

# **GLEN ELLYN YOUTH BASEBALL**

## **2008 Baseball Season Section 9.00**

# **MUSTANG LEAGUE RULES** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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#### **9.01 GENERAL**

The rules in this section are specifically for the **Mustang League**. Any rules not referenced here can be found in the General Playing Rules and Regulations, **Section 1.00**. If a discrepancy in language exists between these League Rules and the General Playing Rules, the individual League Rules shall govern.

See General Playing Rules and Regulations (*Section 1.01 GPPR*) for specifics on procedure to amended or repeal any rules in this section.

- A. The **Mustang League** is for youngsters presently in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. A player wanting to play at a level other than assigned by their grade level must fill out the required exception form to be presented to a board member for consideration. This form can be obtained from your League Commissioner at registration.
- C. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball is a program offered by the Glen Ellyn Park District.
  - 1. Information can be obtained at **www.glenellynbaseball.com** or **www.gepark.org**.
  - 2. The number of teams and players placed upon a team shall depend upon the number of players available to play within the league.
- D. Each team should have twelve (12) players.
- E. The registrants of the league are under the direction of the League Commissioner.

**MUSTANG Traveling Trophy**

- 1. As a memorial of the many years of effort and friendship to GEB by Don Sowers of Glen Ellyn, a Traveling Trophy will be presented to the manager of the League Championship Team. This trophy will be engraved with the year, team and manager's name and will be his property for the year. Thereafter to be returned to the President of GEB for presentation each succeeding year.

**9.02 TEAM MEMBERSHIP, TOURNAMENT (Travel) TEAM**

- A. No manager shall serve simultaneously as a manager of record for more than one team sponsored by Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball.
  - 1. A manager of record for one team may assist another team with practices where it does not conflict with games or practices of his or her team.
  - 2. He/she may not serve as a substitute manager during games of this team unless due to the absence of the manager or other coaches, it is necessary for this individual to serve as a temporary manager for a particular game.
- B. No player of league grade 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8th playing on a Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball house team shall play on any non-Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball team
  - 1. Exception shall be granted when playing for a Glen Ellyn Baseball part-time travel team for that league.
- C. A manager shall have a maximum of two (2) coaches of record and a scorekeeper.
  - 1. Manager, coaches and scorekeeper along with the players are the only people allowed on the bench prior to and during the game.

**D. Tournament (Travel) Team**

- 1. The Executive board will develop the travel team selection policy with input from the Travel Committee Chairperson & League Commissioner.
- 2. The Travel Committee Chairperson will be responsible for the proper implementation of the selection process.
- 3. The Tournament (travel) team players shall be selected based on the results of a tournament (travel team) player evaluation. Tournament (travel team) evaluations are held separately from in-house league evaluations. Information can be obtained at baseball registration or at **www.glenellynbaseball.com**.

**E. All-Star selection**

1. The playing of an in-house all-star game is at the discretion of the Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball Executive board and the Chairman of the Commissioners with input from the League Commissioner.
  - a) The League Commissioner will supply information regarding selection of all-star players to managers prior to the beginning of playoffs.
2. The All-Star teams shall include both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade players.

**9.03 EVALUATIONS AND DRAFT**

- A. Each year an evaluation date is to be set and publicized under the direction and supervision of the GEYBA Executive Board and the Commissioner.
- B. A list of registrants indicated by league grade and age is to be provided to each manager prior to the evaluation date.
- C. The Mustang/Pinto leagues will hold player evaluations in early March.
  1. Dates and times will be available at registration.
- D. Each year during the second week of March, following evaluations, a player draft shall be held under the direction of each League Commissioner.
- E. Returning Mustang players will be placed on the same team.
  1. Any youth in his second season in the Mustang league need not participate in evaluations.
- F. It will be the decision of the League Commissioner whether to assign players from the Mustang League who request transfer to the Pinto League after the rosters have been set at twelve (12).
- G. Every effort will be made by the Commissioner to finalize team rosters at the draft. All team rosters must be complete by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in March.
- H. Managers will be asked to contact their team members within (48) forty-eight hours of final draft.
- I. No private evaluations shall be held prior to the draft meeting. Penalty for the manager or agent will be loss of first-round draft choice.
- J. The teams shall be formed through the **DRAFT** selection.
- K. Each team will be made up of eight (8) sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) graders. The balance of the team will be made up of fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) graders.
  1. Each year, every Mustang team will draft as many 6<sup>th</sup> graders as necessary to meet the above requirement. These requirements can be relaxed by the Commissioner only in the case where there are not enough eligible 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as determined by the Commissioner.
- L. There are no trades.
- M. The selection of a manager's child, or the brother/sister of a player currently on a manager's team, if unassigned, should be handled as follows:
  1. The manager will be required to draft his own child. The commissioner, with input from the managers, will set the guidelines delineating the round in which the child must be taken, allowing for the child to be drafted in the round reflective of his/her overall rating. .
  2. If a manager drafts a player who has a brother/sister eligible for a Mustang team, whose parents have asked that they be assigned to the same team, the second sibling must be taken by that team in the next round. The commissioner will inform all the managers before the draft which sets of brothers/sisters are to be treated in this manner. .

