report immediately.
- (f) A committee composed of the Commissioner of Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball, League Representative, League Umpire-In-Chief and one or more other officers or directors who are not managers or umpires shall hear and resolve any such protest as above, including playing rules. If protest is allowed, resume game from exact point when infraction occurred.

NOTE: (1) This rule does not pertain to charges of infractions of regulations such as field decorum or actions of the league personnel or spectators which must be considered and resolved by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: (2) All Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. Whena protest situation is imminent, the potential offenders should be notified immediately. Example: should a manager, official scorer, league official or umpire discover that a pitcher is ineligible at the beginning of the game or will become ineligible during the game or at the start of the next inning of play, the fact should be brought to the attention of the manager of the team involved. Such action should not be delayed until the infraction has occurred. However, failure of personnel to notify the manager of the infraction does not affect the validity of the protest.

#### Article X All Star Game

- A. The All Star Game shall be six (6) or eight (8) innings as may be determined by the Youth Baseball Commissioner based on the amount of teams and players for each given season.
- B. Each All Star Team shall consists of at least twelve (12) but no more than eighteen (18) players. Numbers of players eligible from each eighteen is to be determined in an equitable manner by the League Representative. All Star Team formation shall be the responsibility of the League Representative and the Youth Baseball Commissioner.
- C. A player to be eligible for the All-Star Game must participate in a minimum of 75% of the scheduled games and practices of his/her respective team. Player absence from practices and games will be recorded by the Team Manager. The names of players who participate less than 75% will be brought to the attention of the Youth Baseball Commissioner.

#### Article XI Championship and Playoff Games

- A. The Rookie League will play straight through the season with no playoffs, no standings, and no designated champion. At the discretion of the League Representative and the Youth BaseballCommissioner, a single-day rising player game and mixed team game will be scheduled to celebrate the end of the season. This event will not determine a league champion.
- B. Major League and Minor League Playoffs will follow a double-elimination tournament



format, (two losses by a team constitutes elimination). Teams in both leagues will participate in a head-to-head Round-Robin Tournament to determine seeding for the double-elimination tournament ("Playoff Seedings"). Tie breakers for tied standings from the head-to-head Round-Robin Tournament are as follows: Record, Head to Head (all tied teams must have played against each other), Runs Allowed, Run Differential, Coin Toss.

C. Subject to the Commissioner and respective League Representative, a coin toss method may be used in the event of each Team not playing in all Round Robin Tournament games or multiple tied records resulting in multiple tie-breaker methods being used. HIGHER SEEDED TEAM IS THE HOME TEAM UNLESS THE LOWER SEED HAS A BETTER TOURNAMENT WIN PERCENTAGE. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONLY: HIGHER SEED IS THE HOME TEAM UNLESS THE LOWER SEED HAS FEWER TOURNAMENT LOSSES.

- D. .
- E. The Major League and Minor League Representatives will publish a Playoff Tournament Grid for their respective leagues. The representative will update the status of the grid as the tournament progresses and make it available to all managers whose teams remain active in the tournament.
- F. The Major League and Minor League Representatives will publish a chart to capture team pitching assignments for each Playoff Tournament game. This chart will be posted in a central location at the Nor-Gwyn Baseball Fields. Immediately following the end of a tournament game, each team manager will update this chart with their respective Pitchers' Names and # Innings Pitched for the completed game. If the pitching assignment chart is not available, the team manager will contact their respective league representative as soon after the game as possible to report pitching assignments.
- G. Playoff Games must be a complete game of 5 1/2 innings if the Home team is ahead, or 6)innings (except where a mercy rule has been reached and agreed to by the losing team). Any Playoff Game that is stopped must be resumed the following day if the schedule permits picking up at the exact point of stoppage (the back-to-back day pitching rule limitation shall not apply).

#### Article XII Tournament Team Program

- A. Tournament Teams represent highest level of competitive play in the Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball Program. The "season" consists of a number of Tournaments throughout the month of July. Nor-Gwyn Teams are entered in tournaments by the Nor-Gwyn Tournament Team Coordinator.
- B. The Nor-Gwyn Tournament Team Program sponsors Tournament Teams at the 12 year-old, 11 year-old, 10 year-old, and 9 year-old (& under) age categories, based on availability of players in these age groups.



- C. Player participation on a Tournament Team is gained through a series of tryouts managed by the manager & coaches of the respect Tournament Team. All registered Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball players in the 9-12 Age Group are invited to participate.
- D. To be eligible for participation in the Tournament Team Program, a player must be actively registered in the Nor-Gwyn Little League Age Baseball Program and must have participated in a minimum of 75% of the scheduled games and practices of his/her Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball team. The names of players who participate less than 75% will be brought to the attention of the Nor-Gwyn Tournament Team Coordinator and the respective Tournament Team Manager by the Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball Commissioner.

#### Article XIII Umpire

- A. May stop a game because of weather, darkness or any other safety reason.
- B. May stop a game because of abuse by a Manager, Coach, Parent, Player, or Spectator.
- C. May request a Manager, Coach, Parent, Player or Spectator to leave the ball field area for unsportsman-like conduct. Each team manager or coach is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. In the event the person does not cooperate, their team will forfeit the game.
- D. A Manager/Coach may not enter the playing field to discuss a judgment call by an umpire. All such decisions are final.
- E. Any manager, coach or player who is ejected from a game must meet with the Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball Commissioner before they are allowed to participate in any future game. If a player is ejected, that player must be accompanied by his/her manger or coach. The players parent/guardian may attend the meeting if they so desire.

The Commissioner has the option of including additional Nor-Gwyn Representatives to be present at the meeting.

The Commissioner will make the final decision as to the penalty to be handed out to the person(s) who were ejected. The penalties can range from a warning to game(s) suspension to ejection from the league.

In addition to an ejection, if any abusive or unsportsman-like conduct is brought to the attention of the Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball Commissioner, the Commissioner may call a meeting of the parties involved.

The Commissioner has the option of including additional Nor-Gwyn Representatives to be present at the meeting.

The Commissioner will make the final decision as to the penalty to be handed out to the person(s) who displayed the abusive or unsportsman-like conduct.



F. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL and are supported by the League.

In all other respects, the rules and regulations governing the playing of the game shall conform with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of *Williamsport Baseball*, and those of *Major League Baseball*.