



GEORGETOWN YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES OF THE LEAGUE - OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

2026 FALL & 2027 SPRING SEASON

I. Purpose of Georgetown Youth Baseball Association

The purpose of GYBA is to provide the opportunity for boys and girls between the ages of three (3) and eighteen (14) the opportunity to play organized baseball. We want them to have fun, be taught the fundamentals of baseball at each league skill level. We want them to be taught good sportsmanship, positive attitude, fairness and team values, and provide the best possible fields and atmosphere for everyone, and to provide the best possible coaches and assistant coaches. We do this as an all-volunteer Board of Directors consisting of; local business men and women, residents of the community, and fathers and mothers of the kids we help teach and mentor. We do all of this without financial gain. The gain we receive is the enjoyment of the time spent helping kids and continued development of the Georgetown baseball programs.

II. Georgetown Youth Baseball Association Goals

- To have fun.
- To teach the fundamentals of baseball and softball at each League skill level.
- To teach good sportsmanship, positive attitude, fairness and team values.
- To provide the best possible fields and atmosphere for everyone.
- To provide the best possible coaches and assistant coaches.

III. Registration

A) All players must fill out, sign up for, and pay for registration before he/she may try out, practice or play in any practice or game.

B) The Board of Directors will determine registration fees on a season by season basis in accordance with the budgetary needs of GYBA.

C) Financial aid may be made available to families who are financially stressed or who want to participate, but because of economic hardships, would have difficulty in doing so. Parents/guardians of these players will be required to register online and certify participation

in the child's reduced/free lunch program of GISD or other surrounding school. Financial aid pools will be set each season by the Board of Directors as part of the budget process.

D) Refund Policy: Refund requests must be in writing and received no later than the end of the regular registration period. GYBA spends funds in advance of the league start date on the player's shirt, hat, insurance, etc. and no money will be refunded after this time. All refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee, plus any applicable credit card or electronic transaction fees incurred by GYBA as part of processing the original payment or refund.

IV. Baseball Leagues

Age groups will be divided up per USSSA Baseball guidelines: (May 1st is used for age determination. Younger players may play up in each League with Commissioners approval and payment of the play up fee.

4U: 3 – 4 year olds

6U: 5 – 6 year olds

8U: 7 – 8 year olds

10U: 9 – 10 year olds

12U: 11 – 12 year olds

14U: 13 – 14 year olds

V. League Composition

Leagues will be divided up into the following playing levels:

○ GYBA 4U Recreational League: This League shall be designated as the “introductory instructional” recreational League of GYBA. It shall be governed by USSSA Baseball rules, adjusted by the League Commissioner as appropriate to adapt to the player’s skill levels.

○ GYBA 6U and 8U Recreational D1 and D2 divisions. D2 division: This League shall be designated as the “instructional” recreational League of GYBA, with the D1 division being the “competitive” league. Both shall be governed by USSSA Baseball rules, adjusted by the League Commissioner as appropriate to adapt to the player’s skill levels.

The 6U League will be divided into two tiers (unless participation does not allow).

A D1 division and a D2 division.

- A) 6u (d1/ d2) will consist of no more than 3 protected players in either division. Protection forms must be turned in to the Commissioners by league deadlines.
- B) D1 and D2 players are determined by skills assessment and the commissioner, director and VP of Baseball based off scores.
- C) D1 players will play regular season games against each other, and be provided their own tournaments during season, as scheduling allows. There should not be any out of town travel during League play.
- D) D2 players will play regular season games against each other, and be provided their own tournaments during season, as scheduling allows. There should not be any out of town travel during League play.

○ **48 BASEBALL:** This will be a quasi-competitive baseball league (for the 8U through 14U age groups) under the GYBA recreational program. Teams and participants in this league will participate in the League run by Commissioners, while also allowed to participate in tournaments outside of GYBA.

The 8U & 10U league will be divided into two tiers. A Division 1 (D1) and Division 2 (D2).

A) D1 teams consist of fully protected teams with rosters submitted to the Commissioners by league deadlines.