3. If the drafting of a manager's child and brothers/sisters of players currently on the team involve more than three (3) youths, the manager shall be allowed ONLY THREE (3) pre-draft choices. They must declare their three (3) selections prior to the start of the draft. The players not declared are subject to the general draft.
- N. The managers are to select the personnel for teams within the league by utilizing a forward and back draft.
  1. At the end of each round, the team drafting last will draft first the following round, and so on until the proper number of players are rostered.
- O. The team with the top seeding (first place) from the previous year's regular season results shall have the last draft choice in the first round, and the runner-up the second-to-last, the third place team the third-to-last, and the fourth place team the fourth-to-last, and so on.
- P. The regular season final standings are used for draft purposes.
  1. The results of the playoffs have NO affect on teams drafting order.
  2. The guidelines for determining the previous year's final season standings are detailed in *Section - .10, K-4*
- Q. Each team should start the draft with (4) four sixth graders, however an exception to the selection order will be made for any team down to three (3) or less players returning from the previous year's team.
  1. In that event, this team or teams will be given a FREE draft choice before the draft begins.
  2. If two (2) or more teams, order of selection will be determined by the previous year's final regular season results. If two (2) or more teams need 2 or more players they will be selected in a back and forth manner with the order of selection being determined by the previous year's final regular season results.
- R. No youth missing the tryouts that has not played in Mustang previously, may be drafted, unless approved by the League Commissioner.
  1. All managers must be notified of status prior to the draft. Players should obtain excused absences whenever possible.

#### **9.04 CALENDAR WEEK SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

- A. Regular season calendar week is from 12:01 A.M. Monday and runs through Midnight Sunday.
- B. Each League Commissioner may elect to adjust the calendar week during playoffs.
  1. Refer to rule *Section - .09*.
- C. No team shall be scheduled to play more than three games in any week except in the case of a rainout or tie. Any game tied or rained out must be played on the earliest open date, as scheduled by the League Commissioner.
- D. A practice schedule for each team giving the field, the date and the time shall be given each manager.

#### **9.05 FIELD SET-UP, EQUIPMENT**

- A. **Field Set-up:**
  1. The distance between all bases shall be **(70)** seventy feet.
  2. The distance between the back point of home plate and the front side of the pitcher's rubber shall be forty-eight **(48)** feet.

**B. Equipment:**

1. Each team must have sufficient protective helmets (for use at practice and scheduled games) for the batter and base runners.
2. Each player must wear a conventional baseball uniform during every game, except for practice games.
  - a.No regular game may be played except in uniform.
  - b.Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
3. No manager or coach shall be required to wear a uniform.
  - a.If a hat is worn it must be a team hat.
4. All catchers must wear protective catcher's gear approved by Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball during all games and practices.
  - a.This shall include a facemask and helmet while warming up pitchers.
  - b.All catchers must wear a metal, fiber or plastic cup.
  - c.It is suggested that athletic supporters be worn.
5. Each team shall supply one baseball for each game and shall receive one ball at the completion of each game.
  - a.If one ball is lost, the remaining ball shall be given to the home team.
  - b.The home team shall carry an extra ball to be used when deemed necessary by the umpire.
6. Each League Commissioner is responsible for assisting with the organization of the issuing and turning in of all equipment for their Leagues.
  - a.The Equipment Manager will advise the Commissioner of the issue and turn-in dates.
  - b.It is the responsibility of each manager to return any and all equipment in satisfactory condition, less normal wear and tear.
  - c.Manager is responsible for any lost or stolen items.
  - d.Manager will return equipment as directed by League Commissioner.
  - e.Equipment is the sole property of GEYBA and the Glen Ellyn Park District.
7. The bat shall be round and made of wood or aluminum. It shall not be more than thirty-four (34) inches in length, and not more than two and three-quarter (2-3/4) inches in diameter at its thickest part.
8. The dimensions and specifications of all other equipment used must conform to those set forth in the playing rules as given in the current Official Rules of Major League Baseball.

**9.06 GROUND RULES AND PRE-GAME PRACTICE**

- A. Umpire-in-chief will be the Home plate umpire or umpire designated by umpiring staff prior to the start of play.
- B. On field chain of command: Umpire Director, Park District Official, GEYBA Executive Board member, Commissioner, Umpire-in-chief, Field umpires, Manager, Coaches.
  1. With respect to judgment calls not involving interpretation of rules the Umpire-in-chief and field umpires may not be influenced nor directed by anyone.
- C. The Umpire-in-chief will present the ground rules to the team managers prior to the start of each game.
  1. Managers or acting Managers will be present at home plate for the presentation of ground rules. No other persons are allowed.
  2. Any request by managers for a variation in standard rules must be presented at this time
  3. Such rules as decided upon by both managers and approved by Umpire-in chief shall be in effect throughout the game.

