



Frenship Youth Baseball Local League Rules for 2021

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FYB Commissioners Office

FYB is governed by a Board of Directors. The FYB Board has determined:

- That the League Commissioner and his agents shall have jurisdiction in all matters not covered in these rules and regulations.
- Umpires have full jurisdiction over all participants and spectators present at any FYB USSSA sponsored baseball event. They have the power and should use it with discretion to order a manager, coach, player, or spectator to do or to omit to do any act which, in their judgement, is necessary to give force and effect to one and all of USSSA Rules and the FYB Local rules listed below.
- For additional information, please see USSSA Rule 14.00 below.

League Concerns

- If you have a concern on anything in the league, please submit your concern in writing to ldfyb3@gmail.com

Pandemic Rules (COVID-19)

FYB will abide by all pandemic rules established by USSSA, State of Texas and the cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth Texas to allow our teams to play safely.

The league will do everything in its power to complete all league games and host any scheduled tournament but reserves the right to reschedule, postpone, cancel games, or cancel the season in its entirety if required to do so by sanctioning body or government agencies.

Parents must notify the team manager of any COVID instances regarding player or family member in contact with the team. Managers must notify the league using the FYB COVID dashboard of any players, coaches impacted by COVID. Once the league is notified, the league will work with the manager to determine next steps for the team.



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Refund Policy-Draft League

Draft league players pay an individual registration fee. FYB offers the following refund for the FYB Draft League.

- If the player withdraws or quits before team selection, a 100% Refund will be allowed (minus a \$10 processing fee).
- If the player withdraws or quits after team selection and prior to the first scheduled game, a 50% Refund will be allowed (minus a \$10 processing fee).
- If the player withdraws or quits after the first scheduled game, no refund will be given.
- Email ldfyb3@gmail.com with a refund request, include player name and reason.
- Coach fees are non-refundable.

Refund Policy-Open League

Open teams pay \$120 per game scheduled. FYB offers the following refund for the FYB Open League.

- If a team withdraws before the schedule is posted, a 100% Refund will be allowed (minus a 10% processing fee).
- If a team requests to withdraw after the schedule is posted and prior to the first game, a 50% refund will be allowed.
- After the first games is played, no refunds will be given.
- If a team is suspended or has multiple forfeits, no refund will be given.
- Coach fees are non-refundable.

Refund Policy-Pandemic Closure

If FYB is shut down due to pandemic stoppage from local and state authorities, the board will determine how to move forward based on where we are at in the season. Under any circumstances, if the season is completely cancelled, FYB reserves the right to withhold up to 25 percent of the collected fees for administrative costs and field maintenance.



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Managers and Coaches

We appreciate all volunteers who manage and coach teams. Your service is critical for the league and players to be successful.

In 2018, the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017” became Federal law. The mission of the U.S. Center for Safesport is to make the athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation’s sports culture. All athletes deserve to participate in sports free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct, or any form of emotional or physical abuse. Education and awareness are the most critical components to creating safe and respectful sporting environments, free of abuse and harassment. To abide by the law and protect our kids, all volunteers must complete background checks through the USSSA background system to be eligible to manager or coach. [Click here](#) to view the USSSA Safesport website for additional information.

USSSA Background Checks

All adult Managers and Coaches must complete and pass the USSSA background check to be eligible to coach in games and practices for FYB league and USSSA tournaments. The fee is \$13.50. The USSSA background check is initiated for team managers when they create a new team.

The team manager will be responsible for adding coaches to their USSSA team roster allowing coaches to complete their background check. Any volunteer fails the USSSA background check may not assist the team and the team manager must notify the league that they are not eligible to coach.

FYB Manager and Coach Registration

All adult volunteers (Managers and Coaches) must register on the FYB registration site. FYB will charge a single non-refundable coaching fee of \$10. If a coach fails the USSSA background check, they will be removed from the FYB team roster.

Volunteer Code of Conduct

Managers and Coaches:

- Are role models, they lead by example in setting high standards of character, honesty, and integrity.