B) D2 teams consist of 6 or less protected players, with the remaining roster spots being drafted players from the tryout process.

C) 8U & 10U league D1 and D2 players will be provided their own division and only play against players and teams in the same division and be provided their own tournaments during season, as scheduling allows.

The 12U league will only have one division.

A) Teams consist of fully protected teams with rosters submitted to the Commissioners by league deadlines. In cases where rosters are not fully protected, a draft is held to fill the remaining roster spots.

B) 12U League players will play regular season, and inter-league games against each other as well as other leagues and be provided their own tournaments during season, as scheduling allows.

The 14U league will only have one division.

A) Teams consist of fully protected teams with rosters submitted to the Commissioners by league deadlines. In cases where rosters are not fully protected a draft is held to fill the remaining roster spots.

B) 14U League players will play regular season, and inter-league games against each other as well as other leagues and be provided their own tournaments during season, as scheduling allows.

OTHER 48 BASEBALL OPERATION GUIDELINES:

A) Residency restrictions – There are no restrictions as it relates to residency, except the requirement of team composition. All 48 Baseball D1 and fully protected teams must be composed of 80% of kids from the GISD zone. Teams not meeting this requirement are given wait list status to determine field availability.

B) Coaches looking to hold a tryout are allowed access to the field once they pay the registration fee, and all players or potential players on their roster are registered. All tryouts should take place before the deadline for team roster submissions and require Commissioner approval. The Commissioner should review field availability with the Facilities Manager prior to approving field usage.

C) The Board cannot guarantee placement on a team or a league.

D) Each player may be on only one official league team. If a team does not have enough

players for a game, they may use a temporary “pick-up” player, but this is only allowed when the team would otherwise not have enough players to start the game. The exact rules for pick-up players will be explained in the rule book. Coaches are not allowed to recruit players during the season. If a player is recruited, both the coach and/or player may be removed from the league. Players who are registered with GYBA or 48 Baseball may not play on SELECT teams, unless their GYBA or 48 Baseball team is registered to play in an outside tournament that does not conflict with their league schedule.

- A select team is defined as a non-gyba registered team.

These rules are in place to make sure all registered players stay committed to their league teams.

E) The eligibility rules for Centex are not affected. All players must have been registered with GYBA/48 Baseball for the spring season of the current year. They must have played for a recreational team during the spring season at that association's and must have participated in at least half of their team events during that spring season. If a player has played for a team in a sanctioned tournament like Nations, Super Series, USSSA, Triple Crown or other between the March cut-off date and the start of the Centex Tournament they are not eligible to be placed on a Centex All-Star team.

F) League rules prohibit players being on select team rosters (defined as teams not associated or registered in GYBA/48 Baseball). If league officials are made aware, the player will be removed from the league. We do this to insure a commitment to the GYBA/48 Baseball team, and make sure the player's body is not being over used.

G)The League shall be governed by USSSA Baseball rules, adjusted by the League VP as appropriate.

○ **A select team is defined as a non-GYBA registered team.** These will be competitive baseball teams only participating in tournaments outside of GYBA.

VI. League Operational Rules

○ Sibling Rule - If the sibling rule is in effect, the sibling will be counted as the team's first round draft selection, when applicable. Once all protected players are accounted for in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th rounds (depending on age group) all remaining players will be drafted in the following rounds. **NOTE: Protected players must provide written parent approval to the League.** Teams without a full complement of protected players will participate in a “leveling” process where they will be allowed to select from the available draft pool in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th rounds (in a “snake” order) until all teams have an equal number of players. Once this initial leveling process is complete, the draft will proceed in snake order until all players from the available draft pool have been selected.

○ D1 divisions and D2 divisions teams will not play each other in official games.

○ 48 Baseball teams may play inter-league games during the regular season, but will be provided their own tournaments as participation allows. A League must have at least three

(4) teams in order to have its own tournament.

○ Commissioners and the Directors for each age group, along with the VP of Baseball will be responsible for determining the number of teams and scheduling that will comprise each League, subject to Board approval.