- D. Should the ground rules as outlined by the Umpire-in-chief be unacceptable to either team manager, the Umpire-in-chief, with the assistance of other umpires, shall settle the point of difference.
- E. **Pre-games practice** must be terminated at a reasonable time before the start of the game in order to allow for repairing any damage to the field during the practice and to allow sufficient time for the managers to meet at home plate so that they may discuss the ground rules.
  - 1. The HOME TEAM shall have the diamond for the first practice time and VISITING TEAM for the last practice time.
  - 2. The HOME TEAM shall have the bench on the third base side.
  - 3. It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM to supply and remove bases.
  - 4. Both teams **MUST** clean the area after each game.
- F. **Avoid Contact Rule:** This is a judgment call wherein the umpires may call out any runner who creates a safety hazard when approaching a base.
  - 1. Casual or incidental contact is not an automatic out. It may however be interference.
  - 2. As with any judgment call there are no grounds for appeal or protest.
- G. No spectator or member of a team shall stand, or sit, closer than 15 feet behind the backstop or wings of the backstop during the ball game. Managers, umpires and league officials shall **STRICTLY** enforce this rule, in regular season and post-season games.

#### **9.07 GENERAL PLAYING RULES, Official Scorebook**

- A. The home team shall designate the Official Scorekeeper at each game.
- B. **Official scorekeeper** will record into the official scorebook:
  - 1. Members of team roster present.
  - 2. Substitute players used.
  - 3. Batting order, at bats, runs, and walks.
  - 4. Pitchers first initial, last name and uniform number for each change.
    - a) Innings pitched by each pitcher.
    - b) Outs obtained by each pitcher.
  - 5. All other statistics are the option of the manager.
- C. In the event of a question of eligibility of a pitcher where the question involves the number of innings pitched in a week or the length of rest between pitching assignments, the record of the team in question regarding pitching eligibility shall be the basis of settlement.
  - 1. This book will be readily available to be viewed by umpires, league officials, and the opposing team manager during the current game.
- D. Only the managers and coaches will approach the scorer during a game.
  - 1. Players and spectators should be cautioned to remain away from the scoring area until all final tallies are registered in the scorebook.
- E. In the event there is a question of the count and/or number of outs by the umpire, the record of the official scorer shall be deemed official.
  - 1. The total runs scored as recorded by the official scorer shall be deemed official.
- F. Manager is responsible to keep his book up to date prior to the beginning of each game.
  - 1. The team scorebook is your official record.
  - 2. The book will be legible.
  - 3. Manager is responsible to have his team's official scorebook available at each game.
- G. A player cannot sit on the bench for more than one (1) consecutive inning when his/her team is fielding.

1. This rule shall not be considered violated if a youth is held out of a game for disciplinary reasons.
  2. The player's manager must notify the opposing manager and the player being withheld of the reason for the disciplinary action prior to the start of the game.
  3. With the opposing manager's concurrence, a player may be removed from a game in progress for disciplinary reasons.
  4. For the purpose of this rule, a player shall be credited with the three (3) outs not played when the bottom half of the last inning is not played.
- H. Any player not starting a game, in which he/she is present for the entire game, must start the next game provided he/she is present at that game.
1. If a player is not present at the game in which he/she is scheduled to start in accordance with this rule, the manager is not obligated to start this player the following game.
    - a) EXAMPLE 1. Player A is present at the game on Sunday but does not start. If Player A is present at the next game played, he/she must start.
    - b) EXAMPLE 2. Player A is present at the game on Sunday but does not start. Player A does not attend the next game that was played on Wednesday but comes to the next game on Saturday. The manager is not obligated to start Player A on Saturday.
- I. The penalty for improper rotation of players shall be:
1. Upon appeal by the opposing manager, and verification of the ineligibility of the player concerned, the team manager shall be ejected immediately from the game.
  2. In addition, the manager shall be suspended for the next scheduled game played by the team.
  3. For the purpose of this rule, a manager shall not be considered in violation of the rules until at least one (1) pitch has been thrown to a batter after the point of violation.
  4. An opposing manager shall be obligated to notify any manager committing an alleged violation as soon as the violation comes to his attention and he registers said allegation to the Umpire and the scorekeeper.
  5. Opposing managers should bring an imminent violation to everyone's attention before the point of violation, that is, before a pitch is thrown, as part of every effort to avoid ejections, suspensions and protests.
- J. All players shall bat consecutively, with late arrivals placed at the bottom of the order.

## **9.08 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

- A. Manager, using substitute players must disclose this fact to the opposing manager, the umpire-in-chief and the official score keeper prior to the start of official play.
1. If a manager is found in violation prior to the beginning of play, the affected player will be ineligible.
  2. Once the first pitch is thrown, the use of undisclosed or ineligible substitute players will result in forfeiture of the game.
- B. A team must have a minimum of (7) seven rostered players available at all times during play to participate in an official game.
1. If (7) seven rostered players are not present and the game has not been rescheduled with the permission of the respective league Commissioner, the team in question shall forfeit. Refer to rule **Section -.10** regarding forfeits.
- C. A manager may elect to use substitute players to complete his roster up to (10) ten eligible players. This allows for a maximum of (3) three substitute players.

