

Brunswick Youth Sports (BYS)
ORGANIZATIONAL RULES
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1. PLAYING RULES

a. The Playing Field. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

Please note: Playing “pepper” (intentionally hitting a batted ball into the fencing during practice or a game) is prohibited!

b. Rule Basis. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

2. EQUIPMENT

a. The Bat LEAGUE SPECIFIC

b. Uniforms

1. All players on a team shall wear uniforms, hats or shirts identical in color, trim and style, and all players' uniforms shall include minimal six inch numbers on their backs. No player whose uniform does not conform to that of his/her teammates shall be permitted to participate in a game.

2. No player shall wear ragged, frayed or slit sleeves.

3. No player shall attach to his uniform tape or other material of a different color from his uniform.

4. No part of the uniform shall include a pattern that imitates or suggests the shape of a baseball/softball.

5. Glass buttons and polished metal shall not be used on a uniform.

6. No player shall attach anything to the heel or toe of his shoe other than the ordinary shoe plate or toe plate. Shoes with metal spikes or cleats are not permitted. Shoes with molded cleats are permissible.

7. No part of the uniform shall include patches or designs relating to commercial advertisements, except the name of the team or league sponsor.

c. Batting Helmets

1. All players shall wear a double ear-flap helmet while at bat and while running the bases.

2. All players shall wear the chin strap under their chin, whenever a helmet is being worn that is equipped with a chin strap.

3. Managers shall ensure the wearing of helmets and, when equipped with such, chin straps during practices as well as during games.

PENALTY: A batter can be called out if the batter enters the batter's box without a helmet.

4. A player shall be required to wear a batting helmet if coaching a base.

d. Catcher's Equipment

All catchers shall wear a catcher's protective helmet, mask, and a chest protector, while fielding their position in a game, practice or to warm up a pitcher. In addition, boys shall wear shin guards, throat protector and a cup.

NOTE: If the umpire observes any violation of these equipment rules, the umpire shall direct the violation to be corrected. If the violation is not corrected within a reasonable time, in the umpire's judgment, the umpire can eject the offender from the game, and disciplinary action as appropriate will be recommended. If player was directed by a manager or coach to violate any equipment rule, that team shall forfeit the game and a suspension may be applied to the manager or coach.

e. General

All equipment shall remain the property of Brunswick Youth Sports. Reasonable effort shall be exerted by the parents and players to ensure that equipment is maintained in the best possible condition within the realm of normal usage.

3. THE GAME

a. Regulation game: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

b. Tie score: If the score is tied after the last inning is completed, play shall continue until;

1. The visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team at the end of a completed inning, or

2. The home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning.

c. Called game: If a game is called, it is a regulation game when the home team has scored more runs in four or four and a fraction half-innings than the visiting team has scored in five completed half-innings.

d. Tie game: If each team has the same number of runs when the game ends, the umpire shall declare a "Tie Game" if additional innings cannot be played so a winner could be determined.

e. Suspended game. If a game is called before it would become a regulation game, the umpire shall declare it a "suspended game" if at least one pitch has been thrown. Suspended games shall be scheduled to resume when scheduling permits. If a game is called at any time during an inning after five full innings have been played, the game is a regulation game and the score reverts back to the score at the end of the last full inning played. The pitcher for each team active in a game at the time it is declared a suspended game shall be permitted to continue pitching in that game even if the game is continued the following day. The number of recorded outs for each pitcher in the suspended game is LEAGUE SPECIFIC.

f. Time limit: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

g. Mercy rule: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

h. Speed-up rule: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

i. Batting order: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

j. Players to start a game: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

k. Protests: No protests will be permitted and all umpire decisions are final.

l. Rainouts: All rainouts will be rescheduled as follows:

1. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday rainouts: The following Sunday, at the earliest.

2. Thursday, Friday, Saturday rainouts: A week from the following Sunday, at the earliest.

3. The scheduler has the discretion to reschedule at any other convenient time.

m. Player minimum field time: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

n. Official score: The home team shall keep the official score for the game.

o. Field conditions: Before the first pitch is thrown in a game, the home team manager has the sole authority to decide not to play the game due to field conditions. After the first pitch is thrown in a game, the umpiring crew has the sole authority to delay, resume or stop the game due to field conditions. Upon an umpire sighting lightning, the home plate umpire will order players to stop playing, leave the field and take cover. Teams must wait at least 30 minutes after lightning sighting in order to resume play.

p. Waiver of three-inning rule. A manager may waive the “three inning rule” requirement for one or more of the following qualified reasons:

1.	Unsportsmanlike conduct.
2.	Non-attendance at scheduled practice(s) or games without legitimate excuse and/or prior notice to manager.
3.	A game lasting less than the league regulation number of innings.
4.	Any other reason acceptable to the BYS board.

q. Player substitutions. A player, or players, may be substituted during a game at any time the ball is not in play.

r. Player re-entry in a game. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

s. Pitchers: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

t. Number of Games. In any given season, the minimum number of scheduled regular season games shall be fourteen (14.)

u. Player availability. Coaches should suggest to all players on their team that they be available if at all possible through July 31st of the given season, to allow for scheduled regular season games, make-up games and post season games.

v. Injury. If sustaining an open wound, player must leave field. If blood on uniform, uniform cannot be used until cleaned (blood removed); another players’ uniform can be used.