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- Must represent FYB in an upstanding manner. If their actions while coaching at any event (league or local tournaments) are in violation of our coach's code of conduct, they may be suspended from coaching in FYB.
- If a coach is having problems with a player or parent, they must address the situation via email to the league before cutting a kid from their roster. There must be a good, documented reason to tell a kid they are cut from your team. While the league does not tell a coach how to run their team, they need to understand that if their actions violate our code of conduct the executive board will get involved.
- Use positive methods to make the experience enjoyable for the players. They develop self-esteem and cultivate an appreciation for the sport.
- Strive to provide a challenging and successful experience for the athletes by maintaining an environment that is physically age appropriate and emotionally safe.
- Promote sportsmanship.
- Exert self-control over their own egos and emotions.
- Avoid displays of anger, rage, or frustration in front of the players.
- At no time will a coach abuse, mistreat, threaten, or humiliate any child, umpire, other coach, FYB representative, parks and recreation staff, parent, or spectator. This is grounds for ejection and possibly dismissal.
- Coaches must report any conduct that violates this code immediately, [click here](#) to be directed to USSSA SAFESPORT
- Will not harass the umpire for bad calls etc.
- Will never use drugs and will not use tobacco products or alcohol while in the presence of players.
- If ejected from a game, will leave the complex immediately. The ejection will be reviewed, and additional suspensions could be added based on the severity of the incident.

Coach Game Rules

- Only four (4) coaches allowed on field and dugout during a game in all leagues regardless of number of coaches who are on the team roster.
- No youth batboys allowed on field at any time.
- No coaches allowed under the age of 18.



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Players

All players must be on the team roster in the FYB SI system and on the USSSA team roster to play in FYB league. See USSSA rule 3.00 below for additional player information.

USSSA Player Approval

All guardians must approve the USSSA player release and waiver of liability and indemnification agreement on the USSSA website logged in as the guardian.

Playing on Multiple Teams

For the safety of the players and to eliminate player burn-out, FYB recommends league players participate on a single team in a single league for each season. If a player, who is age eligible desires to play in on two league teams the following applies:

- Only Open League players 7 years old and above may request to be on multiple teams.
- A Player may not play on an Open and Draft team simultaneously.
- Players in any draft league may not play on multiple teams.
- USSSA Team Classification for both teams will be considered.
- **Parent Request**, if a parent wants to play in two (2) leagues, the parent must do the following to request to play on multiple teams in league:
 - Request in writing to the FYB board to obtain board approval.
 - They must provide the teams that player desires to play on.
 - The Teams age division and the USSSA classification.
 - The reason to play on two teams.
 - Copy the Manager of both teams on the request for their approval.
 - Please e-mail requests to League Commissioner at ldfyb3@gmail.com
 - The League Board and League Commissioner reserves the right to refuse any request.



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FYB 2021 Spring Leagues Offered

Open League

This league is for full teams registered and paid by the team manager. Below are the leagues that we offer.

- **7U Open**, for 7-year-old teams
 - **8U Open**, for 8-year-old teams
 - **9U Open**, for 9-year-old teams
 - **10U Open**, for 10-year teams, may be divided into AA and Open depending on number of teams
 - **12U AA**, for 11 and 12-year-old AA teams
 - **12U Open**, for 11 and 12-year-old AAA and Major teams
 - **13U Open**, for 13-year-old teams, playing 54-80
 - **14U Open**, for 14-year-old teams, playing 60-90, this league will be dependent upon having access to a field which we will know more by the end of January
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- Team Manager pays for \$120 per game based on number of games scheduled which is decided by the majority vote of team managers in each division.
 - Teams are responsible for USSSA registration, team insurance and uniforms.
 - Any volunteer who desires to manage, coach a team, or be on the playing field during a league game, USSSA tournament or during team practice, must complete and pass the USSSA background check through the USSSA website, the fee is \$13.50. In addition, managers must register as a volunteer through the FYB registration site and pay a coach's fee of \$10.



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Draft League

Draft Teams (4U and 6U)

Team may freeze 1 to 12 players on their team. All players will sign up individually and pay the FYB will auto-assign any other players.