- D. It is the managers' responsibility to field a team with a minimum of (8) eight eligible players.
  - 1. If a manager is unable to field (8) eight rostered/substitute players at any point during a game the affected team will forfeit.
  - 2. During play, should a team having only (7) seven rostered players suffer an injury to any one of the rostered players causing inability to play, the game shall continue as long as the team can field a minimum of (8) eight eligible players.
- E. Criteria for use of substitute:
  - 1. Substitute players shall only be used when a team cannot field (9) nine players currently on their roster.
  - 2. If a team has (9) nine rostered players available at anytime prior to the completion of the game, those players are to be used.
- F. At no point will rostered players sit the bench while substitute players are on the field.
- G. Substitute players will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
  - 1. If a rostered player arrives during play he will be placed at the bottom of the batting order. If necessary he will replace the substitute last in the batting order and play the field when his team completes offense
  - 2. If the arrival of a rostered player puts the roster over (9) the substitute player at the bottom of the batting order will be removed from the game.
- H. Substitute players will play outfield positions only.
- I. Substitute players must be on the roster of another GEYBA team and must come from a league younger (below) the managers' league.
  - 1. A substitute player cannot come from the current league or higher leagues.
- J. Substitute players will wear the uniform from his/her team.
- K. A substitute player cannot be used if doing so conflicts with his/her teams' schedule.
- L. If a manager has any questions or concerns regarding the proper use of a substitute player(s), he/she shall contact the League Commissioner to resolve these questions or concerns prior to the start of the game.
  - 1. If contact is impossible, the manager must discuss use of questionable substitute player(s) with the opposing manager and the umpire-in-chief.
  - 2. If a mutually acceptable agreement cannot be reached, the umpire-in-chief shall, based on circumstances, decide if the game is to be suspended or forfeited.
  - 3. This decision may be appealed, following proper decorum to the GEYBA by either manager.
    - a) [INTENT: Because there are any number of scenarios that could arise regarding the use of substitute players, managers should seek the League Commissioner's input as far in advance as possible if there is any question about the proper use of a substitute.]
- M. The League Commissioner is responsible for informing the GEYBA of any infractions and administration of penalties.
- N. Any manager found in violation of the player substitution rule will be subject to:
  - 1. An immediate suspension of all privileges for the next (1) game.
    - a) If there is any question to the validity of the infraction the League Commissioner may postpone suspension until proper review can be completed, not to exceed (48) forty-eight hours from the time of infraction.
  - 2. A disciplinary review will occur by the GEYBA Executive Board (or a committee of their choosing) following decorum set forth in **Section 1.12 of GPRR**.

## **9.09 PITCHING RULES**

### **A. [Intent]:**

1. In an attempt to protect young arms as well as maintain a relative level of competition the GEYBA has adopted the following rules, regulations and guidelines with respect to the use of pitchers. This section provides managers with the specific rules, and also guidelines to help insure the proper development of young arms.

### **B. Manager Guidelines:**

1. Please use common sense!
2. The number of pitches thrown is more important than the number of outs or innings pitched. Remember that a pitcher is also throwing pitches during warm-ups.
3. Pitcher should be limited in appearances per week to allow proper rest between games pitched.
4. Improper techniques are a major factor in injury.
5. Players need to learn their own bodies. Coaches and parents need to understand that safety is always the overriding factor.
6. When it comes to a pitchers arm, no one game is that important!
7. If a pitcher has thrown a lot of pitches in a game, please allow extra rest between games pitched.
8. When symptoms of arm discomfort or fatigue arise, longer periods of rest are recommended.

### **C. Calendar Week:**

1. Begins at 12:01 AM Monday runs through MIDNIGHT Sunday.

### **D. Innings Pitched:**

1. Innings shall be tallied based on one (1) out equaling one-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of an inning.
2. A double or triple play that occurs while a pitcher has only one-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of an inning eligibility remaining will count only as one-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of an inning.

### **E. Forty (40) Hour Rest:**

1. GEYBA will maintain a ZERO TOLERANCE policy regarding the abuse of this rule throughout the entire season.
  - a) NO adaptations during playoffs shall be allowed to the 40-hour rest rule.
2. PLAYER must have forty (40) hours of rest before pitching again:
  - a) After pitching FOUR (4) or more innings during the same calendar day.
  - b) After pitching a total of SIX (6) innings on two (2) consecutive days.  
(Pitcher can pitch up to THREE (3) innings in game one and still pitch THREE (3) innings in game two.)
  - c) After pitching a total of SIX (6) innings on three (3) consecutive days.  
(Pitcher can pitch any combinations up to THREE (3) innings in games one and two and still pitch THREE (3) innings in game three.)

3. The forty (40) hour rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitcher completed last allowed inning pitched before 40 hour rest rule becomes applicable (based on scenarios set forth in 9.09.E.2)
  - a) In games that begin more than two (2) hours after the schedule starting time, the actual starting time of the game will be used in the interpretation of the rule.

