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1. League Season

- a. The league season will begin on April 18, 2009 and will continue until playoffs are concluded. The regular season will consist of twenty games. Although most games will be played on the weekend, there will also be games scheduled during the week.

2. Playoffs

- a. All teams will qualify for the playoffs. The seeding for the playoffs will be via blind draw which took place on draft night. The format will depend on the number of teams in the division. The playoffs will use a double elimination format. The home team will be determined by a coin flip. Special playoff rules will be published separately if needed. Playoffs will start around the middle of June and be concluded on or around July 1st.

3. Use of Players

- a. All players on a team's roster will bat in consecutive order. A player arriving after the start of a game is added to the end of the order. The opposing manager must be notified.
- b. All players must play a minimum of four innings. In official games shortened due to weather, time limit or darkness, this rule will then not apply.
- c. Except for reasons of physical ailment, a player cannot be on the bench for consecutive innings.
- d. Any violations of the use of players should be reported to a division commissioner. All violations of player use rules will be noted on the Official Game Record for that game. Any manager violating a player-use rule is subject to discipline by the league commissioner, which may include suspension for one game for the first violation. A second violation of this rule will result in an automatic suspension of the manager for the next game. A third violation will result in managerial suspension for the rest of the current season and managerial and / or coaching disqualification for the next season.
- e. No player can sit two innings until all players have sat at least one inning.
- f. All players must play an infield position at least twice during a game. All positions in the infield including pitcher and catcher are considered an infield position.

4. Replacements

- a. If a team loses a player for the season, the manager must notify the committee president. The league, at its discretion, will provide a substitute player for the remainder of the season.
- b. If less than 9 players are available for a game teams can pull from any team in the AAA division. The substitute player must be a paid member of one of the above mentioned BYB teams.



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- c. A substitute player must play. A substitute player must bat last and can only play in the outfield.
- d. If a rostered player shows up late to the game, and a substitute player is playing, the substitute can remain in the game and play for the duration of the game provided there are less than nine rostered team players. The substitute player will remain in the batting order in his designated spot. The late arriving roster player(s) will be added to the bottom of the order.
- e. If a rostered player shows up after the game has started and the manager can then field a full team of nine rostered players, the substitute player must be removed from the game at the completion of the “in-process” inning.
- f. Replacement players cannot be used if their House Team is playing at the same time. This would be considered an illegal player and would result in a forfeit for the team violating the rule.
- g. The fact that a team has only 8 players will not result in an automatic out when the ninth position comes to bat.

5. Base Running

- a. A pinch runner must be used if the catcher is on base with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out.
- b. Leadoffs are allowed.
- c. Stealing 2nd, 3rd, and home is allowed.
- d. Sliding: Sliding or avoiding contact is required at all bases in all potential play situations. All runners slide straight to all bases. There will be no attempt at breaking up a double play. Violation of this rule will result in the base runner being called “out”. **A runner may only slide head-first back to a bag from a lead-off position. All other slides must be led by the feet.**
- e. STEALING: There is no limit to the length of a lead-off at any base. A base runner may steal one (1) base per batter, in the absence of a passed ball. All runners may advance at any time on all passed balls at their own risk, including home.
 - (i.e. A batter walks or hits a single. While the subsequent batter is up, the base runner may only steal 2nd, not 3rd.)
 - (i.e. A batter hits a double. While the subsequent batter is up, the runner may steal 3rd)
 - (i.e. Reach first. Next batter up. Steal 2nd with no passed ball. Batter strikes out. Runner may now steal 3rd without a passed ball during the next batter.
- f. Coaches must not at any time physically “aid” a base runner. If this situation arises, the umpire will call the base runner “out” and give the offending coach a warning.



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- g. The “Dropped Third Strike Rule”: A batter may run on a dropped third strike as long as first base is not occupied, or there are two outs. Dropped 3rd strike situations may be as follows:
- Batter swings and misses pitch for 3rd strike, and the catcher drops the ball upon attempting to catch it.
 - Batter swings and misses pitch for 3rd strike, and the ball gets past the catcher without the catcher touching the ball.
 - Batter swings and misses pitch for 3rd strike, and the ball has bounced on the ground before the catcher catches the pitch successfully without dropping the ball.
 - Batter does not swing at the pitch, but the umpire calls the pitch for 3rd strike, and the catcher drops the ball upon attempting to catch it.
 - Batter does not swing at the pitch, but the umpire calls the pitch for 3rd strike, and the ball gets past the catcher.
- h. Squeeze Plays at Home:
- No Suicide Squeeze – the runner may not attempt to steal home until the batter makes contact with the ball or until the ball crosses the plate and gets away from the catcher.