○ Tournament teams may be formed according to League guidelines and under League supervision but may not be eligible to play as an all-star team. Tournament teams must conform to guidelines established by CenTex to ensure that all players will retain their eligibility for CenTex All-Star play at the conclusion of the spring season. Tournament team formation will be governed by the Vice-President for the respective age groups.

VII. Coaches and Assistant Coaches

- A) The League Commissioner shall submit a list of all prospective coaches to the Director of their respective League prior to draft. This list should include verification that they have completed the background check.
- B) All prospective coaches must complete an application to coach (new coaches only) and background check (all coaches) prior to the draft, and the check must be performed on all coaches who will be on the field, and are good for one calendar year.
- C) A League Commissioner cannot be a head coach in the League over which they preside except for 4U. This is done to prevent conflict of interests.
- D) After the prospective coaches have been approved, the respective League Commissioner will select the coaches. Only approved coaches will be allowed to conduct practices.
- E) All Coaches must familiarize themselves with USSSA Baseball rules, local rules (if different), as well as the Manager/Coaches rules, etc. Additional rules from the Commissioners may be added or changed for League play only as approved by the VP of Baseball and VP of Operations.
- F) Coaches who do not abide by GYBA rules may be dismissed and may not be allowed the privilege of coaching in the future.
- G) Coaches will be issued an equipment bag before practices start. The coach is responsible for this equipment. The equipment must return to the League Commissioner or Equipment Manager at the end of the season. Failure to turn in all equipment issued will result in the coach not being issued equipment the following season.

VIII. Player Evaluations and Tryouts

- A) Each League Commissioner will be responsible for organizing and supervising the player evaluation process for their respective age group. (D1 division and D2 division evaluations will be held together.) Commissioners under the direction of their Division Director and VP of Baseball will determine based upon rankings which players will be eligible for D1 and D2 drafts, accordingly.
- B) All players registered (except registered D1 48 baseball protected roster players 8u division through 14u division) must attend the player evaluation process. If a player does not ~~tryout~~ skills assessment for any reason, the Director and Commissioner for the respective age group will determine a process for assigning the player to the appropriate level (D1 and D2 divisions). Once the player is assigned, his or her name will be included in a “hat pick” round to occur at the end of the regular draft process.
- C) All players will be evaluated through various skills assessment exercises during an evaluation session. The group of skill evaluators will be comprised of coaches who have expressed an interest in becoming a head coach for the upcoming season for that age group. Prospective coaches are responsible for carefully and fairly scoring the observed abilities of each player. Scores should reflect performance of observed skills demonstrated during evaluations. Scores may also reflect the coach’s knowledge of the player’s past performance, where applicable. If for any reason the League Commissioner or Board determines that a prospective head coach purposefully assigned scores that did not adequately reflect the observed abilities of any player or group of players, the prospective coach’s scores will be removed from the tabulation process. Failure to fairly assess players during the player evaluation process will be considered by the Board during the coach approval process. Commissioners are responsible for ensuring that the overall evaluation process is appropriately fair under this system.
- D) After completion of assessments it is determined the scores do not reflect sufficient

players to form a D1 division, all players will be placed in the D2 division and play under D2 division rules.

IX. Team Selections and Draft Process

6u only D1 division teams will be drafted first. The number of players for each team will be determined prior to the draft by the League Commissioner. Any remaining players not drafted by the D1 division coaches, will be moved to the D2 division draft. A) If there are sufficient players to warrant the formation of more than three D1 division teams, an alternating draft process will be used to promote equal distribution of talent. After one round of selections is completed, the next round will “snake” backwards and so forth until all D1 Division rosters are complete.

1. D2 Division teams will be selected after completion of the D1 Division draft. The D2 Division draft will follow the same alternating process as described for the D1 Division draft section.

X. Team Practices

A) Prior to the start of the regular season, the League scheduler may choose, in consultation with the respective Vice-Presidents, to schedule practices on GYBA fields. GYBA does not guarantee practice time on fields at any time. Use of GYBA fields for practice will depend on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the number of teams in each League, retention of sponsorship by coaches, field conditions, and previous commitments to the fields as determined by the Board.