- **4U (T-ball)**, for 4-year-old players only. No 3-year-old players allowed, 10-game season, with end of year awards ceremony
- **6U (Coach pitch)**, for 5- and 6-years old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournaments. There will be three division in 6U:
 - **6U Blue-** for 5-year-old full teams
 - **6U Gold-** for 6-year-old full teams
 - **6U White-**for 5- and 6-year-old draft teams

Draft Teams (8U-14U)

In Spring 2021, FYB will auto-assign players to their teams in the following leagues:

- **8U (Coach pitch)**, for 7- and 8-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.
- **10U**, for 9- and 10-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.
- **12U**, for 11- and 12-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.
- **14U**, for 13- and 14-year-old players, 12-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.

Draft Rules

For the 2021 season, try-outs will be eliminated. All players in 8U-14U will be auto-assigned to their team.

The following rules apply for draft league mentioned above:

- Each team will have a manager who volunteers and is approved by the league commissioner to manage a team after successfully completing the **USSSA** background check.



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- Pre-draft rosters and coach freezes
 - The manager may freeze a total of 1 to 5 players to their roster prior to try-outs and draft.
 - Coaches may ask League Commissioner to make an exception to four coach freezes if siblings or relatives are involved in the player freezes. Request must be in writing prior to draft for consideration.
 - Manager must notify league of all player freezes by the Friday before the before try-outs and draft.
 - On the day of try-outs, no adding of player or coaches prior to try-outs.
 - If an exception is granted, team will surrender their first-round draft pick unless it was a league error.
- Try-outs (suspended for 2021 spring season)
 - Manager and coaches must attend try-outs to evaluate players to draft.
 - Players will do the following for try-outs.
 - Demonstrate batting in cage by swinging at 3 pitches.
 - Demonstrate running the bases from first to third base.
 - Demonstrate fielding and throwing by playing short stop, fielding, and throwing the ball to first base three times.
 - Players who do not attend try-outs, will be placed in a hat at the end of the draft.
- **Draft/Manager/Coaches Meeting** (Manager coaches meeting still in effect, draft will be suspended for 2021 spring season)
 - League rules will be covered by Commissioner during meeting.
 - Managers and coaches (no kids allowed in the draft room) will attend draft on the Sunday following try-outs.
 - Draft order will be drawn up by each manager.
 - Draft will be serpentine (ex- 1-2-3 then 3-2-1).
 - Players will be drafted and assigned to teams.
 - Team names and uniforms colors will be determined in the meeting.
- **Adding Players after draft**
 - If a player signs up after draft and there is room to add the player to a roster, League Commissioner will randomly assign extra player to a team needing an additional player.
- **Roster Changes**
 - League Commissioner reserves the right to make roster changes after draft.



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GAMES

Starting games:

- Please arrive early for games and submit your line-up 15 minutes before start time to the press box or umpire (if no scorekeeper available).
- Teams are required to be in the correct dug-out.
 - For fields with scoreboards, take the dug-out based on home and visitor location on the scoreboard or based on how the dugouts are marked.
 - At FHS West field (no scoreboard) home is on the 3rd base side and visitor is on the 1st base side of the field.
 - The only exception, if a team is scheduled a double header, the team is not required to change dug outs for the second game.
- Saturday League Play:
 - All teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to official start time to keep games moving.
 - Please have your team warmed up and ready to play.
- All games with announcing capability will have players announced by scorekeeper before the game and home team will offer a prayer.
- Games without announcing, both teams need to meet at home plate prior start of game and Home Team will offer a prayer.

Pre-Game:

- Any issues with the field, please notify site director.
- Do not practice or warm-up on the infield. Teams may warm up in the outfield prior to games.
- No infield will be given prior to league games.
- Soft toss is not allowed into any league fences.

Post-Game:

Please clean up the trash from the dug-out.

Game Conduct:

- Managers and coaches are responsible for knowledge of all rules and regulations pertaining to USSSA baseball. Teams playing in league agree to abide by all USSSA Rules and FYB Local League Rules.
- Managers are responsible for the conduct of their Players, Coaches, and Spectators prior to, during and after each baseball game.



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- Profanity, vulgarity, unsportsmanlike conduct, or unsafe acts of any nature will not be tolerated for any reason and may result in expulsion from the game.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants or spectators is prohibited.
- Any participant who physically attacks or verbally threatens a Game Official, or FYB League Official or employee, may be charged with assault and suspended indefinitely from all league activities.