**F. Pitcher Eligibility:**

1. In the event of a question of eligibility of a pitcher where the question involves the number of innings pitched in a week or the length of rest between pitching assignments, the record of the team in question regarding pitching eligibility shall be the basis of settlement (*refer to rule Section - .07*). The League Commissioner will settle any further dispute. His decision shall be final and cannot be used as the basis for a protest or an appeal.
2. Innings pitched in makeup games and the continuation of suspended games count against the pitcher's eligibility for the current week.
3. A pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound, but who stays in the game in another position, is not permitted to return to the mound as a pitcher in the same game.
4. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after being announced, but before having pitched, shall not be considered a violation of the playing rules.

**G. Rule Violations:**

1. Violation of any of these pitching rules renders ineligible the pitcher involved, for the game in which the violation occurred. See rule *Section - .12* for the consequences applied to the offending manager.
2. League officials and opposing managers are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

**H. League Specific Parameters:**

1. No pitcher shall pitch in more than **six (6) innings** in one (1) calendar week.
2. No pitcher shall pitch in more than **six (6) innings** in one (1) day.
3. No pitcher shall pitch in more than one (1) game on the same calendar day, unless the games are back to back and the pitcher completes the first game and starts the second game. All other pitching rules apply.
4. A second trip to visit the same pitcher by a manager or coach in the same inning will cause that pitcher's automatic removal.
  - a. The only exception to this rule is in the case of injury or if the opposing team or manager calls time.
5. A fifth grade player must pitch two (2) innings per game minimum during a six (6) inning game.
  - a. If the game is called after only five (5) innings, fifth grader must have pitched one (1) inning.
  - b. If less than five (5) innings are played then this rule is irrelevant.
6. A pitcher must be removed after hitting 2 batters in one inning or after hitting 3 batters in the game.

**I. Playoff Pitching Rules:**

1. The Commissioner, with input from the managers, shall establish the pitching rules for the League playoffs.
  - a) These rules shall be published no later than two weeks before the playoffs commence.
2. In establishing the playoff pitching rules, the Commissioner shall keep the following principles as the primary considerations.
  - a) First and foremost, all pitching rules are put in place to provide a safe playing environment and to protect the arms of the pitchers.
  - b) Secondly, these playoff rules are to ensure that the playoffs are as competitive as possible.
3. Given these principles, in setting the playoff pitching rules the Commissioner shall determine:
  - a) Number of innings a pitcher can pitch in a game.
  - b) Number of innings a pitcher can pitch in a day (given the possibility of multiple games in one day).
  - c) Number of innings a pitcher can pitch in a week.
  - d) Number of consecutive days on which a pitcher can pitch.
4. It should be stressed that the 40 Hour Rule, as set forth in the General Playing Rules section 1.15-E, shall remain in effect during all playoffs.
5. The Commissioner shall specify:
  - a) What constitutes a week during the playoffs? In general, the beginning of the playoffs will start a new “pitching week”, while the Championship game(s) will likewise begin a new “pitching week”.
6. In applying these playoff-pitching rules, the managers are urged to remember that the key to protecting young arms is to remain cognizant of the *number of pitches a pitcher throws* rather than focusing only on the number of innings pitched.
7. Finally, the Commissioner retains full discretion to alter all playoff rules to accommodate scheduling changes caused by inclement weather or other unforeseen occurrences.
8. Rule *section H- 5* above is still in force.

**9.10 RULES GOVERNING PLAY, OFFICIAL COMPLETION OF GAMES****A. Games shall be of **six (6)** innings duration.**

1. When the score is tied at the end of the **six (6)** innings the game shall go into extra innings until a verdict is reached or the game is called by the umpire-in-chief.
2. Shortened Regulation Game - **Four (4)** complete, or **three and one half (3 1/2)** if the home team is ahead, shall comprise a regulation game if a game is called due to darkness, rain or other cause which may interfere with play.
3. Any tie game that is called by the umpire under 9.10.A.1 or fails to reach conclusion as a shortened game under 9.10.A.2 shall be considered a suspended game and be completed per 9.10.I.

**B. Mercy Rule: (“15 after 4”, “10 after 5”)**

1. If a team is leading its opponent by at least fifteen (15) runs after four (4) or more equal innings have been played (or three and one-half (3-1/2) innings, if the home team is leading), the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner.