B) Teams will be limited to no more than four (4) team meetings per week during the spring season and three (3) team meetings per week during the fall season. Four or more players meeting together counts as a team meeting. Games and/or scrimmages count as a team meeting. Time on the field is not guaranteed and there may be required field sharing to maximize field usage.

C) All GYBA Recreational teams (4U, 6U and 8U) will be limited to one practice during tournament weeks. 48 Baseball teams will be limited to one practice during tournament weeks, including tournaments played outside of GYBA operations. Coaches are required to notify the Commissioner when playing tournaments outside of GYBA.

D) Practice lengths shall be as follows, and will be strictly enforced:

4U: 30/30 format- see 4u rules in Official GYBA Rules.

5-6U: Not to exceed 1 hour

7-8U: Not to exceed 1 and 1/2 hours

9-10U: Not to exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes.

11-12U: Not to exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes.

13-14U: Not to exceed 2 hours

XI. Team Games and Coaching Duties

- A) The head coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her coaching staff, players, parents and spectators.
- B) No profanity or improper language will be allowed at any game or practice.
- C) The umpires have full authority to eject any player, coach and/or assistant coach regarding their behavior during the game. The umpire may offer one warning depending upon the severity of the behavior.
- D) The umpires have full authority to eject any parent or spectator regarding their behavior during the game. If a parent or spectator ejection occurs, the head coach of the associated team will also be ejected from the game. The umpire **MUST** offer one warning to the associated head coach (as to allow for the head coach to address the situation) before a parent or spectator is ejected.
- E) Any player, coach, assistant coach, parent or spectator who is ejected from a game, for any reason, will also receive a one game suspension. A second ejection may be subject to additional penalties as determined by the League President.
- F) Any player, coach, assistant coach, parent or spectator exhibiting inappropriate behavior is subject to ejection and suspension from the ballpark.
- G) The home team will occupy the 3rd base dugout. Both teams will be responsible for preparing the field including raking, watering, lining, repairing the pitcher's mound and home plate area prior to every game. Both teams shall be responsible for turning on their lights when needed during games.
- H) The visiting team will occupy the 1st base dugout. Both teams will be responsible for preparing the field including raking, watering, lining, repairing the pitcher's mound and home plate area prior to every game. Both teams shall be responsible for turning on their lights when needed during games.
- I) The head coaches are responsible for ensuring that each team cleans up their respective dugouts at the end of the game and clears the field as quickly as possible so that the next game may start on time.
- J) At the completion of the last game of the day, each team coach should repair and rake around the plates and pitching area at the end of the day. All other field equipment, such as rakes, chalk box, scoreboard control pad etc. must be returned to the appropriate storage location. The coaches should ensure that the spectator area is clear of debris and all trash is placed in the trash cans.
- K) The following are specified game times:
 - 4U: 45 minutes
 - 6U: 55 minutes
 - 8U: 1 hour and 10 minutes
 - 10U: 1 hour and 20 minutes
 - 12U: 1 hour and 20 minutes
 - 14U: 1 hour and 45 minutes
- M) Umpire judgment calls may not be protested. However, rule violations may be protested to the respective League Commissioner. If a coach is ejected from the game, the umpire must within twenty-four (24) hours send in writing to the VP of Baseball, League Director,

League Commissioner, and Umpire Director the information leading up to the ejection. The coach will be suspended the following game as well. The officers will review the case at the Umpire Director's request for any additional action.

N) GYBA will play all games in accordance with GYBA Baseball Rules and Regulations for their respective Leagues unless otherwise noted by the GYBA Board and presented in the Official Rules of Play. The Commissioner and Directors will select the rules used, with Board approval, at the beginning of each season.

O) A team must have eight players present to start a game. If eight players are not present, the coach will have ten minutes to field the eight players from the team roster or forfeit the game. Games will not be extended and be subject to the start time as schedule and official length of game times posted.