Game Time / Timekeeping:

Scorekeeper or Umpire will start official game time immediately after the prayer is completed.

- If scoreboard in use, the scoreboard clock is the official time.
- If scoreboard not in use, then umpire will keep official time.
- No new inning will begin with less than 5 minutes of game time at the completion an inning.

Score:

- Any questions regarding the score of the game should go through the Team Manager to the Umpire. Umpire will contact press box to change the score. Umpire has the official score cards.
- All managers are required to sign the scorecard at the end of game. Refusal to sign the scorecard will not invalidate the scorecard.

Chatter:

For all leagues, no “chatter” will be allowed. Chatter is defined as noise designed to bother the opposing team including chatter from dug out or field.

Boom Boxes:

Boom boxes and music are allowed before games only. No walk-up music during the game or between innings. No offensive or vulgar lyrics allowed. If anyone opposes the music or deems offensive, umpire will ask that music be turned off. Failure to turn off music could lead to manager of team being ejected.

Noise Makers:

Are not allowed. Failure to discontinue use, may result in removal from fields.



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USSSA RULES AMENDMENTS

Frenship Youth Baseball (FYB) will follow USSSA National rules edition dated 8/1/20. If rule not covered in the USSSA national rules or FYB Local Rules, FYB will defer to **Major League Baseball Rules**. Our local league rules make amendments to USSSA rules.

USSSA Rules 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 12.00, 15.00, 17.00, 18.00, 19.00

No changes in FYB Local Rules

USSSA Rule 3.00

All rules apply as written unless amendments are noted below.

- **3.01 Amendment-For league purposes only**, FYB may make an exception to Age Based with grade exceptions noted in rules. Manager must make a written request for exception to League Commissioner for a final decision.
 - **4U Division**, Players must be 4 years old by May 1st to play. 3-year-old players are not allowed.
- **3.05A Amendment** – Players Eligibility for League
 - **Illegal Players:** If an opposing team protests a player’s eligibility (see rule 15.00 below) and it is determined that the player is not a legal player on the roster, then the game will be forfeited, and the Manager will be ejected for the next game.
- **3.05.B.7 Amendment**-Guest players for league will only apply to Open teams in League play.
 - **Substitute Players** may be used for league play only in our Open League:
 - FYB will allow substitute players in the Open League to eliminate forfeits:
 - Teams may use 2 players who must play in the outfield and bat 8th and 9th on the roster.
 - Player must be a registered player on another team in the same division.
 - Example: 11AA Cubs are short one player, they may borrow one player from another team in 11AA only.
 - They may not borrow a player from draft leagues teams.
 - The borrowed player is required to wear his teams’ uniform for the game.
- **3.06B Amendment** - All teams shall maintain an Official Online Roster
 - **Open Team Manager**-must create and maintain their USSSA online roster.
 - **Draft Teams**-the league will create the team and the manager must maintain draft team USSSA online roster.



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USSSA Rule 7.00

All rules apply as written unless amendments are noted below.

- **7.01.C Amendment** – 14U Draft league bats
 - FYB will allow a maximum of a drop 8 (-8) bat in 14U league play only since there will be 13 and 14-year-old players in this division.
- **7.01.G Comment Amendment** – Helmets
 - In all league age divisions, 4U-14U, the catcher's helmet must fully cover both ears.
 - No two-piece catchers' helmets allowed in league.
- **7.02.A Amendment** – Home Team
 - The home team will be determined by the league schedule.
 - Teams are required to be in the correct dug-out for games. Refer to the scoreboard and or dug out to determine which dug-out is home and visitor.
- **7.02.B Amendment** – FYB has game time limits for all leagues. See 7.03.A for specifics
- **7.02.D Amendment - APPROVED TEAM LINE-UPS**, FYB League will observe 7.02.D.1(c) for league play only.
 - All teams will bat the line-up of all present players in all leagues, for all league games and for all league end of season tournament play.
 - If opposing team protests (see rule 16.00 below) team not batting the line-up, and it is determined by Umpire that it is correct, game will be discontinued, and game will be scored a forfeit and manager will be ejected for the next game.
 - It is required that all players play a minimum of one (1) defensive innings per game. The only exception to this is if a team is run ruled in the first inning.
 - Penalty for breaking the rule. If a player does not meet the requirement, he will start and play the full next scheduled game.
 - A manager or coach not following this rule will be given a warning for the first offense. He will be ejected for one game on the second offense.
 - FYB will only count an out if a team falls below 9 players in all leagues.
- **7.02.G Amendment** –
 - Teams must have 8 players at official game time, or a forfeit will be called.
 - If a team falls below 8 players at any point in a game for any reason, a forfeit will be called.
- **7.03A Amendment** – Below are league innings and game times.
 - 6U – 5 innings or 60 minutes, whichever is less.
 - 7U and 8U – 5 innings or 75 minutes, whichever is less.
 - 9U and 10U – 6 innings or 90 minutes, whichever is less.



