



Northshore YMCA Summerball Rules – Majors

1. Coaches are not permitted on the playing field. Except when actively pitching or performing the duties of First and third base coaches. *(If coaches agree before game to allow each other on the field to help kids defensively, this rule will be waived).*
2. If Coaches agree to allow a defensive coach on the field the defensive coaches are responsible for umpiring while coaching (unless a volunteer approved by both teams is available). Example: If team A is out in the field (i.e., defense), a coach from team A will be responsible for calling all balls fair or foul, and calling runners safe or out. Coaches pitching will be responsible for maintaining an accurate count of the number of pitches.
3. Pitch/Strike Rules: 5 pitches to hit (no strikes or balls will be called). After the 5th pitch the tee will be used.
4. No new ½ inning may start after 8:15pm. If time comes during the middle of an inning, once the ½ inning is over, the game is called.
5. Line-up sheets will be used to keep track of the batting order. The batting order will remain the same throughout the entire game. You will bat your entire roster of players during the game Players should have equal number of bats during the season and equal playing time at each position in the field, you may not have a player, play the same position twice until all other players on the team have had the opportunity to play that position.
6. Each ½ inning is over when a team score 5 runs or have made three outs, whichever comes first.
7. There will be a maximum of 10 players on the field at any one time. Alternate players will sit out no more than 1 innings per game. *(If coaches agree before game to allow extra kids to play in the OUTFIELD, this rule will be waived, but the extra players must play behind the standard allowed outfield).*
8. All outfield players must be 20 feet behind the base paths.
9. Stealing is not permitted. Leadoffs are not permitted. A player may leave the base when the pitch crosses home plate.
10. Except for the provisions made above, all other baseball regulations apply. We ask that all coaches be considerate of the other players and teams by abiding by these rules. These rules are established for the benefit of the players and consistency is necessary for a smooth and orderly schedule of games.
11. Please remember that parents not volunteering are not allowed on the field or other playing areas. Parents must be behind the fence, in the spectator area.
12. The coaches of each team will meet before each game to consult on any rules they want to enforce or amend for the game. All rule changes must be agreed upon before the game by both coaches to take effect during the scheduled game.
13. Remember this is for the kids to have fun and learn the skills of the sport! If any problems arise during any game, consult the YMCA field coordinator immediately.
14. A player may advance as many bases as possible for that hit. However a player may only advance one base on an overthrow.
15. For safety reasons a NO SLIDE rule is in effect – If you slide into base you are out. This is the same rule little league uses for ages 8 and under and they do it to prevent injuries.
16. Bats provided by the YMCA are the bats of choice. No player should be allowed to use a personal bat larger than 28 inch 18 oz