

# NYAA Baseball Rules of Play

Grasshopper Division

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## (A) Roster

1. Age: Players may not turn 9 prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. There is no limit to the number of players on a team roster.
3. Players may not be on more than one NYAA roster.
4. No additions may be made to a roster without the approval of the NYAA baseball director.

## (B) Field of Play

### 1. Field dimensions

Home to 1st base	60'
1st base to 2nd base	60'
2nd base to 3rd base	60'
3rd base to home plate	60'
Home plate to mound	40'

2. An "On Deck" area should be identified and made known to all players. Only ONE player is allowed to be in the on deck area at a time.
3. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to set up the field for play.

## (C) Equipment

1. Bats: No Restrictions
2. Balls: Two new RIF level 5 (or equivalent) balls shall be provided by the home team for each game.
3. Spikes: No metal spikes allowed.
4. Helmets: Helmets must be worn at all times by the batter, on deck batter, and all runners.
5. Catchers: A mask, helmet, chest protector, and shin pads must be worn by any player behind the plate at any time. A protective cup is strongly recommended for any player behind the plate.

6. Uniforms: Shirts, hats, pants, and socks will be provided by the NYAA. Players are required to wear full uniforms during games. Pants MUST be turned in to the NYAA after the season.

(D) Playing Rules

1. Days, times, and field locations will be assigned by the NYAA. Any changes to the provided schedule must be approved by the NAA.
2. All games will be 6 innings. Three innings will be “coach pitch” and three innings will be player pitch.
  - a. Early season games may be entirely “coach pitch.” This can be determined by each coach or by the NYAA. Determinations should be made based on skill, objectives, and common sense.
3. Each team shall bat the entire roster. There is a 10 batter limit per inning. After the 10<sup>th</sup> batter the half inning is over. The batting order will resume in order the next half inning.
4. Each team shall field 10 players on defense.
5. Players may not sit out more that 2 defensive innings in any game.
6. Coaches may be on the field or close to the plate during games. Coaches may stop the game at any time for instruction but may not participate in the play. A coach may not physically swing the bat for a player.
7. There is NO...stealing, leading, bunting, or throwing bats. Players should receive warnings for offences. Second offences shall be recorded as an out.
8. Runners may not advance on overthrows or on passed balls.
9. Runners may not advance after the ball reaches the infield when thrown from the outfield.
10. The catch and carry rule is in effect. However, a player must return to the field of play before throwing the ball.
11. A single player may not pitch more than two innings per game.
12. There is a three walk limit per inning. After three walks the count on future batters should reset to zero balls after each strike. After 4 balls the coach should take over and complete the at bat.

13. Any pitcher hitting three batters should be removed from the pitcher position for the remainder of the game.
14. Balls and strikes should be called by a coach standing behind the pitcher or by a coach playing catcher.
15. Games are considered official and complete after 3 innings of play. Incomplete games should be reported to the NYAA for cancellation or for rescheduling.