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- 12U – 6 innings or 90 minutes, whichever is less.
- 13U and 14U – 7 innings or 105 minutes, whichever is less.
- A new inning begins immediately after the third out is made by the home team unless time has expired.
- **7.03.B Amendment** – League Mercy rules
 - **6U & 8U**
 - A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning.
 - The game is over, when the opposing team is mathematically eliminated from scoring enough runs to win or tie the game.
 - If the losing team has not batted thru their lineup, all remaining players will get an “unofficial at bat” ensuring all players get at least one “at bat” in the game.
 - **10U-12U-14U**
 - 20 runs after 1 complete inning
 - 20 runs after 2 complete innings
 - 12 runs after 3 complete innings
 - 8 runs after 4 complete innings
 - If a team exceeds a 20-run lead at any point during a game, then the game will be scored as final.
 - If the losing team has not batted thru their lineup, all remaining players will get an “unofficial at bat” to make sure every player gets at least one “at bat” in the game.
 - **Tie Breakers**
 - 4U: Since no score is kept, no extra innings.
 - 6U-14U: One (1) extra inning beyond official game or past allotted innings. If a team does not win after extra inning, game will result in a tie.
 - All extra-inning games will be California Rule. Each team will start with 1 out and the last player to record an out will start on second base.
- **7.03.C Amendment** – Suspended games
 - If a game is suspended due to rain or other weather conditions the following is how FYB will proceed:
 - If game time is less than 50% completed, the game will be suspended, and a make-up time will be assigned, and the game will resume where it left off for remaining time.
 - If a game has completed over 50% of game time, the final score will be the score of the last complete inning.
- **7.03 Amendment** – League Game Schedules



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- **Game Changes** – For league changes
 - FYB will update our website as soon as a determination is made that the fields are not playable.
 - It is the team’s responsibility to review the website for any schedule changes.
 - League reserves the right to change any scheduled game at any time for any reason. All schedule changes will be posted on the FYB website.
- **Requested Game Changes** – It is FYB’s intent to play all league games.
 - If a team cannot field enough players for a game and the coaches knows in advance, please work with other managers in your league to reschedule games.
 - Contact coach of other team, if opposing team cannot reschedule, then a forfeit will ensue if you cannot field the minimum required number of players.
 - If team agrees to move, find another time in the schedule, and see if the other managers would be willing to move games, if all managers agree, then all managers must e-mail league director at ldfyb3@gmail.com to facilitate schedule change.
 - Schedule changes are not official until the league has updated the League schedule on the FYB website.
- **7.04 Amendment** – FYB additional safety rules for games:
 - **Slash Bunting**
 - Slashing is defined as a batter presenting a bunt stance attempting to pull in the 1st and 3rd basemen and then pulling back and swinging. A player may fake a bunt and pull back and not swing.
 - If SLASH is called by umpire, batter will be called out. Dead ball and any bases runners will return to previous base. Third base coach may be ejected if the umpire calls multiple infractions during a game.
 - **Suicide Squeeze Runner Stealing Home**
 - If a runner attempts to steal home from 3rd base while the pitcher is pitching, and the batter makes a full swing.
 - If this play is called by the umpire, the runner and the batter will both be called out and the third base coach will be ejected from the game.

USSSA Rule 8.00

All rules apply as written unless amendments are noted below.

