

Tri-County Youth Sports League (TCYS) February 6th, 2010

Throughout this document anywhere the term umpire is used it is understood we are referring to certified or registered ASA for softball and USSSA for baseball with exception to tee ball.

Throughout this document the term division refers to a specific age group and gender such as 12U Baseball.

TCYS in General:

Each community's boards stay 100% intact and address their local needs.

Zero cost to join the league.

Everyone plays both home (in their community) and away games.

Home team is responsible for rainout rescheduling within 7 days. If over 7 day's game is declared no play.

If a community enters a team(s) in a specific division then you must play all communities in that division.

To cancel a game you must notify the other team 24 hours in advance. If you do not call within 24 hours to state you are not showing up you are responsible for the umpires' fee of \$60 to the other team. If a community is \$180 behind in penalties all their teams will be suspended from league play until fees are paid.

If the same coach has 2 or more fines the TCYS board will demand their removal from the league.

The TCYS Board Members will collect all fees and distribute to the appropriate parties.

During league play home teams are responsible for umpires, field prep, and 1 new and 1 good used ball for each game.

All Umpire decisions are final – No game protests are allowed. If you feel unfairly treated discuss it with your community's board and your TCYS representatives may choose to bring the issue to the TCYS board for discussion. The TCYS board decision will allow 10 minutes on the issue before a vote is called.

Beginning 2009 all communities fielding more than one team in a division will follow common draft procedures. Drafts are open to the public and draft dates will be provided to the TCYS board at least 1 week in advance.

All Drafts will be held under the TCYS set guidelines established February 6th, 2010 and are as follows.

1. There is a maximum of three children held by coach hold (defined as a head coach or assistant coaches son or daughter)
2. There is a maximum of one child held by a sponsorship hold (defined as a child so chosen by the sponsor of that team) For example if company AAA was to sponsor a t-ball team and the owners son Johnny is going to play t-ball this season then AAA may place a hold on that child to play for the team that AAA is sponsoring.
3. Each team shall be chosen with each team choosing one player at a time. If the coach has a coach hold or sponsorship hold this will count for their first round of picks

up to the fourth round. For example, Dewey has two teams in the 8U boys division the Bandits and the Outlaws. The Bandits have three coaches with one child a piece and one sponsor desiring to hold an employee's son. The Outlaws on the other hand have one head coach and no assistants and only one child on the coach hold list. Dewey has determined that the Bandits have first pick in the draft; this pick must go to their first coach hold. Next chose in the first round will go to the Outlaws who also most choose their coach hold. For the second round the Bandits will start with the first choose and must choose their second coach hold. The second choose for the Outlaws can be any player that the coach so chooses since he or she does not have any more coach holds or sponsorship holds. The third round will again lead off with the Bandits taking their third coach hold and next by the Outlaws choosing any player he or she so chooses. At the start of the fourth round the Bandits must now choose their sponsorship hold followed by the Outlaws choosing any player he or she so desires. At the start of the fifth round the Bandits will be able to make their first player selection that is not on a coach hold or sponsorship hold. This will continue tell every player is selected and all teams are filled.

4. If a town has players sign up late creating the option for more teams, then the town must hold a new draft at that age division.

If you are close to making another team it will be allowed until March 26th.

All teams must be posted by March 26th to the scheduling director.

The scheduling director must have schedules posted by April 10th.

All TCYS meetings will be held in Dewey as it is centrally located.

Each active community will provide two representatives to serve on the TCYS board.

- 1) Baseball representative votes only on baseball
- 2) Softball representative votes only on softball
- 3) If your community only has one sport (baseball/softball) participating in the TCYS you only get one vote.

Tie votes on board proposals are decided on a coin flip - heads for proposal and tails against proposal.

New communities joining TCYS after today may vote on new business but can not change pre-established rules and regulations.

All t-ball games will have 1 umpire mandatory. The umpire does not need to be registered but must be 16 or older.

All 8U games will have 1 umpire mandatory. The umpire does not need to be registered but must be 16 or older.

All 10U games will have 1 umpire mandatory.

All 12U games will have 2 umpires mandatory.

All 14U games will have 2 umpires mandatory.

All 16U games will have 2 umpires mandatory.

If two teams are tied at the end of the regulation time limit or inning count then the teams will be allowed to play one tie breaker inning. If after that inning the teams are still tied then the game will be recorded as a tie.

In baseball, all games must be played with a mound.

TCYS League Championship Tournament:

No entry fee to enter a team. End of Season TCYS Championship Tournament trophy costs are divided by age group and gender (division) and then by the number of communities participating in said division. All communities in said division will pay the same amount regardless of the number of teams they have in said division.
We will award only 1st and 2nd place trophies.

