

# Nether Swarthmore Baseball & Softball Tournament Team Policy

## **Coaches/Managers**

District Teams will have a minimum of three coaches. Head Coaches will be presented by the President and voted on by the NSBS Board annually. Head Coaches will select no more than one assistant coach prior to tryouts, except for 8U where only a head coach is selected prior to tryouts. Additional coaches/managers may be added after tryouts. All coaches and managers must be deemed eligible by Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken. Failure to obtain clearances and meet eligibility requirements will result in replacement.

Non District team coaches should be selected from the pool of willing coaches. All coaches and managers must be deemed eligible by Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken. Failure to obtain clearances and meet eligibility requirements will result in replacement.

## **Tryouts**

Tryouts shall be announced no less than two weeks prior to the date of the first session. All players who meet the eligibility criteria for playing NSB baseball shall be eligible for tryouts. Every player who attends tryouts shall be given the same evaluation with the exception of injured players. Players are only permitted to tryout for and play on the District team matching their age according to the Cal Ripken baseball age chart. Players who fall into the 7U age group may tryout for the 8U District team, however, they must be better than an 8U player to usurp them.

Non District Teams may allow for players to play up to optimize rosters. In those cases, the player must be released by the District and Non-District Coach at their age level and accepted by the Non District Coach at the desired age level.

Tryouts shall be facilitated by the pre-selected coaching staff with additional evaluators. The evaluators shall provide their feedback to the coaches and be available for counsel should a coach need additional feedback.

## **Team Selection**

Coaching teams shall select players with the goal of creating the most competitive team that represents the best NSBS has to offer. Representing our league is a privilege. Players are not guaranteed spots for previously playing on a District team. Every player is evaluated every year.

Head coaches shall select a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 for District teams. If a head coach would like to select less than 12 players, they must present their reasoning to the Executive Board of the NSBS Board for consideration. In the event they cannot agree, a full board vote may be required.

If a District Head Coach would like to invite non District team players to tournaments that are not on the Cal Ripken Tournament Trail, they can as long as they do not leave the Non District team short handed. In the event a guest player is needed and no Non District team player is available, the guest player must be a current NSBS player who is eligible for tournament play.

Every effort should be made to finalize team selection in a timely fashion. The head coach should notify each family. Additionally, the head coach will provide the president with a District Roster and supply the Non District Coach a list of players who were not selected. In the event there is no identified Non District Coach, that list should be provided to the President.

## **Financial Responsibility**

All District and Non District tournament team players will be assessed the cost of the uniform plus tournament fees. These fees vary depending on number of tournaments played. NSBS offers financial assistance for any player wanting to play baseball.

District teams will be assessed a flat fee due prior to the District Tournament. Head Coaches will submit an accounting of the team costs. NSBS Treasurer shall bill or refund any difference over \$25.

Non District teams may be assessed a uniform fee at the start of post season play and then assessed tournament fees separately based on participation in the tournaments.

## **Commitment and Conduct**

Players and families who accept roster spots on District Teams are expected to attend all practices, tournaments and team activities. Any conflicts must be disclosed prior to team selection or a player's roster spot may be revoked. Additionally, lack of attendance may affect future team selection.

Players and families are also required to abide by the NSBS Code of Conduct<sup>1</sup>. Furthermore, players and families should do their utmost to represent our league and community well.

Coaches are bound by the NSBS Code of Conduct for Coaches<sup>2</sup>. Coaches are expected to know and understand the rules of tournament play - both district and non district. Coaches shall interact with opposing coaching staff, tournament directors, and umpires with respect and class. Failure to represent NSBS in a positive manner may lead to a coaching replacement.

## **Other Tournament Policies:**

**Playing Time** - Playing time is not guaranteed in tournament play. There is no minimum number of at bats or innings in the field for a game, tournament, or season. Head coaches are encouraged to appropriately set expectations for players and families so they fully understand their role on the team.

**Game Day** - On game days, players shall arrive ready to warm up at the time requested by the coach. Players shall be in their correct uniforms, have their equipment, and come with anything they will need from warm up to the conclusion of the game. Parents shall check in their player to the coaches and pick them up at the end of the game. On multi game days, parents may check in with their player between games. In the case of a long break, players must return to the field by the announced report time.

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<sup>1</sup> Parent and Player Code of Conduct are available at <https://www.npaabaseball.com/forparents>

<sup>2</sup> Coach Code of Conduct are available at <https://www.npaabaseball.com/forcoaches>  
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**Conflicts** - We encourage everyone to act in a manner that promotes community harmony, however, we acknowledge that people have differences of opinions and make mistakes. In the event of a disagreement with a coaching decision, we will institute a 24 hour cooling off period where the parties should not speak to each other or other members of the team about the issue. After the cooling off period, both parties shall calmly discuss the situation away from any players or other team members. If the parties can not reach a resolution, both parties shall email the President of NSBS with their account of the situation and any suggested remedy.

**District Tournament** - Whenever we host a District tournament, the bulk of the volunteering will fall to the parents of the age level we are hosting. However, all families with tournament players (District and Non District) are expected to support the District Tournament.

**Tournament Committee/Director of Tournament Baseball** - The President of NSBS may propose establishment of a tournament committee or appointment of a Director of Tournament Baseball to be voted on by the Board. Renewal of committee/Director shall be voted on annually. The President may delegate any task ascribed to them to the committee/Director.

**Team Longevity** - A tournament team shall last from team selection to Opening Day of the following season. Coaches may choose to play additional tournaments or engage in off season training under the NSBS banner. Coaches may choose to include some NSBS Non District team players. Participation in additional playing and training opportunities does not guarantee future team selection.