

# ***Rules Pertaining to Newburgh Junior Baseball Select & All-Star Teams***

## **1) Player Participation**

- a) Code of Conduct will be followed and enforced by the NJB Board of Directors
- b) Player Sign-up/Nominations
  - i) Parents shall sign-up their child for Select/All-Star consideration by completing the sign-up/nomination form, by the required date, and submit it to the Vice Commissioner.
  - ii) Select Player sign-ups will open after the June board meeting to approve the coach and remain open until two days before the tryout date.
    - (1) Late signups for Select Team Tryouts will automatically be considered for the All-Star team only.
  - iii) All-Star sign-ups will be open after the July board meeting to approve the coach when applicable and be open until two days before the tryout date.
    - (1) Age Divisions that will form in the Spring: 6U and 7U All-Star teams.
    - (2) Players that are not on the sign-up list at the time of tryouts will not be eligible to play on any NJB postseason team.
- c) Players that sign up for All-Star tryouts must be a currently registered member of a NJB Spring/Fall Recreational team.
- d) All-Star Players will be required to play the Spring Rec Season.
- e) The 9U Select teams and older must have at least 9 rostered players play a Recreational season during the Select Team calendar year, August 1-July 31.
- f) The 7U and 8U Select Teams must have all rostered players participate in a Recreational season during the Select Team calendar year, August 1- July 31.

## **2) Age Groups**

- a) NJB shall offer an opportunity to players aged 7u-14u to participate in a tryout for the Select Team
  - i) A roster spot will be held for any 13u player that makes the Cub team that elects to play postseason with NJB
  - ii) The 14u team(s) must break during the cub season per ISHAA rules. The Vice Commissioner will work with Castle H.S. Coaches to ensure that no conflicts arise with the Cub program and the Spring Recreational Season.
- b) NJB shall offer an opportunity to players aged 6u-14u to participate in a tryout for the All-Star Team
  - i) If the 14u team forms in the Fall, the team must break during the cub season per ISHAA rules. The Vice Commissioner will work with Castle H.S. Coaches to

ensure that no conflicts arise with the Cub program and the Spring Recreational Season.

- c) Players may elect to try out for a Select team whose division is older than their age.
  - i) Players may not try out for an age division below their age.
  - ii) If the player is selected for the older age division, or to “play up”, that player will be allowed to play Spring and Fall Rec seasons with the age group for the team they were selected.
  - iii) If the player is not selected for the older age division, or to “play up”, then that player must next season return to their original and correct age group according to NJB league rules.
- d) The “Must Play Rule” does not apply to Select/All-Star play. Although NJB encourages Managers to have their players play as much as possible; playing time is ultimately determined by the Manager and Coaches of each team.
- e) If a post season player quits after being selected for a team, for reasons other than hardship, that player is not eligible for Select or All-Stars the following year.
- f) Once a player is selected for the Select or All-Star team, they will not be allowed to play for a second travel baseball organization or rec league all-star team during the NJB team’s season.
  - i) If a player begins playing for a second team, their position on the NJB team will be vacated and they will not be eligible to try out for the next Select or All-Star season.
  - ii) The only exception is in August.
    - (1) Example: If a player is on the current All-star team and is selected for the next year’s Select team.
- g) Exceptions to any Player Participation rules must be approved by the Board of Directors before the team’s season starts.

### 3) **Manager Participation**

- a) Code of Conduct will be followed and enforced by the NJB Board of Directors.
- b) Managers and their Coach Staff must pass a Background Check prior to the start of the season.
- c) Managers and their Coaching Staff must be in good standing with NJB and not have any disciplinary actions, concerns or issues regarding coaching at any level of baseball.
- d) All Select and All-Star Managers will be required to help maintain the fields and surrounding areas before, during and after practices and at NJB hosted tournaments.
- e) Managers may assist on another NJB Select or All-Star team.
- f) Managers are not permitted to manage, coach, or assist on any team not affiliated with NJB.

- g) Exceptions to any of the Manager Participation rules must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the team's season.