w. Game reports. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

x. Appeals during a game. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

y. Batting out of turn. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

z. Game balls. Home team supplies 1 new ball. Visiting team supplies 1 good used ball.

aa. Balk rules. LEAGUE SPECIFIC

bb. Runners. Never have to slide, but must slide legally. Feet first, or head first, toward the base and avoid contact. Can leap over a defensive player only if that player is on the ground. If out, must get out of the way. At the plate: If malicious contact before scoring, run does not count. If malicious contact after scoring, run does count. In both instances, runner is ejected from the game. Malicious contact is at the discretion of the umpire.

cc. Batters. One foot in the batter’s box at all times – Exceptions: foul ball, ball coming at the batter, momentum after swing. Ump will not allow pitch until the batter is ready. Batters stepping into the batter’s box without a helmet will be called “out”. The use of “hitting sticks” or similar equipment is not

allowed. Only 2 players are allowed to swing a bat at the same time: the current batter at the plate and the on-deck batter.

dd. The wearing of jewelry is prohibited. (exceptions: medical alert bracelets and necklaces). Jewelry of a religious nature may be worn but must be taped down. The first offense will result in a team warning and the player will be allowed to remove the jewelry. The next player found to be wearing jewelry will be ejected from the game.

4. THE DUGOUT

a. The home team shall occupy the first base (1B) dugout or bench area and the away team shall occupy the third base (3B) dugout or bench area.

b. Players and substitutes of both teams shall confine themselves to their team's benches unless actually participating in the play or preparing to enter the game, or coaching at first or third base.

c. No one except players, substitutes, managers, coaches and trainers shall occupy a bench during a game.

PENALTY: For a violation the umpire may, after warning, remove the offender from the field.

d. Both teams will be responsible for cleaning up their dugouts after each game. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

e. There shall be no eating of food in the dugout. Water bottles, Gatorade, sports drinks and any other resealable bottles are permitted in the dugout. Containers without a lid (sno-cones, slushies, etc.) are not permitted in the dugout. All teams are to clean up their dugout upon completion of their game. Managers are to enforce this rule. The BYS field crew is not there to clean up after you managers or players.

f. All players must remain in the dugout during the course of the game. Using the restroom is an exception.

5. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

a. No manager, player, substitute, coach, or scorekeeper shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coach's box or on the playing field, or elsewhere in the vicinity of the field:

1. Incite, or try to incite, by word or sign a demonstration by spectators;
2. Use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, an umpire or any spectator;
3. Call "time" or employ any other word or phrase or commit any act while the ball is live and in play for the obvious purpose of trying to make the pitcher commit a balk;
4. Make intentional, physical aggressive behavior or violent verbal contact with an umpire, manager, coach or a player in any manner;
5. Use profanity;
6. Smoke in the field, or in the dugout or bench area, for games, practices or any other BYS function.

b. No fielder shall take a position in the batter's line of vision, and with deliberate unsportsmanlike intent, act in a manner to distract the batter.

PENALTY: The offender shall be removed from the game, and shall leave the playing field. If a balk was called, it shall be nullified.

c. Ejection rule in a given season: First-time ejection of a manager, coach, player or spectator during a game will result in a 2-game suspension, with those games being the next played games. Refusal to

leave the premises when asked shall be ground for contacting local law enforcement. **Second-time ejection will result in that person being suspended from attending any upcoming games until appearing before the board!**

6. DISAPPROVAL OF AN UMPIRE DECISION

a. When the occupants of a player's bench show violent or loud disapproval of an umpire's decision, the umpire shall first give warning that such disapproval shall cease.

b. When the team's spectators are out of the manager's control and are showing violent or loud disapproval of an umpire's decision, the umpire shall first give warning that such disapproval shall cease.

PENALTY: If after anyone has been given warning to cease disapproval of an umpire's decision, such disapproval action continues, the umpire reserves the right to call a forfeit of the game. The forfeit shall be in favor of the opposing team (the team not causing the disturbance). If both teams are involved in this same type of disturbance, then both teams shall be forced to forfeit.

7. EJECTED FROM GAME

a. When a manager, player, coach or scorekeeper is ejected from a game, he/she shall leave the field and the park immediately and take no further part in that game.

b. If a manager, coach or player is under suspension, he/she may not be in the dugout, on the field or at any BYS facility during the term of the suspension.

PENALTY: Anyone found to be in violation of the terms of their suspension shall be permanently barred from any BYS activity.

8. COMMUNICATION

a. The commissioner shall maintain e-mail and phone contact information with all managers, who will each serve as the primary means of contact with each team. A manager may designate additional contact individuals, but shall still be responsible as the primary contact unless someone else is designated by such manager during a given time period.

b. All managers are expected to communicate with the commissioner in a timely and efficient manner. Winning managers are responsible for e-mailing game reports to the commissioner and all other managers. Losing managers shall verify game reports to the commissioner and all other managers. Game reports should be e-mailed within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If the commissioner does not receive a game report within 48 hours of the completion of the game, the game shall be declared a forfeit for each team. The commissioner may waive this requirement due to extenuating circumstances.

c. Pitching records: LEAGUE SPECIFIC

d. Lineups shall include a minimum of each player's number, first initial and last name, for purposes of communication of game information to the commissioner and other managers.