P) Players may not wear metal cleats.

Q) There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on GYBA premises at any time. Coaches will refrain from using all tobacco, and smoking products during practices and games.

R) The official bat shall be round in cross section for its entire length, straight from end to end for its entire length and smooth surfaced in the hitting area. Softball bats or bats altered after manufacture to reduce or add weight will not be allowed. The bat may be constructed of wood, aluminum or any other material or combination of materials but cannot exceed 1.15BPF (Bat Performance Factor) as defined for baseball bats by ASTM standards or BBCOR bat. Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed eighteen inches from the handle end. All bats must be commercially manufactured for baseball play and maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six inches (36").

XII. League Specific Bat Rules:

4U & 6U - the max diameter shall not exceed two and five eighths (2-5/8") inches.
(There is no drop limitation)

8U, 10U, 12U - the max diameter shall not exceed two and three quarters (2-3/4") inches.
(There is no drop limitation)

14U - the max diameter shall not exceed two and three quarters (2-3/4") inches. Bats are limited to max drop -5.

All bats must comply with USSSA bat rules and bear the USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark, or BBCOR.50 Certified Mark or made of wood and manufactured by a licensed USSSA manufacturer.

Note - 2 1/4" bats are allowed in all age divisions and encouraged for use in the 3U through 8U age groups.

XIII. Batting Cages / Field Usage

GYBA facilities, including baseball fields & batting cages, are reserved at all times for currently registered GYBA players and teams only. Teams warming up for games should be given priority courtesy use. NO metal cleats are allowed in the cages with turf. Only ONE team per cage at a time. Cage time is allotted during your scheduled practice time. On Game Day, the Visiting Team (or lower seed in tournament play) will take the cages immediately following the start of the preceding game. They will be allowed the cage for no more than

half of the allotted game time of their respective League. Following the Visiting Team's allotted time, the Home Team will take the cage until fifteen minutes before the start of the game. Example, the 8U Visitors taking the 1st base dugout on Field #2 will take the cage at 9am and occupy the cage until no later than 9:30am, then the Home team occupying the 3rd base dugout will take the cage from 9:30am to 10am at which time both teams will take the field, once the preceding game ends, for your 10:15am start time. The idea behind the format is to allow each team the same amount of time in the cage prior to game, and allow time for you to get your teams on the field and ready to play the game. This allows for the umpires to maintain game schedules.

On game days where it is hard for teams to make it early enough for cage time (8am weekend or 6pm weekday), it is expected that coaches will share the cages in an equitable manner to allow for equal cage time. Any issues regarding cage time should be directed to the BMOD, or your League's Commissioner. All cages are marked for the applicable fields intended. Field #3 cage priority is given to T-ball teams as requested by their coaches. If the cage is not being occupied by a T-ball team, you may take the cage until they request the use of it.

XIV. Rotation Rules

The intent of these rules is to promote the development of a more complete understanding of the game of baseball by exposing players to various positions in game situations. These rules will not be enforced by umpires. They will be enforced by your respective League Commissioners. Coaches not in compliance with these rules will be subject to disciplinary action. First action of non-compliance will be a one game suspension for the head coach. The second action of non-compliance will be a forfeit loss for the team. These rules will be in force in the regular season, mid-season tournament, and end of season tournament play, as applicable.

6U Rotation Rule (D1 Division and D2 Division)

- During non-tournament play, all players must play every position at least once during the season, no player may play the same position more than once during the first four innings, and all players must play the outfield position at least once in the first four innings. Coaches have open substitution during the 5th and 6th innings.
- During tournament play, Coaches have open substitution with no rotation rules, except one, all players must play one infield and one outfield position at least once in the first four innings.

8U Rotation Rule (Division II)

- During non-tournament play, all players must play every position at least once during the season, no player may play the same position more than twice during the first four innings, and all players must play the outfield position at least once in the first four innings. Coaches have open substitution during the 5th and 6th innings.
- During tournament play, Coaches have open substitution with no rotation rules, except one, all players must play one infield and one outfield position at least once in the first four innings.