#### **4) Selection of the Select (Ages 7u-14u) /All- Star (ages 6u-14u)**

##### **Teams**

- a) The Vice Commissioner will be the voice of the board for the postseason process. The V.C. has the right to establish a sub-committee and elect leadership within that committee.
- b) Select and All-Star Managers will work with the Vice Commissioner on selecting a tryout date and time
  - i) All tryouts must be held at an NJB facility
    - (1) If the weather prevents tryouts at an NJB facility, the Manager will work with the Vice Commissioner to determine a new location.
- c) The selected Manager will work with the Vice Commissioner to determine 3-5 evaluators for a specific tryout date.
  - i) Evaluators shall consist of individuals from the following categories:
    - (1) The Selected Manager for the Team holding the Tryout
    - (2) Current or Former Select or All-Star manager from one age group above
    - (3) Current or Former Select or All-Star manager from one age group below
    - (4) The current age-appropriate league president for the upcoming season
    - (5) Current Board members (requested by Vice Commissioner)
- d) Tryouts for the Select/All-Star teams (7u - 13u) will be held after June 31st and teams should be selected within one week of the tryout date.
- e) For 8u and below, there shall be a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of fifteen (15) players on each Team.
  - i) At least 12 (twelve) roster positions must be filled before the first practice.
    - (1) If less than 12 players signed up for tryouts, a team may be formed, but the manager will work with the Vice Commissioner to fill the remaining roster spots.
- f) For 9u, there shall be a minimum of eleven (11) and a maximum of fifteen (15) players on each Team.
  - i) At least 11 (eleven) roster positions must be filled before the first practice.
    - (1) If less than 11 players signed up for tryouts, a team may be formed, but the manager will work with the Vice Commissioner to fill the remaining roster spots.
- g) For 10u and above, there shall be a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fifteen (15) players on each Team.
  - i) At least nine (9) roster positions must be filled before the first practice.

- (1) If less than 9 players signed up for tryouts, a team may be formed but the manager will work with the Vice Commissioner to fill the remaining roster spots.
- h) All 9-14u select teams' rosters must have a minimum of nine (9) "established" NJB players
  - i) An established NJB player is defined as any player that has played at least two (2) NJB recreation league seasons (spring or fall) in the past 2 years or have been on a NJB Select or All-Star team within the last 2 years.
  - ii) If a non-NJB player makes the Select Team and signs up for Fall Rec Season or the Spring Rec Season, they will be considered an NJB-established player.
- i) Managers will be able to select their entire roster from those players who attended tryouts
  - i) Managers should select the best 10-15 players from that age group for the team
  - ii) Rosters must be built by selecting the required amount of players out of the top 15 players from the tryout.
  - iii) Team Rosters must be set by the start of the Spring Rec Season.
- j) If an injury or loss of a roster position occurs, the manager will add the roster position with a player that signed up to try out for the NJB postseason.
  - i) Exception: If the player(s) who signed up for the tryout decline, pose a threat to team cohesion, or the skill level of the player is above/below the rest of the team- a second tryout can be held to fill the open roster position(s).
- k) All players who attend the tryout will be notified of their selection or rejection by the Manager. The Director of Communications will post the team roster to the NJB Facebook page.
- l) The 9U Select teams and older must have at least 9 players play at least one Recreational season during the Select Team calendar year, August 1-July 31.
- m) The 7U and 8U Select Teams are required to have 100% player participation in at least one Recreational season during the Select Team calendar year, August 1- July 31.
- n) If a Guest Player is needed for the Select Team, they will pull from the All-Star team roster
  - i) Exceptions: All-Star Team is playing in a tournament at the same time a player is needed. The Select Team should then pull from the NJB rec season players.
  - ii) If a Guest Player is needed for the All-Star Team, they will pull from the previous Rec Season players.

## 5) **Selection of the Managers and Coaches**

- a) For ages 7u-14u Select Managers the nomination process will open at least three weeks prior to the June Board meeting. Coaches will be approved at the June board meeting following an interview process.
- b) For ages 8u-14u All-Star the nomination process will open at least three weeks prior to the July Board meeting. Coaches will be approved at the July board meeting following an interview process.
- c) For ages 6u-7u All-Star Managers the nomination process will open on Opening Day of Spring Rec Season and run until at least two weeks.
- d) All Select and All-Star managers will be interviewed by a committee of 3-5 members.
- e) All Coaches chosen to serve as a Select or All-Star Manager shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the team's tryouts

## 6) **Select and All-Star Team General Rules**

- a) All Select and Early Formed All-Star teams will submit their tournament schedule to the Vice Commissioner prior to the beginning of the Spring Recreation season
- b) Teams that elect to play USSSA tournaments will have their season end on July 31 to conform to the USSSA calendar year.
- c) Teams that do not play the USSSA tournaments will officially terminate on the last day of August or when the last tournament is played before the end of August.
- d) For Live Pitch Age Groups (9u- 14u)
  - i) Pitch counts and rest periods should follow the Pitch Smart guidelines.
  - ii) Pitch Counts will be recorded starting Sunday and ending Saturday
    - (1) Includes both Tournament and Rec league play.
    - (2) The team manager will submit the pitching log in innings and pitches to all applicable league coaches, league president and vice commissioner.
    - (3) Example: Pitching that occurs in league play before the Tournament will be considered part of the existing pitching rules for the team's upcoming tournament. Pitching in tournament play on Sunday will count towards the league play's pitching total the following week.
- e) Tournaments
  - i) NJB Select and/or All-Star teams will participate in area Travel/All-Star Tournaments and NJB hosted tournament(s).
  - ii) All NJB Select teams must play in at least two of the three Newburgh Tournaments unless given a waiver by the Vice Commissioner or Commissioner due to eligible players or competition level of the team.
  - iii) All NJB All-Star teams, if formed, must play in all three Newburgh Tournaments unless given a waiver by the Vice Commissioner or Commissioner.