2. If a team is leading its opponent by at least ten (10) runs after five (5) or more equal innings have been played (or four and one-half (4-1/2) innings, if the home team is leading), the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner.
- C. There is no “must slide” rule. This is a judgment call, where the umpires may call out any runner who creates a safety hazard when approaching a base.
  1. Casual, or incidental, contact is not an automatic out. The easiest way to avoid a problem is to always slide to avoid contact.
- D. Balk rules, dropped third strikes, infield fly rule and leadoffs are in effect in this league.
- E. Base stealing shall be allowed.
- F. Bunting is permitted, however, under no circumstance may a batter fake a bunt and then swing away at that same pitch. Any batter doing this will be called out and all other base runners return to original base occupied.
- G. Fake Tags are not permitted
  1. First occurrence will result in warning to the fielder and the runner will remain on the base he/she occupied at the time the fake tag was attempted. Second occurrence will result in the fielder being ejected from the game and the runner will remain on the base he/she occupied at the time the fake tag was attempted.
  2. Intent is to further enhance safety

#### **H. Completion of games**

1. A regulation game shall be played to its natural conclusion adhering to number of innings specified by each league or until time limit, if provided by individual league, is met with the following exceptions; Forfeits, Rain delay/cancellation, Suspension.
2. The League Commissioner shall schedule the makeup of games.
- I. A game may be **forfeited** to the opposing team when a team—
  1. Fails to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuses to start play within fifteen (15) minutes of the appointed hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delayed appearance is, in the umpire’s judgment, unavoidable;
  2. Employs tactics palpably designed to delay or shorten the game;
  3. Refuses to continue play during a game unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire;
  4. Fails to resume play, after a suspension, within one minute after the umpire has called “Play;”
  5. After warning by the umpire, willfully and persistently violates any rule of the game.
  6. Fails to obey within a reasonable amount of time the umpire’s order for removal of a player from the game.
  7. Team fails or refuses to place eight (8) properly uniformed and equipped players on the field.
  8. If none of the criteria listed are met and the cancellation is for the convenience of one or more members of the participating teams. The team refusing to continue play shall forfeit.

#### **J. Rain Delay/Cancellation**

1. Games may be delayed or cancelled under provisions of this rule by the Glen Ellyn Park District, League Commissioner, Executive Board members.
2. Decisions to delay or cancel games will be conveyed to Managers by League Commissioner and/or posting on Glen Ellyn Park District field condition hotline (630) 858-0920.

3. A game shall only be suspended and/or cancelled following a reasonable amount of wait time.
    - a) If conditions are not improving, the official rules governing what is a complete game shall take precedence.
    - b) Because weather conditions can vary quickly, an in-progress game cannot be suspended without the umpire and both managers agreement.
  4. In the event of lightning, the safety of players shall be paramount to any decisions regarding cancellation of a pending or current game.
    - a) If the lightning detection system is activated, play shall cease immediately.
    - b) The fields, stands and all Park District areas are to be vacated.
- K. Suspended game shall be resumed** at the exact point of suspension of the original game.
1. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.
  2. The batting order of both teams shall be exactly the same as the batting order at the moment of suspension.
  3. Suspended game replay is subject to the rules governing substitute players.
  4. A player who was not at the game when the game was suspended may be used in the continuation of game.
    - a) Player will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
    - b) Player may be used as a pitcher.
  5. Innings pitched in order to complete a suspended game are tallied based on the current calendar week and count against out/innings pitched.
    - a) Forty-hour (40) rest rule applies. (Refer to section 1.15-E of GPRR.)
  6. Any pitcher may be re-placed by a pitcher who had not been in the game prior to the suspension. No pitcher removed before the suspension may be returned to the mound.
- L. A protest** based on a play, which involves an umpire's judgment, is not permitted.
1. If the protest is based upon interpretation of the rule, the objecting manager must, at the time the play occurs:
    - a) Notify the umpire that the game is being played under protest, in which case, the umpire must, in turn, notify the opposing manager and so advise the official scorer.
  2. The umpire, following the completion of the current inning, must initial the official scorebook in regard to the official point of protest and situation.
  3. Only the manager or acting manager may question the umpire's decision on rule interpretation.
    - a) Coaches are not, under any circumstances, allowed to question or protest the umpire's decision.
  4. Managers, coaches, scorekeepers and parents must not argue, intimidate or otherwise interfere with the call of an umpire.
  5. A protest shall be considered only if placed *in writing* and, submitted to the League Commissioner *within forty-eight hours* after completion of the game in question.
  6. If the League Commissioner cannot render a decision, then the Rules Committee shall be called upon to make a final decision.
  7. Even if it is held that the protested decision violates the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the League Commissioner the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.
  8. Equipment, which does not meet Little League specifications, must be removed from the game and may be the basis of protest at option of the League Commissioner.

## M. PLAYOFF GAMES

1. All teams shall compete in a post-season playoff tournament as follows.
2. The teams will be seeded based on regular season standings.
3. The League Commissioner shall determine format of the playoffs prior to the start of the regular season. Formats can be single elimination, double elimination, or a combination of both.
4. The tiebreakers for playoff qualification, including final season standings, are:
  - a) Head-to-head competition;
  - b) Head-to-head run differential;
  - c) Least total runs scored by all opponents
  - d) Most total runs scored by the team
  - e) Coin flip.
5. The league commissioner prior to the start of the playoffs will provide playoff-pitching rules. See rules *Section - .09*.
6. Home team is the higher seeded team with the following exceptions: 1) in the first championship game, the team from the winners bracket is designated the home team; 2) in the event of a final championship game between two teams, each with one loss, the home team will be decided by a single flip of the coin, winner getting the choice.
7. Regular player substitution rules apply see rule *Section - .08*.
8. *Playoff games will be played to completion and not be limited or compromised by a time limit. Coaches, Players, and Umpires should still be mindful of pace of play and do everything within reason to ensure the game does not take longer than the originally allotted time.*
  - a) *If pace of play is purposefully being slowed down the umpire has the right to insist of faster play or to call the game based on the originally allotted time.*

## 9.11 TEAM MANAGERS

### A. Meetings

1. Each League Commissioner shall hold managers' meeting prior to the start of the regular baseball season.
2. It is required that the manager of each team shall meet with the parents before the start of the season to explain team rules and regulations for conduct, and particularly to clarify why some players do not play as often as others.