10U & 12U Participation/Rotation Rule (Fall)

It is recommended during non-tournament play, all players must play every position at least once during the season. Additionally, it is recommended during non-tournament play, all players be allowed to pitch no less than 20 consecutive pitches at least once during the season (unless removal is necessary due to injury) and, a pitcher may not pitch in consecutive games unless all other available pitchers have had an opportunity to take the mound. During inter-league and tournament play, Coaches have open substitution with no participation/rotation rules.

XV. Rain-Out Procedures

Weather Policy:

GYBA volunteers work diligently to ensure that games are played on game days if at all possible. If the playing condition of our fields is in question due to weather, a final decision will be made by 4:00 p.m. for weekday games. Playing conditions for weekend games will be evaluated and a decision made by 7:00 a.m. Once the decision is made, we will post the status to our website and send notifications through the GYBA text/email alert system. If the website has not been updated, you should assume that all games are to be played as scheduled.

The GYBA Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel any game due to unfavorable weather conditions. Cancelled games will be re-scheduled at the discretion of the Board.

If games are unable to be rescheduled and end of season standings (games played) are uneven - only the most recent games played will count for standings.

For example: The Astros were able to play 10 games, the Rangers were able to play 9 games, the Athletics were able to play 9 games, the Angels were able to play 7 games and the Mariners were able to play 8 games - only 7 games would be counted for end of season standings as every team was able to play at least 7 games. The Astros would only count their most recent 7 games as their first 3 games would thus not count toward standings.

Lightning Policy:

It is the current GYBA policy to utilize the Weather Bug Spark Lightning Indicator as a back-up to the visual and audible monitoring done at the fields during bad weather. The app provides real-time, minute-by-minute, mile-by-mile lightning monitoring from the WeatherBug Total Lightning Network and assists in anticipating incoming bad weather.

There are three levels of monitoring on the app. Green, Yellow and Red monitoring alerts. Green states there is no lightning in the area. Yellow means there is lightning in the general region. Red means lightning is imminent and within the 10 mile safety window where we need to evacuate fields.

We recommend you monitor the weather prior to your practices, whether they are at our facility or not. As practice time can be hectic, we recommend you ask a team parent to monitor the weather for you and inform you of approaching weather. Inclement weather can show up out of nowhere. If lightning is observed you need to immediately clear the field and take shelter and you should not return until all indications are clear that lightning has left the 10 mile safety area.

If lightning occurs during games, the Board Member on Duty may communicate with the field umpires to suspend play. Umpires may choose to suspend play at any time prior to receiving direction from a Board Member on Duty. Once fields are cleared due to lightning, they will remain closed for at least 30 minutes and games may not begin until the Board Member on Duty has notified the umpires that play may resume. Parents, please remember to err on the side of caution with lightning. If you feel conditions are unsafe for your player, simply ask the coach to excuse your player from the team activity and return when you have determined it to be safe.

XVI. Concession Stand

A) GYBA board will manage the concession stand.

B) GYBA teams will be scheduled and required to work a number of concession stand shifts as determined by VP of operations and scheduler.

XVII. All-Star Team Selection

I. Nominations

Beginning the week after the conclusion of the mid-season tournament, the Commissioners for each League will submit a request to all League coaches for nominations for the All-Star team. Head coaches should consult with assistant coaches about prospective nominees. Coaches in the American League may nominate up to four players from their roster. Coaches in the National League may nominate an unlimited number of players, but should carefully evaluate the player's ability to play at the high level of all-star competition.

Once these nominees have been identified, the list will be forwarded to the League Commissioner with all available parent/guardian contact information. Nominations must be received by the League Commissioner no later than two weeks prior to the start of the End of Season Tournament. The League Commissioner will review the list and consult with coaches as appropriate to verify that no child deserving of nomination based upon demonstrated play has been excluded. The League Commissioner will then notify the parents/guardians via electronic mail (e-mail) that the player has been nominated for the All Star team. Parents/Guardians who are interested in having their player participate in the All Star selection process must respond via e-mail to the Commissioner by within 5 days of his/her notification.

