

## TYBA Game Play Rules

### General Playing Rules

- All USSSA Rules are in effect unless noted otherwise
- All games are finish the inning unless run rule has been reached.
  - Coach Pitch – 1:15
  - Kid Pitch – 1:30
- Coaches please hustle your kids off the fields and please be ready to start the new game 15 minutes after the game has ended.
- Home and Visitor have been preselected please check the schedule.

### Coach Pitch Specific

- All ages will get 6 pitch or 3 swings like normal tournament baseball rules.
- A runner cannot advance on a passed ball that is pitched by the coach.
- When the lead runner has stopped the play has stopped.
- Time limit is 75 minutes or 6 innings
- 7 run limit per inning
- Dugout and bull pen gates shall remain closed at all times during games. WE REQUEST THAT SIBLINGS AND OR YOUTH FAMILY MEMBERS NOT BE IN THE DUGOUT AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAMES UNLESS THE COACH/PARENT HAS NO OTHER SUPERVISION FOR THE SIBLING.
- No coaches are allowed on the field during play. All defensive coaches must stay near the dugout. During offense only coaches on the field will be on the 1st and 3rd base side along with the pitcher.
- The pitcher (coach) Rule
  - 8.04 Pitcher's Line: There shall be a line drawn from the pitcher's circle to the safety arc.
  - 8.04.A The pitching coach shall keep one foot on or straddle the pitcher's line. The Coach can pitch anywhere in-between the 30' Safety Arc and the 42' Pitching Circle.
  - 8.04.B The pitching coach shall not verbally or physically coach while in the pitching position 8.04.C The pitching coach shall position himself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any possible play once the ball has been hit. Rule 8.04.C Penalty: If a coach violates this rule after the ball is pitched, obstruction shall be called. Rule 8.04.C Additional Penalty: If a coach violates this rule before the ball is pitched, First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Removal of coach as the pitcher for the remainder of the game.
  - 8.05 Pitching Coach: The Pitching Coach shall be an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age

## **Kid Pitch**

All run rules will adhere to USSSA rules as published on USSSA.com, with the exception of the 10U recreation league. There is a maximum of 7 runs per half inning in 10U recreation league.

## **Miscellaneous Games or Activities**

No miscellaneous games or activities are allowed on the TYBA premises at any time, which may include Wall Ball, football games, or playing catch. These activities can endanger spectators actively walking through the TYBA complex or currently watching TYBA sanctioned games or practices. Any spectator participating in any activity deemed to be possibly hazardous to the spectator, or others, shall be asked to refrain from such activities by any member of the Board of Directors of TYBA. These activities shall include hanging from or playing on field equipment such as fences and batting cages, performing acrobatic maneuvers off of stands, or any other such activity deemed hazardous by a member of the Board of Directors of TYBA. The member of the Board of Directors is asked to be as courteous as possible while informing the spectator that such activities are not allowed. However, if the offender does not comply with the Board of Directors member's request, the spectator/spectators parents may be asked to remove themselves from TYBA premises.

Parking for games scheduled to be played on fields 1, 2, 3, 4 or 8 please park in Memorial Stadium's parking lot. For games scheduled on fields 5, 6, and 7 parking will NOT be allowed in the lot north of fields 5 & 6. There is "NO PARKING" anywhere other than in the parking lot designated as such by the WFISD. ANY PERSONS VEHICLE OCCUPIED OR NON-OCCUPIED WILL BE FIRST ASKED TO PROMPTLY MOVE TO THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREA. IF STILL NON COMPLIANT, THE VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

Team Practice on TYBA Fields Teams may earn practice time on the TYBA fields provided that team coaches, parents and/or players come out and put time in working on the fields. It will be the Field Director's and Vice President's responsibility to determine practice times and dates, based on each team's total man hours spent working on the fields prior to the start of the season. Unscheduled practices will not be tolerated and can lead to manager suspension. For every 9 man hours of work done on the fields, a team earns 1.5 hours of practice time on the fields. (Ex. 3 coaches/dads from the Tigers team come out and work Saturday morning from 9-noon...they have worked a combined 9 hours, and have earned a 1.5 hour practice on the fields.)

Games Called Due To Rain / Lightening In the event of rain/lightening during a game; a minimum of 15 minutes will be allotted prior to receiving the all clear signal from the field director before games can resume. If 20 minutes pass and the all clear signal has not come from the field director, then the game is called. In the event of rain, it will be up to the appointed field director to determine if the field is safe to continue play. If the game is over the ½ way point of your game time (based on your division), the game will be considered complete, no matter which team is up or where you are in the batting line-up. If the game is less than ½ over, the game will resume with everyone back in place where they were when the game was called. The game will be rescheduled for the soonest available time slot in the schedule. If

there is lightening inside 10 miles of the TYBA fields where games are being held, we must stop play. The field director for that day's game will let the umpires know, and they in turn will notify the teams.

Smoking and Tobacco Use Texoma Youth Baseball Association leases our current facility from the Wichita Falls Independent School District, and we must comply with their Smoking and Tobacco policies. No one is permitted to smoke or use tobacco, including "Vapor" devices, on TYBA premises; which include the corresponding parking lots adjacent to the TYBA facility and Memorial Stadium. Rules Posted at Complex included in this addendum are in addition to and in conjunction with the rules currently posted on signage at the TYBA complex.

**The current rules posted at the entrance to the complex are:**

1. No Alcohol, Smoking, or Tobacco products are allowed inside the park.
2. No skateboards, bicycles, or scooters on sidewalks.
3. No swinging bats outside of the field at any time or soft toss into the fence.
4. No PETS.
5. Please NO LITTERING. Use Trash Receptacles. Each team is expected to CLEAN UP their dugout and bleacher area after their game.
6. Supervise your children, no climbing fences, bleacher covers, screens, etc...
7. These fields are for use by Texoma Youth Baseball Association and NO PRACTICE or games allowed at any time except as scheduled and approved by the Board of Directors. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Trespassing and vandalism will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

**Failure to Comply with Requests from Field Directors or Board of Director's Member**

All spectators, participants, and others must comply with requests given by a Field Director or a member of the Board of Directors. If the spectator, participant, or any other person at the Texoma Youth Baseball Association Complex does not comply with any request, that person shall be asked to leave the Texoma Youth Baseball Association Complex for the remainder of that day. If the person refuses to leave the Texoma Youth Baseball Association Complex when instructed, the Wichita Falls Police Department shall be notified and a permanent trespass warning shall be issued to that person. A permanent trespass warning will effectively ban such person from entering the Texoma Youth Baseball Association Complex and/or any related activities of Texoma Youth Baseball Association. This would be a lifetime ban, until such ban is lifted by vote of the Board of Directors of Texoma Youth Baseball Association.