### B. Code of Ethics, Manager's / Coach's

1. I understand that being given the opportunity to manage/coach youngsters is a privilege and responsibility not to be taken lightly. I understand that extreme views related to competition will not be tolerated.
2. I will follow all rules and regulations voted on and approved by the GEYBA Executive Board or it's duly appointed Committee's. These shall include current rules and those that may be amended or repealed during the current season.
3. I will frequently visit **www.glenellynbaseball.com** to check for any rule updates.
4. I understand that no protest or appeal will be heard based on "not knowing the current rules".
5. I understand that my personal differences/opinions of GEYBA Rules and Regulations are not to be voiced to players, parents or umpires.
6. In the event I feel strongly that a rule is ineffectual or unfair, I will follow the

mandated Regulation *Section 1.01-D* of GPRR to promote change.

7. I understand that all members of GEYBA are volunteers who have been dully elected/appointed to fulfill certain responsibilities. I will ensure GEYBA is a safe, fair and enjoyable organization for all involved. I will treat all members of GEYBA with respect.
8. I understand that by accepting the position as team manager, I am responsible for the actions of my players, coaches, official scorekeeper and parents (spectators). I am required/expected to intervene on behalf of youth umpires at anytime a situation requires the actions of a responsible adult to enforce GEYBA Rules. At no time will I interfere with the Umpires responsibilities without his explicit request.
9. In the event I am subject to a disciplinary review by the GEYBA Executive Board, I agree to adhere to all penalties and/or sanctions levied against me. Such penalties and/or sanctions shall be limited to those provided for by the General Playing Rules and Regulations All Leagues (*Section 1.12*)
10. I understand that I am required by the Glen Ellyn Park District to be ASEP certified. I will complete the necessary training and maintain my certification at all times I manage a GEYBA team.
11. I understand that it is my responsibility as manager to return any and all equipment in satisfactory condition, less normal wear and tear. I am responsible for any lost or stolen items. I will return equipment as directed by my league Commissioner. Equipment is the sole property of GEYBA and the Glen Ellyn Park District.

## **9.12 CONDUCT, FIELD DECORUM AND DISCIPLINE POLICY**

### **A. Intent:**

1. Maintain a Sportsmanlike environment
2. Penalize managers, teams, players and officials for violation of rules.
3. Aid in rectifying the consequences of infractions
4. Maintain the integrity of the game.
5. Maintain the integrity of GEYBA
6. Re-establish a "fair to all" situation

### **B. Field Decorum**

1. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall provide an environment for players, managers', coaches and parents free from unsportsmanlike conduct such as, but not limited to, fighting, abusive language and physical or verbal intimidation.
2. The actions of players, managers, coaches and league officials must be above reproach.
3. Managers and coaches of each team are responsible for the behavior of players and fans.
4. Uniformed players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers and umpires are the only persons permitted on the playing field just prior to and during games.
  - a. The bench is reserved for uniformed players, coaches of record, the manager and the scorekeeper.
  - b. No other person(s) are to be allowed on the bench.
  - c. All players on the offensive team not on base, at bat or on deck must remain in the bench area or in the bullpen during their at- bat.
  - d. The reserve players on the defensive team must remain in the bench area or in the bullpen.
  - e. Managers and coaches must stay behind the fence in front of their bench and are not permitted to sit in front of the fence inside the field of play

5. Smoking, or drinking of alcoholic beverages, shall not be permitted on the playing fields or on the benches before, during or after games.
  - a. Spectators are cautioned that the school district fields, the park district fields and the fields belonging to the Village of Glen Ellyn all prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on their property.
  - b.