6U Coach Division

Version 2021-1 Updated: 1/3/2021 , based on USSSA Official Baseball National By-Laws and Rules dated 8/1/20. FYB reserves the right to modify these rules at any time and the latest local rules posted online will be in effect.



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- **8.04.A Amendment** - FYB will allow the pitching coach to pitch from 20' to 42' for league only.
- **8.04.B Amendment** - Coach pitcher:
 - During dead ball, may align the player for hitting.
 - Once the ball is in play, no coaching allowed, and coach should exit the field behind the batter running to first base until dead ball is called by Umpire.
 - Failure to comply may result in verbal warning from umpire.
 - Second time may result in removal of pitcher for remainder of game.
- **8.06 Amendment** - FYB will allow teams to choose either a player catcher or an adult catcher.
 - **Player Catcher:**
 - Player must be in full catcher gear, catcher's mitt, and cup for protection
 - Adult coach may stand at the back of fence for past balls to speed up the game.
 - Coach Catcher and Player Catcher Combo. Coach catcher duties:
 - Must be a coach from defensive team.
 - Monitor the location of the player catcher and ensure his safety.
 - Catcher must stand up, be opposite side of the batter and off center of the plate.
 - Catcher may not be directly behind the plate or squatting to catch ball unless in full catcher gear.
 - After ball hit, pick-up bat and remove from the area.
 - When ball is in play no coaching at any time.
- **8.07 Amendment** – Defensive players
 - All players will play in the field on defense.
 - Defensive team must field normal infield.
 - All remaining players on team will be in outfield which is defined at least 15 feet behind infield dirt.
 - No coaches will be allowed on the field during play.
- **8.11.A Amendment** – Starting a game
 - Teams may start a game with 8 players.
 - If a team falls below 9 players, the 9th batting position will be an automatic out.
- **8.17 Amendment** – Courtesy Runners
 - The only time a courtesy runner will be used is for an injured player. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out.
- **8.20 Amendment** – Calling time.



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- The Umpire will call time after determining that the **lead runner** is no longer attempting to advance. The umpires will determine the status of the non-lead runners:
 - If base runner is over halfway to next base in umpire's judgment, then runner will be awarded next base.
 - If base runner not halfway to next base in umpire's judgment, then runner must return to original base.
 - This is an umpire judgment call and cannot be argued.

8U Draft League Coach Pitch

- **8.07 Amendment** – Defensive players
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7U and 8U Open League Coach Pitch

- **8.07 Amendment** – Defensive Players
 - Team must bat a continuous line-up with all players.
 - Defensive team will field normal infield and have 4 outfielders.
 - Outfield is defined as 15 feet behind infield dirt.
 - All players must play 2 defensive innings per game.



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USSSA Rule 10.00

FYB T-ball league does not follow any of the USSSA t-ball rules. See below for **FYB T-ball League Rules**:

- 4-year-old players only.
- No score will be kept.
- All players on team will play defense.
- Two inning game.
- Each offensive player will bat through the lineup and advance one base.
- Last batter will be the home run batter.
- Coaches are allowed on the field play to assist team on defense.
- Parents and siblings who are not coaches are not allowed on the field.

USSSA Rule 11.00

FYB will use this rule for our 10U Draft League only. All rules in effect except the following.

- **11.04 Amendment** – is not in effect in this league. Runners may steal all bases.
- **11.06 Amendment** - is not in effect in this league. Runners may steal all bases.

USSSA Rule 12.00

FYB does not offer draft league all-star programs.

USSSA Rule 13.00

All rules apply as written plus additional safety rules note below.



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Additional Safety Rules

Lightning

Player and fan safety are paramount. FYB has a subscription to Pocket Perry to monitor all storms. Depending on how close lightning strikes are in proximity to the field will determine our course of action, the FYB Site Director will choose between the following two options:

- **Delay Game:**
 - If a game is delayed for lightning, all players and fans must **vacate the complex and go to their cars** to wait out the lightning (see box below).
 - A delay will be at least 20 minutes before game will be resumed.
 - Managers (only) and umpires need to report the press box.
 - When the games are ready to resume, managers will be notified in the press box and they can contact their players to come back to the field.
- **Go Home:**
 - Everyone leaves the complex and go home.
 - See 7.03.C for above for suspended games scoring or rescheduling.

