

# **PYBSA ASSOCIATION RULES**

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## **Membership:**

The PYBSA Association membership fee is \$2.00 per calendar year. Effective 1 year from date of purchase. It is open to anyone who wishes to be a part of the association and has purchased a membership. The association membership will allow you to voice your opinion on issues regarding PYBSA, vote on the board member election, discuss issues or concerns you may have regarding PYBSA (during the public input portion.) You must be a member of the association for 15 days prior to being able to have a voice in the association or to cast a vote. Memberships will be sold during sign-ups and will also be available through the Treasure.

## **Eligibility:**

- A) Age cut-off for all divisions will be **APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009.**
- B) A player's age on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year will determine eligibility to play in a division.
- C) With the prior approval of the Board of directors, a player may play up one division.
- D) Players **WILL NOT** be allowed to play down in a younger division.
- E) A player **CANNOT** be on more than one PYBSA recreational league team roster.
- F) With the prior approval of the PYBSA Board, an exception may be granted for players with special needs.
- G) All players in PYBSA league shall reside in Piqua and surrounding areas.

## **Coaches:**

Teams will consist of one (1) head coach and assistant coaches chosen by the head coach. All head coaches are subject to a criminal background check.

Head coach is responsible for the actions of their, players, and parents at all times during games, practices or any other PYBSA related event.

Coaches will be given a practice location for their team. However some coaches choose to practice at another location not provided by the PYBSA and that is only acceptable after the location has been approved by the PYBSA board of directors. Insurance purposes require that we keep strict record of these locations

All head coaches must carry their rulebooks to all league games and will at the request of the umpire, present their rulebook for the purpose of settling a dispute

## **Teams Roster:**

Each team will be limited to a maximum of 13 players.

- A) No player may be added to the roster after the season starts.
- B) Players can only be on one team roster.
- C) 3 player maximum per team prior to the draft. This can be 2 sponsor's choices and the coaches' child.
- D) Each team will be allowed to pick 2 players at random during the beginning of the draft. This will be done by a lottery draw at the beginning of the draft to determine the order in which the coach will choose his players.
- E) After the coach picks of 2 players is made the remaining coaches will draft in order the remaining players in each age group.
- F) The players will be equally divided by age.

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### General Rules of Play:

- A) It will be at the discretion of the coaches as to who will coach bases: coaches, players, or both.
- B) Only the head coach, coaches, players and the batboy/girl are allowed in the dugout during a game. All players must remain in the dugout.
- C) Only the head coach will be allowed on the playing field to discuss a decision with the umpire. Any others will be ejected from the park.
- D) If a team fails to field eight (8) eligible uniformed players by game time, the plate umpire will declare a game forfeited in favor of the opposing team. There will be a **10 minute** grace period. Two (2) substitute player limit per team. You are only allowed up to 10 players if you are using substitutes. If you cannot field a team of eight (8) players with two (2) subs the game is a forfeit.  
**ALL SUBS MUST BAT LAST AND PLAY THE OUTFIELD**
- E) All catchers must wear a face mask when warming up the pitchers.
- F) Every player will bat during the course of the game regardless of how many innings they play the field.
- G) A sub may sub up one league only. **NO SUB MAY SUB DOWN LEAGUES.**
- H) Runners must slide feet first! (To avoid malicious contact on all close plays.) Failure to do so could result in the runner being called out. Flagrant violations will result in the ejection of the runner from the game. See league specific rules for variations. **NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN!**
- I) Infield warm-up will be permitted as time allows.
- J) Batters will not throw the bat. After one team warning, any batter throwing his/her bat will be called out.
- K) All equipment must be kept in the dugouts.
- L) An inning pitched shall be counted against a pitcher when he/she delivers one or more pitches to a batter during a half inning.
- M) A time limit for each league will be set into place. There are to be no innings started after this time limit has been reached.
- N) Pitchers will be restricted to so many innings a game and week please see the leagues individual rules for these specific rules.
- O) **Each player shall play every other inning of each game and shall not sit more than 2 inning per game. The coach will determine what positions each child is to play during each inning of each game.**
- P) No position change may be made during a fielding inning unless there is an injured player or another reason agreeable to both coaches.
- Q) Chatter will be allowed during the regular season. However no calling out individual names, taunting or any negativity towards the opposing team, player or parent will be allowed.