End of Season TCYS tournament teams will be seeded by their Win Loss record, i.e. best record plays worst record or receive a bye (bye's are yet to be determined).

During end of season TCYS tournament host will prep all fields and pay umpires.
Home team will provide 1 new 1 good used ball

Tournament host retains 100% concessions and gate money. Post season tournament gate fee is \$1 maximum for adults and students are free. Each host will determine if gate fee is charged or not.

Pick up players—limit (3) max to equal no more than 10 total. Must bat at end of order and play in the outfield.

All players must be in the team colors with a number on the back of the jersey. No player will be allowed to play with an odd color jersey then the rest of his or her team.

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TCYS TeeBall:

2010 Season age cutoff is the age as of December 31, 2009

Rules are based off ASA softball rules

Base length is 60 feet with hash marks at 30 feet.

The time limit will be 1 hour. An inning can not begin after 1 hour.

Official score will be kept in an official scorebook.

All communities will use an official 9" Soft Teeball.

Pitching rubber is 35' with an 8' radius circle.

The pitcher must have at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber until the offensive player makes contact with the ball. If the pitcher leaves contact with the rubber before the offensive player makes contact with the ball then the batter will be awarded first base and all advancing runners will be awarded one base.

No running kids down at first base on a hit ball to the left of the hash mark. There will be a **hash mark** on the back of the pitchers circle. If the ball is hit towards the left of the field, the player must throw the ball to first base. A play can be made at home at any time.

20' ark (measured from back of plate) for the ball to go past if ball does not go past ark the ball is dead...unless an infielder makes a play on the ball before it stops rolling.

Controlled Ball in circle is dead ball. If runner is not halfway to the next base they must return.

3 outs per inning (regular baseball inning)

6 runs limit per inning.

One base on a over throw.

Batter is allowed 5 swings to hit the ball in fair territory across the arch. If the batter has taken all 5 swings and has not placed the ball in fair territory then the batter is considered out. Batters cannot be called out on foul balls hit outside the field of play. For example if a players fifth swing does not go past the 20' arc but remains between first and third base paths then the player is out. If player hits the ball past the 20' arc but is outside of the base paths then the player is allowed another swing to place the ball in the field of play.

Each team will provide a roster with all players listed in their batting order to the opposing team and umpire. If a player does not show up they can be marked off until their turn in the batting order. At this point they either need to be marked off or an out taken. They must remain off the roster or in the batting order for the rest of the game.

Up to four offensive coaches will be allowed on the field of play. There will be a maximum of 1 coach per base. Offensive coaches may not touch or run with players during game play.

Up to two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field but must remain behind the baseline, and may not touch players during the game play.

Play with minimum of 7 and unlimited maximum number of players without penalties.

Only 6 defensive players will be allowed on the dirt infield, or in front of the base path on all grass fields.

1st, 2nd and 3rd bases must be occupied by a defensive player.

Short stops between 2nd & 3rd bases and between 1st & 2nd bases must be behind an imaginary line between 1st and 3rd bases. 1st and 3rd base defensive player may not be past the 30' hash mark on the baseline. See diagram.

TCYS Softball – All Divisions:

2009 Season age cutoff is Dec 31.

TCYS Softball will follow ASA rules in all divisions except where noted below.

TCYS will field 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U divisions.

Birth Certificate or ASA card is sufficient to prove age.

Birth Certificate or ASA card must be present at all games or the player in question will have to leave the game if challenged.

Pick up players—limit (3) max to equal no more than 10 total. Must bat at end of order and play in the outfield.

In 8u and 10u play, no player may sit for more then 1 consecutive inning unless disciplinary action is being imposed on a player. 12u and 14u no play may sit longer than 2 consecutive innings. Disciplinary action will be regulated by the individual community's board and proof of action will be provided to opposing coach. Players claiming to be ill, causing them to sit more then 1 consecutive inning, are to be discussed between coaches and players' parents.

Each team will provide a roster with all players listed in their batting order to the opposing team and umpire. The roster can not be changed once the game has begun.

If players leave game early and it is not the blood rule you must take an out for their turn at bat.

Free substitution is allowed and does not require umpire approval.

1. Play with minimum of 8 players and not be penalized. Less than 8 players is an automatic forfeit.

6 runs limit per inning. All age groups play 6 innings or time limit across the board.

An inning starts when 3rd out occurs in the inning. A team doesn't need to rush to the field.

Run ahead rule is 15 after three innings, 12 after four innings or 8 after five innings.

Pick up players must be registered and play within the TCYS.

8U Softball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. An inning can not begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes or 6 innings.

11" soft core RIF ball (Debeer). – Optic yellow in color.

All offensive players in the field of play will wear helmet with face mask and chin strap. If helmet comes off in play runner is out per ASA rules.