Slash Hitting – as the pitcher is going through his motion, the batter may not show bunt, then pull back, and then slash or swing at the ball when it’s delivered. The batter may; however, show bunt and change to a normal hitting stance before the pitcher begins his motion

6. 6. Batting

- a. All players on a team’s roster will bat in consecutive order. The number of players fielded that day will determine the length of the individual team’s batting order. Batters will bat in their assigned position, regardless of whether or not they have played defensively in that inning. If a player is added to the batting order after the game has begun, he/she must be placed at the bottom of the order. Likewise, if a player must leave the game for any reason, the spot shall be vacated and all other batters below shall be moved up one position.
- b. If a player leaves the game for any reason and the team is left with only eight players, his/her absence will not be counted as an “out”.



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- c. All batters must wear an approved batting helmet at all times when they are out of the dugout. This includes the time approaching the plate, the full time at bat, time spent on the bases or in the baselines, and returning to the dugout. Helmets shall not be removed until a player is safely in the dugout.
- d. There may be not more than one on-deck batter outside the dugout at any time.
- e. All bats and equipment shall be removed immediately from the field so as not to pose a safety hazard to fielders.
- f. No batter or fielder may display his/her temper by throwing any piece of equipment either on the field or in the dugout, or by arguing with the umpire. The umpire in charge at his discretion may issue a team warning for the first violation of any of the above rules. Subsequent violations may result in a player being rejected and/or the violating team being assessed an (out).
- g. A batter may not throw his/her bat intentionally in the process of batting. No warning shall be needed before the umpire may declare a batter 'out' for intentionally throwing a bat. The umpire's discretionary call is final.
- h. The barrel width of the bat may not exceed 2 3/4 inches.
- i. All teams are responsible for picking up everything in the dugouts after every game.
- j. The third base coach must not be positioned or move down the third-base line at a time or in a position to distract either the pitcher or the hitter. The umpire will issue a single warning. Thereafter, the batter will be declared out if the third base coach is improperly positioned or moves inappropriately.

7. Pitching

- a. For this rules section, a week is considered (7) consecutive days starting from the date of first pitch.
- b. BALK: There will be a warning issued by the umpire for the first balk each pitcher makes; thereafter, each balk will be enforced. An umpire call for a balk is a "dead ball" situation and upon a balk warning the runners remain at the base from which they started.
- c. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game, he may not be reinstated to pitch again.



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- d. New pitchers will get as many warm ups as the umpire feels are needed with a maximum of 8 pitches.
- e. A pitcher must be removed if he hits 2 batters in an inning or 3 batters in a game, but may continue the game in another position.
- f. The pitching distance will be 48 feet.
- g. Pitch limit per game will be 65
- h. Pitch limit per week will be 90 based on the calendar week from Sunday 12:01 a.m. through Saturday 11:59 p.m.
- i. Maximum innings per game: 4 innings
- j. Maximum innings per week: 6 innings
- k. After throwing one pitch to a batter, the pitcher shall be considered as having pitched in one inning.
- l. Players cannot pitch consecutive days
- m. 30-49 pitches per game require 2 days rest before the player may pitch again. A day of rest is the full day following the game pitched, so if a player pitches on Monday and throws up to 49 pitches, he may not pitch until Thursday.
- n. 50-59 pitches will require 3 days rest before the pitcher may pitch again. So if he pitches on Monday and throws up to 59 pitches, he may not pitch until Friday.
- o. 60-65 pitches per game require a 4-day rest before the pitcher may pitch again. If he pitches 60-65 pitches on Monday, he may not pitch until Saturday.
- p. Pitchers are not allowed to wear long white sleeves.
- q. Players in violation of any of the pitching rules will be considered an ineligible player for the rest of the game and suspended for the next playable game.
- r. Any violations to the pitching rules will result in an automatic game forfeiture for the offending team for the game to which the violation applies and a one-game suspension for the offending manager. Such violation will be noted on the Official Game Record. This will also apply to a second pitching violation.
- s. A third violation will result in the automatic forfeiture of the game, suspension of the manager for the rest of the season, and ineligibility for managing and / or coaching for the next season.
- t. Upon completion of the season, all such suspensions will be forwarded to the secretary of the BYB/S Executive Board.
- u. **Official Game Record: The home team manager is responsible for maintaining the Official Game Record. The game record will be filled out in its entirety, signed by the managers of both teams and the umpire and**



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faxed to the league commissioner the next day. The purpose of the Official Game Record is threefold:

- Record the innings pitched by individual pitchers for both teams.
- Provide a record for the score of the game.
- Provide a record of any and all warnings, forfeits, and / or suspensions issued by the game umpire.

Please email League Commissioner game report every Monday. Include pitching and inning for both teams and final score.

