

# **GLEN ELLYN YOUTH BASEBALL**

## **2008 Baseball Season Section 3.00**

### **T-BALL LEAGUE RULES (KINDERGARTEN)**

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- 3.01 General**
  - A. The rules in this section are specifically for the **T-Ball Kindergarten**. 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.

- B. See General Playing Rules and Regulations (*Section 1.01 GPPR*) for specifics on procedure to amend or repeal any rules in this section.
- C. The **T-Ball Kindergarten** is for youngsters presently in Kindergarten.
- D. 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.
- E. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball is a program offered by the Glen Ellyn Park District.
  - 1. Information can be obtained at [www.glenellynbaseball.com](http://www.glenellynbaseball.com) or [www.gepark.org](http://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.
- F. The registrants of the league are under the direction of the League Commissioner.

### **3.02 TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

- A. In the T-Ball League, manager shall have the option of his child, a coach's child and brother/sister by approval of the League commissioner.
  - 1. They are however, not obliged to have any of these children on their team.
- B. 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.
- C. Does not apply to this league.
- D. There is no Tournament (Travel) Team offered at this level.

### **3.03 EVALUATIONS AND DRAFT**

Does not apply to this league.

### **3.04 CALENDAR WEEK, SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

- A. Calendar week does not apply in this league.
- B. No team shall be scheduled to play more than three games in any week except in the case of a rainout. Any game rained out may be played on the earliest open date, as scheduled by the League Commissioner.
- C. A practice schedule for each team giving the field, the date and the time shall be given each manager.

### **3.05 FIELD SETUP, EQUIPMENT**

- A. **Field set-up:**
  - 1. Base paths shall be forty-five (45) feet long.
  - 2. Pitcher's rubber shall be (40) forty feet from home plate.

**B. Equipment:**

1. Baseballs supplied by Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall be used in all games.
2. Each team will supply a new baseball at the start of each game.
3. Game balls must be returned to the team of origin at the end of the game.
4. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall provide batting helmets and a batting tee to each team.
5. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall provide a team hat and shirt to all players.
6. Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
7. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall provide bats of appropriate size.
8. Players may provide their own bats if desired.
9. Glen Ellyn Youth Baseball shall not provide scorebooks.
10. Each League Commissioner is responsible for assisting with the organization of the issuing and turning in of all uniforms and equipment for their Leagues.
11. The Equipment Manager will advise the Commissioner of the issue and turn-in dates.
12. It is the responsibility of each manager to return any and all equipment in satisfactory condition, less normal wear and tear.
13. Manager is responsible for any lost or stolen items.
14. Manager will return equipment as directed by League Commissioner.
15. Equipment is the sole property of GEYBA and the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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

Refer to rules *Section -.10*

**3.07 GENERAL PLAYING RULES OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK**

- A. Duration of game play
  1. Maximum game length is **(1) one hour**
  2. If time allows a game will consist of up to **(5) five innings**
  3. Starting times of games may be delayed 15 minutes if a team has fewer than seven (7) players.
  4. If managers agree, the game may start even if a team has fewer than seven (7) players.
- B. A half inning shall consist of having all players bat regardless of the number of outs.
- C. The home team will bat last.
- D. The batting line-up shall consist of every team member in alphabetical order at the first inning of the first game of the season, and must be rotated so that the players batting first, second and third shall bat at the bottom of the order for the next inning, thus allowing the batters batting 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, to bat 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second inning of play, and so on.
  1. A player arriving after his/her normal time at bat shall be placed at the bottom of the order.
- E. All players will play on defense, with no more than six (6) players in the infield.
  1. Pitcher, 3<sup>rd</sup> base, shortstop, directly behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, and 1<sup>st</sup> base.
  2. All others are to play in the outfield.

3. There is no catcher position.
  4. The pitcher must stand with at least one (1) foot near the rubber until the ball is hit. (Near the pitcher's mound with the intent not to hurt the pitcher).
  5. The first and third basemen shall be no more than two (2) steps inside the base path.
  6. The first and second basemen shall be positioned between first and second base.
  7. The second basemen and shortstop must play to the outfield side of the base paths.
  8. The shortstop and third basemen shall be positioned between second and third base.
  9. The defensive player playing immediately behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base shall be positioned five (5) feet behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base (this position is required only if there are more than five (5) infielders).
- F. In no case shall the defensive positions impede the ability for a runner to advance to the next base (teach the kids to position themselves away from the base paths).
- G. The outfielders shall be evenly distributed across the outfield and no closer than twenty (20) feet to the base paths.
1. No outfielder shall be allowed to make a direct force out.
- H. No player shall play the same infield position more than one (1) inning per game.
1. Managers should use their discretion in allowing players who cannot catch the ball to play 1<sup>st</sup> base (it's a safety thing).
- I. No player shall play in the infield more than two (2) consecutive innings.
- J. No player shall play in the infield more than three (3) innings per game and no player shall play more than two (2) consecutive innings in the outfield.
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    - a) **INTENT:** To let every player on the team experience infield play.
- K. The team at bat will announce the last batter to the opposing team before placing the ball on the tee. If the fielding team is not informed prior to having the last player bat, play shall revert back to the point prior to the last players batting and he/she shall bat again.
- L. There will be no score or official standings kept or published.
- M. No playoffs will be held.

