



NOBF 2017 SEASON BULLETS

Behavior/Sportsmanship:

- Managers are responsible for the behavior of their players, coaches and fans.
- Players and coaches throwing helmets or bats are subject to ejection from the game.
- Teams cannot make derogatory remarks or gestures to any official or member of the opposing team, or attempt to distract them from making a defensive play or, while batting, by either talk or action.
- A base runner deliberately running into a defensive player, including the catcher, will be ejected from the game and called "Out." It is up to the umpire to determine whether a collision is deliberate.
- A player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended from participation in the next regularly scheduled game.

Protests:

- Protests must be made at the point the alleged violation occurs. After one (1) subsequent pitch has been made, the protest cannot be accepted.
- A written summary and a \$100 protest deposit must be submitted to the Commissioner or Division Director within 24 hours.
- No judgment calls can be protested.
- A valid protest must have a direct affect on the outcome of the game.

Uniforms and Equipment:

- The NOBF retains the following rules regarding the length/weight differential of bats: In 16U & 14U divisions: -3 (same as H.S.). In 8U to 13U divisions, bat diameter shall not exceed 2-3/4" and there are no restrictions in regard to the differential between length and weight. ALL BATS must have certification of BPF 1.15 or less.

NOBF 2017 Umpire Rate Information:

- A. UMPIRE FEES (To be paid in cash PRIOR to the start of the game – NO EXCEPTIONS).

2 umpires - \$55 per umpire / \$60 per umpire 15-16U division.

1 umpire - \$75.

Rainout before first pitch - \$15 per umpire.

Rainout after first pitch – full pay at game site (rainout fees not reimbursed by NOBF). NOTE: UMPIRES REQUIRED TO WAIT A MINIMUM OF 30 MIN. AND A MAX. OF 1 HOUR, UNLESS MANAGERS / UMPIRES AGREE TO WASH GAME.

Continuation games – See Rule XI.J.4 (2017 NOBF Rules) regarding payment of umpires for continuation/suspended games.

NOTE: Games may be played with 2, 1 or no umpires. In the case of no umps, if both teams agree on substitute person(s) to officiate a game, the game becomes official.

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B. UMPIRE PENALTIES.

Prior to June 1st – 2 innings grace.

\$5 deduction per inning after grace. (i.e. Ump shows in 3rd, less \$5; 4th, less \$10; 5th, less \$15. Shows after 5th – no pay).

After June 1st – 1 inning grace.

\$5 deduction per inning after grace. (i.e. Ump shows in 2nd, less \$5; 3rd, less \$10; 4th, less \$15; 5th, less \$20. Shows after 5th – no pay).

Umpires must complete tie games even if the game's time limit and scheduled number of innings have been exceeded. Umpires, with the agreement of one manager, may end a game early due to darkness.

Game Speed Up Rules:

- Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The same runner may not be used for both positions.
- The batter must keep one foot in the batter's box throughout the time at bat. If the batter fails to comply, the plate umpire shall charge a "Strike" to the batter.

Exceptions: A batter may leave the batter's box after...

- a. The batter swings at a pitch
- b. The batter is forced out of the box by a pitch
- c. The batter attempts a "drag bunt"
- d. The defensive team feigns or attempts a play at any base
- e. The pitcher leaves the area of the pitcher's mound
- f. Any player requests and is granted "Time"
- g. The catcher leaves the catcher's box
- h. The catcher does not catch a pitched ball

- Each team when on offense may be granted not more than 1 charged conference per inning to confer with the batter, base runners, etc. The umpire shall deny subsequent requests for conferences.
- Each team when on defense may be granted not more than 3 charged conferences. In extra inning games, each team will be granted 1 additional conference each inning while on defense. Prior to accumulating 3 charged conferences, a conference is not charged if the pitcher is removed as pitcher. After 3 charged conferences, or for any charged conferences in excess of 1 in each extra inning, the pitcher must be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.
- Starting and relief pitchers will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 8 practice pitches. At the beginning of each subsequent inning, a pitcher will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 5 practice pitches.
- In the 8U-14U divisions, no inning shall start after 2 hours has elapsed unless the game is tied. Tie games must be played out. Weather or injury delays will not be included in the 2 hour limit.

Miscellaneous

Designated hitters may be used in the 16U and 18U divisions only. In the 8U-14U divisions, rules regarding batting rotation, allowed number of hitters and relative defensive substitutions will be decided and approved by each Division Director prior to the start of a season.