- iv) Teams must include “Newburgh” in their team's name when registering for tournaments.
- v) The Select Teams and Early Formed All-Star Teams can participate in tournaments during the Spring and/or Fall league seasons.
  - (1) Managers must coordinate their tournament dates with the appropriate League President to ensure the recreational teams will have enough players for Rec games to be played.
- f) Practice Times
  - i) Team practices will be allowed without limitations following Spring Clean Up Day until the NJB Spring Rec teams begin practices.
  - ii) Managers will schedule practices with the appropriate league president.
    - (1) If scheduling allows, teams will be able to host a scrimmage during their practice time.
  - iii) Rec season practices, games, and make-up games will take priority over scheduled Select & All-star practices.
- g) Winter Barn Usage
  - i) The Barn, once set-up, can be utilized for winter workouts/practices during the off season for NJB teams.
    - (1) NO Gum, NO Seeds, NO Colored or sugary drinks are allowed inside the barn or on the turf.
    - (2) Priority of Time Slots in the Barn:
      - (a) Select and Early Formed All-Star Teams that have paid, in full, their team fees for the season.
      - (b) The previous season's All-Star teams' former players and potential next season players.
      - (c) NJB Board Members
      - (d) Public Interest

## **7) Fees and Sponsorship**

- a) Select Team Fees (7U – 14U) will be \$1,200 per team.
  - i) Players will pay full price for rec registration to meet the requirement of being an established NJB player. Players selected for a Select team can play in either the fall or spring to meet their eligibility requirement.
- b) All – Star Fees (8U – 14U) will be \$1,200 per team.
  - i) Players will pay full price for rec registration to meet the requirement of being an established NJB player. Players selected for an All-Star team must play in the Spring recreational season to meet their eligibility requirement. Fall ball is optional.
- c) All – Star Fees (6U, 7U, 15U, 16U) will be \$600.

- i) 6 and 7u players must pay full price for rec registration to meet the requirement of being an established NJB player.
- d) Teams will not be allowed to schedule practices in the Barn or on the fields until their team fees are paid.
- e) Failure to pay team fees will result in sanctions from the NJB Board of Directors.

## 8) Uniform Standards

- a) All Select and All-Star team uniforms must contain:
  - i) Approved Uniform Colors - Navy, Gray, Gold, Baby Blue, White.
  - ii) Uniforms need to be purchased through EI Sports and Champro.
  - iii) Uniforms must have the following:
    - (1) Newburgh on the actual jersey or NJB logo on the sleeve.
    - (2) Pants must have the N or NJB logo on them.
  - iv) Specialty Jerseys are ok (Mother's Day, Cake Eater, Halloween).
  - v) Newburgh "N" on hats.
  - vi) Hats can be any brand and designed by the coach.

## 9) Team Accounts and/or Funds

- a) Each team is responsible for managing their funds/account professionally and with transparency among the parents on the team.
- b) Team accounts must be opened under the NJB umbrella at Heritage Federal Credit Union, effective Spring 2025.
  - i) Grandfathered Teams that chose not to use Heritage Federal Credit Union must provide a monthly bank statement to the Vice Commissioner and Treasurer promptly.
- c) Team accounts should be set up with at least two people from the team as the account holders.
  - i) One person should be the Head Coach
  - ii) The second person cannot be related to, live in the same household as the first person or be on the team's coaching staff.
- d) At the end of the team's season, any remaining fundraised monies in the team's account should stay with the team, since the money was fundraised under the Newburgh Junior Baseball "umbrella."
  - i) If an entire team disbands, then the remaining money will be put into the NJB general fund.
  - ii) If the team remains next year, but a player leaves to go to another NJB sponsored team, then an even amount of the remaining money will go to the player's new team. (ex. 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the remaining balance follows that player to their new NJB team).

- iii) If the team remains next year, but a player leaves to go to another team, not sponsored by NJB, no fundraised money will be distributed to that team or player.
- e) If a team collects player fees and there is any money remaining at the end of the season, the money should be distributed back to the families equally.

## **10) Player Evaluations Form**

- a) To be used for all Select and/or All-Star Tryouts
- b) Players should be evaluated on the following skills and be judged based on the appropriate skill level for the player's age division.
  - i) Hitting
  - ii) Throwing
  - iii) Fielding
  - iv) Attitude & Coachability
  - v) Athleticism
  - vi) Sportsmanship

Violators of the Playing or Practice rules will no longer be allowed to practice during the regular season. Additional sanctions will be determined by the board.

Any requests for exceptions and/or exemptions will be handled individually by the NJB Board of Directors. Such requests should be presented, promptly, to the Board of Directors by the coach or parent requesting the change.