### **3.08 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

Does not apply to this league.

### **3.09 PITCHING RULES**

Does not apply to this league.

### **3.10 RULES GOVERNING PLAY, OFFICIAL COMPLETION OF GAMES**

- A. Little League rules apply except as amended by these T-Ball League rules set forth herein.
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- B. After the first 5 games, beginning with game 6, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning of play, each batter will be given the opportunity to hit a thrown pitch by his/her coach. The coach shall pitch the ball slowly, underhand, from a distance of approximately 20 feet. Each batter will be given 2 pitches to hit the ball in fair play. If the batter does not putt the pall in fair play after 3 pitches, the ball will be placed on the tee and the batter shall hit the ball off the tee.
  - 1. The coach/pitcher of team hitting will pitch to his/her own team and will not interfere with balls hit into fair play.
- C. No on deck swinging is allowed.
  - 1. For each game, the team's first infraction shall be a warning.
  - 2. Any subsequent infraction shall have the player in violation declared out for her/his next immediate at-bat.
- D. Base runners shall advance one base at a time and only one base per each at bat. The only exception is when the last batter of the inning comes to the plate, as noted in section 3.10.E.
  - 1. While there is no need for a dead ball rule, on a ball hit to the outfield, play should stop once the ball is either in the position of an infielder or on the ground inside the infield boundaries. At that time the ball should be returned to one of the coaches.
- E. When the last batter of the inning comes to the plate, it will be assumed that there are two (2) outs, and the next out will end the inning.
  - 1. In addition to normal outs, since the batter may continue running until an out is made, the fielding team may make a force out by touching any base ahead of the runner. If the batter/runner makes no real effort to advance, play shall stop, and the inning shall be over.
    - a) For the safety of all the players, once an out is determined to have been made (subject to the judgment of the coaches on the field), play shall stop.
- F. Players cannot advance on overthrows to first and third base.
- G. Base runners will remain on the base even when they are thrown out, except if a runner is clearly thrown out at first base. While it is important where possible to reinforce base running knowledge, it is also important to reinforce and recognize the development of good fielding in preparation for subsequent leagues.
- H. There is no base stealing or lead offs.
  - 1. Runners must remain on the base until the ball is hit.
  - 2. A runner, who leaves early may be put out, but may not advance more than one (1) base ahead of the runner behind him/her.
  - 3. Runners may be called out if this rule is abused.
    - a) **INTENT:** Not to penalize batter or to embarrass runner.
- I. The defensive players must remain in their respective positions as previously described until the batter hits the ball.
  - 1. If they fail to do so, the manager of the batting team may elect to have the play stand, or to have the runners advance one (1) base and the batter hit again.
- J. The batter must take a full, hard swing (10' arc for fair ball).
  - 1. No bunting.
- K. There is no infield fly rule.
- L. Sliding is permitted.

1. Sliding into or running into a defensive player with the intent to dislodge the ball is not permitted.
  2. Managers should discourage sliding into first base, and teach the runner to run thru the bag at first base.
- M. A batter is out when;
1. The bat is thrown recklessly in the air and lands more than ten (10) feet from home plate
  2. The batter carries the bat to first base.
  3. If a member of the batting team touches the ball while it is still in play
    - a) The ball shall be dead and the runners must return to their previous base
    - b) The play shall be over and the runners must return to the last base they touched.
- N. Once the batting order has been established, it must be followed for the entire game.
1. Players batting out of order are automatically out and runners must return to their previous base.
- O. If a batted ball strikes a defensive coach or manager in fair territory, the runners may advance one (1) base in addition to the base they reach at the end of the play.
- P. The batter is not to touch the tee.
1. An adjustment of the tee may be requested by the batter, but must be made by the manager.
  2. The ball should be placed on the tee so that it is between the knees and waist.
  3. The tee may be no higher than the batters waist.
- Q. No member of the batting team except those safely on base and the first and third base coaches may be within the field of play.
1. Infractions will result in calling a team out and ending their turn at bat.
- R. Runners missing a base will not be called out.
- S. Each team will consist of its roster of players; a manager and its league approved coaches.
1. No others may be at the bench area during the game.
  2. Players must remain seated on the team bench, or in their assigned position (fielding, batting, base running) at all times.
  3. A manager or coach may be in the home plate area for the purpose of providing instruction to the batter.
  4. He/she must not interfere with the play when the ball is in play.
- T. The defensive team may have two (2) adults in the outfield for instruction purposes.
1. Instructions may come before, during and after play.
- U. Base coaches shall consist of one (1) adult at first and at third base (one coach per base).
1. The coaches must remain in the designated or normal coaching area.
  2. If coach touches a runner while the ball is in play, the runner may be called out.

### **3.11 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.

**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](http://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)..
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.

**3.12 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.
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.
6. No spectator or member of either team shall stand in back of the backstop, or wings of the backstop, during the game.
  - a. The manager of each team or league officials shall strictly enforce this rule. Repeated violations during the same game or constant violations during the season will constitute grounds for forfeiture of a game or games.

**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 GEYB.

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-B** of GPRR.
    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.