In the following box is information from the National Weather Service on Lightning Safety:

Safe Buildings

- A **safe building** is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls, and floor, and has plumbing or wiring. Examples include a home, school, church, hotel, office building or shopping center. Once inside, stay away from showers, sinks, bathtubs, and electronic equipment such as TVs, radios, corded telephones, and computers.
- **Unsafe buildings** include car ports, open garages, covered patios, picnic shelters, beach pavilions, golf shelters, tents of any kinds, **baseball dugouts**, sheds, and greenhouses.

Safe Vehicles

- A **safe vehicle** is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. While inside a safe vehicle, do not use electronic devices such as radio communications during a thunderstorm. If you drive into a thunderstorm, slow down, and use extra caution. If possible, pull off the road into a safe area. Do not leave the vehicle during a thunderstorm.
- **Unsafe vehicles** include convertibles, golf carts, riding mowers, open cab construction equipment and boats without cabins.

USSSA Rule 14.00

FYB will follow all rules listed. ADDITIONAL LEAGUE RULES ON SPORTSMANSHIP and consequences for breaking rules are listed below:



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Umpires:

- The umpires shall be responsible for the conduct of the game in accordance with these rules and for maintaining discipline and order on the playing field during the game.
 - Each umpire has authority to order a player, coach, manager, sponsor, or spectator to do or refrain from doing anything, which affects the administering of these rules, and to enforce the prescribed penalties.
 - Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, or manager for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field.
 - Each umpire has authority at his discretion to eject from the playing field any person whose duties permit his presence on the field and any spectator or other person not authorized to be on the field.
- **Approaching an umpire:**
 - Either the Manager or a coach may respectfully approach an umpire by first calling time out.
 - Once the umpire grants the time out, that coach from the team may approach and discuss his concern with the umpire.
 - There will be no rushing of the field or ganging up on an umpire.
- **Judgment Calls:** Any umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, coach or manager shall object to any such judgment decisions.
- **Requesting Help on a call:**
 - A manager or coach may ask the umpire who made the original call for help.
 - The umpire has the right to deny the request or ask his partner for help.
 - No umpire shall criticize, seek to reverse, or interfere with another umpire's decision unless asked to do so by the umpire making the original call.
 - The manager may not complain that the umpire made an improper call, but only that he did not ask his partner for help.
- Immediately following a game, the umpire shall report to the league / tournament officials all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment, including the disqualification of any player, coach, fan, or manager and the reasons, therefore.

FYB Prescribed Penalties for Sportsmanship Violations and Ejections of USSSA Rule 14.00

- If an Umpire requests a player, manager, or coach to go to the dugout for the remainder of the inning, that is considered your first and final warning. The next issue may result in the person being



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ejected and asked to leave the complex (field 1-4, complex is defined as outside gate entrances, Field 5 is considered past the outfield fence on Field 5)

- If an Umpire requests a fan to take their seat in the stands that is considered the fan's first and final warning. The next issue may result in an ejection from the game and the fan will be asked to leave the complex.
- If anyone (player, coach, manager, or fan) is ejected, the game will be stopped until the ejected person exits the ballpark (which is outside the outer fences). Failure to exit the ballpark, the league reserves the right to contact local law enforcement. If a coach is ejected for the game, the team will not be allowed to add another coach during the game. If two coaches are ejected in the same game from the same team, then the game will be forfeited at that time.
 - Umpires will report name of ejected person/s to League Director for tracking.
 - If ejected, the coach, player or fan will be required to sit out the next game and not allowed into the park.
 - If anyone is ejected twice in one season, including FYB hosted tournaments, they will not be allowed to enter the complex during any games for the remainder of the season.
 - Anyone who is ejected for the remainder of the season, must petition the board before being allowed to play in the league again.
 - The use of vulgar language, offensive or threatening statements will be prohibited and grounds for immediate ejection from the park.
- The league (Executive Board and League Director) has the right to eject or require a player, coach, manager, or spectator to leave the park for inappropriate behavior or for actions observed by the league that may not have been observed by the umpire.

USSSA Rule 15.00

No changes in FYB Local Rules

USSSA Rule 16.00

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