8. Game Time and Preparation

- a. **Home team is required to take the third base dugout and initial use of the field. Visiting team uses the first base dugout and is entitled to a pregame warm up on the infield. Since the game time will be strictly adhered to, managers must provide discretion and fairness in the usage of warm up time. Due to field time restraints, the amount of pregame warm-up will be determined by the umpire.**
- b. No full inning will begin after 1 hour 45 minutes unless four innings have not been completed (3 1/2 if the home team is ahead).
- c. If the following day is a school day, no full inning may start after 10:00 PM.
- d. Tie games will not be resumed.
- e. No games will exceed six full innings during the regular season unless the game is tied, Rule 10b is not in effect, and the extra inning will not infringe upon the scheduled start time of the next game.
- f. All games will begin at the published start time, unless the game before has exceeded its allotted time.
- g. If a game is called due to rain, it is an official game if 4 innings have been completed (3.5 innings if home team is ahead).
- h. If a game is called due to rain and it is an official game, the score for the game will revert back to the score of the last completed inning.
- i. If a game is called due to rain and is not an official game, the game will not be counted for either team.
- j. First Aid Kits will be located in the concession stands both at F.O.D. and Langendorf Park, should you need one.
- k. All team players are encouraged to wear supporters, sliding pants and a protective cup. All catchers must wear a protective cup.
- l. Players are not allowed to wear metal cleats. Baseball shoes with rubber cleats are strongly recommended; although athletic shoes without cleats are allowed.



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- m. Any manager or coach suspended and/or ejected from any game or who causes his/her team to forfeit a game due to rules violations, may appeal the BYB Executive Board of a hearing. All such appeals will be presented in writing to the Division Commissioner who will forward it to the secretary of the BYB Executive Board.

9. Suspension and Forfeitures

- a. A team must have a minimum of 6 players from a team's roster and a minimum of 8 players including replacement players at the start of the game. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture.
- b. A manager cannot discuss any judgment call. The first violation will result in a warning; the second violation will result in ejection.
- c. The use of profanity by players, fans, managers, or coaches is prohibited. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any nature will result in ejection.
- d. Any manager or coach ejected from the game will automatically be suspended for the next game. An ejection will result in review by the BYB Executive Board.
- e. A manager is responsible for the conduct of his team and fans. If team members or fans engage in un-sportsmanlike conduct, the umpire shall warn the team's manager. If there is a second incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, the umpire shall inform the BYB&S Board.
- f. No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any manager or coach while on the field or in the dugout will be allowed.

10. Miscellaneous

- a. "In-Field Fly Rule": The "in-field fly rule" will be in effect when there is less than two outs and there are men on first and second or first, second, and third. The umpire will call "in-field fly rule" in these cases and the batter is "Out".
- b. When your team is batting you are only allowed 2 coaches on the field - the first and third base coaches.
- c. When your team is in the field, you are not allowed to have coaches on the field of play unless you have requested the umpire to call time out and have received a time out or there is an injured player.
- d. A team must have a minimum of 6 players from a team's roster and a minimum of 8 players including replacement players at the start of the game. Failure to have the required minimum number of players within ten (10) minutes of the official start time shall result in forfeiture called by the umpire.



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- e. Any manager or coach ejected from the game will automatically be suspended for the next game. A third ejection will result in an automatic suspension for the rest of the season and ineligibility for a manager and/or coach position for next season. All such ejections will be noted on the Official Game Record.
- f. If you have any complaints regarding umpires, coaches, etc., notate it on the Official Game Record and report it to the League Commissioner. Do not create a situation that would jeopardize the integrity of Barrington Youth Baseball.
- g. Respect all umpire decisions. If you need to question the umpire, you must discuss it in a respectful way. Vehement disagreement with the umpire will be noted on the Official Game Record. The umpire at his discretion may eject the offending manager or coach

11. Threatening Weather and Lightning Conditions

- a. Threatening weather conditions and/or lightning will end the game or practice session. The activation of a lightning detector regardless of existing weather conditions or a visual sighting of lightning will end the game or practice session at that point. Due to the lack of lightning safe, enclosed structures, the Station Fields (Lines & Station), the FOD facility or Park District (Langendorf or Beese) will be cleared of all persons in lightning conditions. All players, spectators, coaches and managers are to move to an area of safety i.e. Langendorf Park Field House, High School Gym (if available) or a motor vehicle with a metal roof. Areas around the concession stands are **not** considered safe areas. No one will be allowed into the Station Fields, FOD Facility or Park District field area while a lightning detector is activated.
- b. Games scheduled to start while a lightning detector is activated will be cancelled as a rain out if the delay due to the activation exceeds fifteen minutes past the games posted starting time.
- c. Practice sessions will be delayed until the lightning detector or condition has cleared. No one will be allowed to practice until a detector has cleared.
- d. No one will be allowed into the Station/Lines Fields, FOD Facility or Park District field area while a lightning detector is activated. Dropping off players by parents or guardians will not be permitted until the activation has cleared. For safety considerations, everyone shall remain in their cars while a lightning detector is activated or lightning conditions exist.

12. OFFICIAL RULES

- a. The Official Illinois High School Baseball Rules are the rules governing the BYB Major Division.



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However, where noted, the BYB house rules supersede the Official High School Rules.