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### RULES OF CONDUCT:

- A) The plate umpire has complete authority over the game being played.
- B) Any player or coach that exhibits gross misconduct, poor sportsmanship or abusive language shall be removed from the game. Refusal to comply will hold his team subject to forfeiture.
- C) No shouting at or baiting of any player or umpire by an opposing coach, player or spectator will be allowed. The umpire will issue only one (1) warning and upon the second offense the person doing such will be removed from the game and the park. Refusal to comply will hold his team subject to forfeiture.
- D) The head coach has the ultimate responsibility for the actions of his coaches, players and fans.
- E) Spectators will not be allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts during the course of the game.
- F) No use alcohol, of tobacco or tobacco products will be allowed in the park at any time. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot.
- G) If the/a player is ejected from a game each time this player is scheduled to bat will be declared an out.
- H) If a Player is removed from the roster due to an illness and must leave the game he will be skipped in the batting order and will not be declared an out
- D) .If a player is ejected or suspended from a game, he/she must also sit out the next game in the dugout in proper uniform.
- J) If a manager or coach is ejected or suspended from a game, he/she must leave the park for the rest of that game and remain outside the fence in the bleachers not coaching for the next game.
- K) If a player, manager, coach or spectator is ejected from a game for physical or verbal abuse, the offender may be suspended for the rest of the season at the discretion of the board. All offenders shall be brought before the board in a timely manner. Refusal to appear before the board will be an automatic suspension for the rest of the season.
- L) The head coach is the only person allowed to question any calls made by the umpire. No parents or assistant coaches will be allowed to approach the umpire(s). And the Umpires decision is final.

### SAFETY PROTECTION:

- A) No steel spikes will be permitted. Except in boys 13U and 15U. Rubber spikes will be allowed, tennis shoes are required as a minimum.
- B) All batters and runners are required to wear protective helmets with ear protection on both sides. Runners intentionally losing their helmets, in the umpire's opinion, will be called out.
- C) All batboys/girls and base coaches under the age of eighteen (18) must wear a protective helmet during the game. *(see (D) in this section as well.)*
- D) **All helmets used must have chin straps, the straps must be fastened when the player is wearing the helmet. Participants in T-Ball, G-Ball, Minors, Middlers and Majors MUST wear batting helmets with Face guards while batting and running bases.**
- E) Players are required to remove all jewelry except an emergency medical tag or newly pierced earrings and those must be taped securely to prevent harm.
- F) All catchers must wear full gear including protective helmet, mask with throat protector, shin guards, chest protection and athletic supporter with a protective cup.
- G) If a pitcher hits 2 batters, in one inning, or a total of three (3) for the game he/she must be removed and not allowed to re-enter that game.
- H) All participants in T-Ball, Minors, G-ball, Middlers, and Majors will be required to wear batting helmets with a protective face guard.

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### **SCORES:**

Scores of each game shall be recorded at the concession stand by the home team immediately following the game.

- A)** Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
- B)** Each head coach shall sign the opposing teams score book
- C)** Each head coach is responsible for keeping an accurate score book and making it available at anytime to the league commissioner, officer of the day or any PYBSA Officer.
- D)** Failing to record the scores could result in the incorrect scores and or standings so please make sure this is done and dropped off to the concession stand immediately following the game.
- E)** If a game is tied when the time limit is up, regardless of the number of innings played, it shall be considered a suspended game and resumed from the point of suspension as scheduled by the Commissioner.
- F)** A game will be considered complete when the time limit is up even if the individual league rules' required numbers of innings have not been played to consider the game complete.
- G)** In the event of a rain delay or a game being cancelled due to inclement weather the game must be made up unless the required number of innings have been met.

A. The league commissioner will make every effort to schedule make up games just as quickly as possible.

### **Trophies:**

Individual trophies will be awarded to the players on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each league with the exception of T-Ball for the regular season and a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies to for the tournament. All other players will receive an award for their participation after there last game.