II. Coaches Selection Process

Once all All-Star nominations are received, a committee composed of the President, VP of Operations, the VP for 4U - 8U and 10U - 14U, and the League Commissioner will meet to select the All-Star head coach for each All-Star team. The selection process for the All-Star head coach will be completed before the first day of the End of Season tournament. The committee will make its selection based upon its evaluation of the most capable manager to lead the All-Star team in a manner that represents the best interests of Georgetown Youth

Baseball. The All-Star head coach will then meet with the committee to participate in the selection of the assistant coaches. Each team may carry four on field coaches. The number of coaches performing bench related activities may be determined by the head coach, with approval by the League Commissioner and Vice-President. In the event that either the President or the Vice-President is to be considered for any All-Star coaching position in 6U thru 10U, the President or Vice-President will recuse themselves from the deliberation process for the League in which they are eligible.

III. All-Star Team Selection Process

All League coaches who have nominated players will submit a score sheet to their League Commissioner for their top nominated players prior to the beginning of the End of Season tournament. This score sheet should rank their own players based on a 1 – 5 ranking (1 the lowest, 5 the highest) on the following attributes: Speed, Pop-Fly and Glove work, Grounders, Arm Strength, Arm Accuracy, Base Running, Coach ability, Baseball IQ, and Pitching (10U and higher only). These scores are to be kept confidential by both the Coach and the League Commissioner.

Beginning immediately after the End of Season tournament, the All-Star selection process may begin. The Selection Committee will be composed of the head All-Star coach, two League coaches selected by the League Commissioner and will be chaired by the League Commissioner. The Vice-President of Operations will preside over the selection process (MC) and the VP of age divisions will be present for final approval.

The Selection Committee is charged with assembling an All-Star team capable of competing in the CenTex All-Star tournament. While no specific criterion is required for selection, the Selection Committee should heavily weigh input from League coaches (score sheets) as well as demonstrated play throughout the season. Once the selection process is complete, the committee chair will ratify the selection process as being fairly administered and then will submit the list of players to the Vice-President of their division for final approval.

IV. Number of Teams

The number of 6U to 14U All-Star teams sent to the CenTex All-Star tournament for each division will be determined by a committee composed of the President, the Vice-President of Operations, the Vice President of 4U-8U and the Vice-President of 10U - 14U, and the League Commissioners.

All-Star players will be assessed a fee, determined by the GYBA Board, to cover the cost of their uniform (shirt and hat), equipment (bat bag), and post season play cost (entry fees, league insurance and field maintenance costs).

All-Star coaches will be reissued equipment if they do not have it.

OUTSIDE GYBA TOURNAMENT PLAY: Players and teams will not be eligible for all star play. Also any GYBA 48 teams may not use a player from the League without the approval of the D1 Division or D2 Division coach. In addition, in no case shall it interfere with the all-star team's practice or games.

GYBA only endorses and provides an avenue for play in the All-Star process. We will not sponsor teams or provide financial support beyond what is provided above. Team coaches and parents will be responsible for finding sponsors for items not provided by GYBA as part of the selection process. The processing of team sponsorships through GYBA will be at the will of the Treasurer.

GYBA ZERO TOLERANCE CONDUCT POLICY -

1. Scope of Policy

The GYBA Zero Tolerance Conduct Policy applies at all GYBA-related activities, including but not limited to:

- Games, practices, scrimmages, tournaments
- Team meetings, league events, fundraisers
- Board meetings and volunteer activities
- Parking lots, concession areas, and any location where GYBA teams or representatives are present
- All digital communication and social media activity involving or referencing GYBA, GYBA Board Members, coaches, players, and umpires.

This policy remains in effect year-round, regardless of season status.

2. Who This Policy Applies To

This policy applies to anyone participating in, attending, or influencing a GYBA event or environment, including:

- Players
- Coaches, assistant coaches, team parents
- Parents, guardians, and extended family
- Spectators and visiting teams
- Volunteers
- Umpires
- Board members
- Commissioners
- Committee Members

No one is exempt.

3. Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary

action: **A. Verbal or Physical Misconduct**

- Abusive, threatening, or profane or derogatory language
- Yelling at players, umpires, coaches, or spectators
- Harassment, bullying, or intimidation
- Any physical altercation or aggressive posturing
- Verbal attacks, mocking, taunting, or instigating conflict

B. Safety & Property Violations

- Destruction or abuse of equipment, fields, or facilities
- Interference with gameplay or official decisions
- Entering restricted areas or dugouts without permission

C. Substance Use

- Use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, vaping devices, or tobacco at any youth sports event
- Being under the influence while acting in a volunteer, coaching, or supervisory role

D. Discrimination & Inappropriate Commentary

- Hate speech
- Discriminatory remarks (race, gender, religion, disability, etc.)
- Sexualized or inappropriate communication
- Cursing

E. Behavior Damaging to League Reputation

- Disorderly conduct
- Loss of temper
- Attempts to undermine coaches, umpires, volunteers, or league leadership

4. Social Media Code of Conduct

ALL online interaction referencing GYBA(Georgetown Youth Baseball Association) is subject to this policy, including posts, comments, messages, photos, videos, TikToks, reels, and group chats.

Prohibited online actions include:

- Negative, disparaging, or inflammatory commentary about players, coaches, umpires, or league operations
- Sharing private team issues publicly
- Posting images or videos of minors without consent
- Using social media to harass, intimidate, or retaliate against anyone in the league
- Stirring up drama, encouraging conflict, or attempting to influence public opinion against volunteers or board members or the league

5. Authority Hierarchy for Enforcement

To eliminate the “You can’t tell me to leave” argument:

1. Umpires have immediate authority over game conduct, including removing spectators and coaches.
2. Division Commissioners enforce rules at practices, games, and events.
3. Executive Board Members have final authority to remove any individual from any GYBA environment, on or off the field.

Failure to comply with an order to leave will result in police involvement.

6. Mandated Cooling-Off Period

No individual may confront or contact a coach, umpire, team parent, commissioner, or board member for 24 hours following an incident or contentious situation.

Violation of this rule is treated as a Zero Tolerance offense.

7. Reporting Process (Defined & Documented)

Who Logs It?

The following individuals may initiate an incident report:

- Umpires
- Coaches
- Commissioners
- Board members
- Any adult witness who observed the incident firsthand

What Must Be Documented

- Names of involved individuals
- Description of the incident
- Location, date, and time
- Witness statements
- Whether removal occurred
- Any video/photo evidence (if available)

When It Must Be Submitted?

Within 24 hours of the incident.

Who Reviews It?

The Code of Conduct Committee (at least three members not directly involved in the incident) , Parliamentarian, or the Executive Board Members not directly involved in the incident (if severity requires escalation).

A written summary of the action taken will be recorded and stored in the league's compliance records.

8. Appeals Process.

How to Appeal

- Must be submitted in writing (email)
- Must be received within 48 hours of the disciplinary notice

What Happens Next?

- The Executive Board reviews the appeal
- Appeals meeting attendance - ONLY the individual who submitted the appeal and the Executive Board
- The decision is final
- Suspensions remain in effect during the appeal review

Appeals cannot be used to attack or harass officials or volunteers. Any verbal attacks during the appeals meeting will result in immediate suspension with NO appeal.

9. Disciplinary Actions

Level I Violation

- Automatic suspension from the next scheduled game or event

Level II Violation

- Multi-game suspension determined by the Code of Conduct Committee

Level III Violation

- Season-long suspension or permanent ban from GYBA determined by the Executive Committee
Factors include severity, impact on safety, circumstances and prior behavior. The GYBA Board reserves the right to escalate or downgrade violations at any point.

10. Law Enforcement Clause

If an individual refuses to leave, threatens another participant, or engages in illegal behavior, GYBA will contact the Georgetown Police Department to enforce park rules and ensure safety.