Hash marks at 30' on baselines.

Pitching rubber is 35' with an 8' radius circle.

All body parts must be in circle when pitch is made. Coaches will pitch 5 balls to batter. If a hit ball hits the pitcher, then it will be a no pitch, and a re-pitch will be played.

Defensive coaches will not be allowed on the field during play.

No stealing allowed.

Base runners may lead off once the pitcher has released the ball. At own risk with liability of being put out. If runner is off base catcher is allowed free pick off through. Runner may not advance.

Player can advance more than one base on overthrows including home at their own risk. Not pertaining to pick off free through.

Players must be batted in or walked in from 3rd base except on overthrows.

Batter can not be called out on foul balls.

10 players will be allowed in the field with a maximum of 6 players in front of the base path.

Pitcher (coach) cannot speak to batter after pitch is released until a dead ball is called.

Ball is dead when lead runner is stopped, and the umpire calls dead ball.

Batter can be struck out. Batter hit by a player pitched ball does take a base

10U Softball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. An inning can not begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes or 7 innings.

10U will use 11" hard core ASA certified softball - Optic yellow in color.

10 players will be allowed in the field with a maximum of 6 players in front of the base path.

12U & 14U Softball Divisions Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 20 minutes. An inning can not begin after 1 hour and 20 minutes or 7 innings.

12" hard core ASA certified softball - Optic yellow in color.

Only 9 players will be allowed on the field.

TCYS Baseball – All Divisions:

TCYS Baseball will follow USSSA rules in all divisions except where noted below.

Birth Certificate must be present at all games or the player in question will have to leave the game if challenged.

9" ball will be used. Diamond brand with real leather is preferred by the league.

There will not a required mound height. All organizations must have a mound by the start of the 2010 season. If a game is started with a mound, then both teams must use the mound through the entire game.

Pick up players—limit (3) max to equal no more than 10 total. Must bat at end of order and play in the outfield.

In 8u and 10u play no player may sit for more then 1 consecutive inning unless disciplinary action is being imposed on a player. In 12u and 14u, no player may sit longer than 2 consecutive innings. Disciplinary actions will be regulated by the individual's community's board and proof of action will be provided to opposing coach. Players claiming to be ill, causing them to sit more then 1 consecutive inning, are to be discussed between coaches and players' parents.

Each team will provide a roster with all players listed in their batting order to the opposing team and umpire. If a player does not show up they can be marked off until their turn in the batting order. At this point they either need to be marked off or an out taken. They must remain off the roster or in the batting order for the rest of the game.

If players leave game early and it is not the blood rule you must take an out for their turn at bat.

Free substitution is allowed and does not require umpire approval.

Play with minimum of 8 players and not be penalized. Less then 8 players is an automatic forfeit.

6 runs limit per inning. All age groups play 6 innings or time limit across the board.

An inning starts when 3rd out occurs in the previous inning. A team doesn't need to rush to the field.

12U and down - Run ahead rule is 15 after three innings, 8 after four innings.

14U – Run ahead rule is 15 after three, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5.

Pick up players must be registered and play within the TCYS.

If tied after time limit 1 extra inning will be played and a winner or tie will be determined.

8U Baseball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. A inning can not begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes or 6 innings.

All offensive players in the field of play will wear helmets.

Pitching rubber is 35' with an 8' radius circle.

All body parts must be in circle when the pitch is made. Coaches will pitch 5 balls to batter. If a hit ball hits the pitcher, then it will be a no pitch, and a re-pitch will be played.

Pitch must be made overhand.

After the coach makes the pitch to the batter and the offensive player places the ball in play the coach must remove himself from the field of play until the umpire calls time out and the play is dead.

Defensive coaches will not be allowed on the field during play.

Ball is declared dead when the lead runner's progress has been stopped.

No stealing allowed.

Base runners may not leave base until ball is hit. Player is out if they leave early.

Player can advance more than one base on overthrows including home at their own risk.

Players must be batted in or walked in from 3rd base except on overthrows.

Batter is allowed 5 pitches with 3 swinging strikes.

Batter can not be called out on foul balls.

10 players will be allowed in the field with a maximum of 6 players on the dirt infield.

10U Baseball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. A inning can not begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings.

Base runners are not allowed to lead off the bag once the pitcher has position of the ball and is on the pitching circle.

The base runner is allowed to steal any base at the players own risk once the ball has broke the plane of home plate.

12U Baseball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. A inning can not begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings.

Base runners may steal any base at anytime.

Base runners may lead off.

14U Baseball Division Only:

The time limit will be 1 hour and 40 minutes. A inning can not begin after 1 hour and 40 minutes or 7 innings.