**C. Discipline Policy**

1. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball will not tolerate willful or repeated violations of its rules for conduct. To this end the Executive Board establishes the following policy to deal with players, managers, coaches, parents and officials who violate these rules.
2. The League Commissioner is herein given the authority and responsibility to maintain the integrity of Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball.
  - a. He shall have the authority to handle and resolve any disputes or deal with any rules infractions that may arise during the league season and the playoffs.
  - b. The Commissioner is also empowered to decide on any protests or disputes regarding game situations.
  - c. He is responsible for correcting any infractions by managers, coaches and players under his direction.
  - d. The Commissioner is responsible to familiarize managers with the Rules and Regulations governing GEYBA.
3. The Commissioner has the authority to impose an initial one (1) game suspension without requesting a discipline sub-committee be convened.
  - a. This suspension cannot be appealed prior to implementation.
  - b. This suspension is not subject to action by the GEYBA Executive board
  - c. Manager has the right to appeal any suspension exceeding one (1) game to the GEYBA Executive Committee.
  - d. The Umpire supervisor can recommend suspension to the League Commissioner, but suspension will not be effective without Commissioners agreement.
4. Actions that may be taken by the League Commissioner, Chairman of Commissioners and/or the Executive Co-Chairs of GEYBA with respect to:
  - a. MANAGERS: (punitive)
    1. One (1) game suspension
    2. Recommend suspension for more than one (1) game\*.
    3. Recommend Expulsion from GEYBA for remainder of season\*.
    4. Recommend Expulsion from GEYBA for life\*.
  - b. TEAMS: (remedial)
    1. Forfeiture of game
    2. Replay game
    3. Restart game at point of infraction
    4. Accept game result, no further action
  - c. PLAYERS: (punitive)
    1. One (1) game suspension
    2. Recommend suspension for more than one (1) game\*.

3. Recommend Expulsion from GEYBA for remainder of season\*.
4. Recommend Expulsion from GEYBA for life\*.

**\*Requires the involvement of a Discipline sub-committee.**

- d. In the event League Commissioner and Exec Board member are in disagreement an Emergency meeting of the Executive Board will be convened.
  1. This meeting will be scheduled at the convenience of the Board for such time, as a quorum will be present.
5. Managers, coaches, and or players may be suspended under discretion of League Commissioner or Executive Board member for one (1) game.
  - a. If they:
    1. Are found in violation of Managers and Coaches code of ethics **Section -.11.**
    2. Violate any rule set fourth in the Rules and Regulations governing Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball.
    3. Act in a manner violating GEYBA field decorum
  - b. One (1) game suspension shall be immediate (next scheduled game.)
    1. This suspension cannot be appealed prior to implementation.
    2. This suspension is not subject to action by the GEYBA Executive board
    3. Offender may request a review by the GEYBA Executive Board. If it is found that the action did not warrant a suspension an official letter of apology will be issued.
  - c. A suspended player, manager or coach:
    1. Shall remain at minimum (500) five hundred feet from any playing field occupied by his/her team.
    2. Shall not attempt to have influence on any participant involved in the game he/she was suspended from.
    3. Violation of this section will result in an immediate two (2) game suspension and the implementation of a disciplinary review.
6. Managers, coaches, and or players will be suspended for two (2) games if
  - a. They violate a one (1) game suspension.
  - b. They are ejected from a game twice in the same season.
  - c. They verbally or physically intimidate an umpire, coach, spectator, member of another team, League Commissioners, or an Executive Board member of GEYB.
  - d. They encourage by their actions or inactions the verbal or physical abuse of an umpire or member of an opposing team.
7. Managers, coaches, and or players will be suspended for the balance of a season if:
  - a. They are ejected three (3) times in one (1) season.
8. Players, managers, coaches may be banned for a specific period of time or for life if:
  - a. They are ejected from a post-season tournament
  - b. The police have to be called because their behavior constitutes a threat to other players, managers, coaches or spectators
  - c. Their behavior consistently violates the rules of conduct as established by GEYBA

- d. Their conduct of themselves at any function involving players, managers, coaches, parents or league officials is deemed by the Executive Board of GEYBA to be detrimental to the best interests of Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball.
9. Participants Rights and Board Policy for Implementation of Discipline Policy.
- a. Violators of the official policy shall be notified within seventy-two (72) hours by telephone and then by letter of the alleged violation.
  - b. The Executive co-chair of GEYBA will schedule an emergency meeting of the Discipline Subcommittee at which time the only business to be acted on will be a review of the incident and a vote of the committee on the appropriate action.
  - c. The Discipline Subcommittee will consist of the Chairman of the Commissioners, the Umpire Director and the Commissioner of the League in which the violations occurred.
    - 1. In the event being a witness to the alleged infraction compromises anyone of these officers or they are unavailable the Executive co-chair of GEYBA will appoint members of the Executive Board of GEYBA to fill any vacancy.
  - d. The alleged violators must be informed of the meeting and offered the opportunity to present their version of the incident.
  - e. The violator must be notified immediately after the vote of the penalty imposed, either in person or by telephone. This is to be followed by formal written notice of the committee's action.
  - f. The violator has the right to request a hearing before the full Executive Board in cases involving suspension for more than two (2) games. This meeting will be scheduled at the convenience of the Board for such time, as a quorum will be present. The Board will review the incident and the actions of the Discipline Subcommittee and either affirm or reject the decision of the committee.
  - g. If the decision of the Discipline Subcommittee is reversed the Board must then decide on an appropriate remedy.
  - h. There is no appeal of the decisions of the Executive Board of Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball.
  - i. A majority vote of the full Executive Board is necessary to confirm the decision of the Discipline Subcommittee in cases calling for the dismissal of a player, manager, coach or other participant for more than one (1) season.