



COLTS LEAGUE RULES

Effective Date: February 24, 2019

GENERAL RULES:

1. The home team is responsible for setting up the field bases, and batting tee) before the game, and the visiting team is responsible for breaking down the field after the game. Both teams are responsible for ensuring that the field is properly raked after the game. (Always rake in the direction the baserunners run - never perpendicular to the grass line).
2. Each team will be issued a team bag with batting helmets with chin straps, a one-size fits all batting helmet with a facemask, a bat, and a bucket of baseballs. A bag with two sets of catcher's gear (mask/helmet, chest protector, shin guards, and 2 catcher's mitts) are located in the field shed. A batter's chest protector, medical kit and disposal ice packs are available upon request and kept in the equipment sheds. Please return the catcher's gear bag to the shed when your game is completed. Should anything be broken, lost or otherwise unusable, please notify the QYBA Equipment Manager so that it can be replaced as soon as possible. Replacement items will be supplied promptly.
3. Please use the coaching bucket baseballs for the game.
4. All uniforms provided by QYBA are to remain unaltered. No names or patches may be added or alterations made without the approval of the board.

COACHES:

1. The Board will consider all factors in choosing Colts League Head Coaches, including but not limited to prior QYBA or other organization coaching experience, seniority with QYBA. New persons to QYBA will make their interest in coaching known at registration.
2. Coaches are only permitted to head coach one team in QYBA. They will not be permitted to coach one team in the Colts League, and another in a different league.
3. Coaching responsibilities include:
 - a. Mandatory attendance of all QYBA Coaching Clinics.
 - b. Always following the QYBA Code of Conduct.
 - c. Assigning a Team Mom. (optional)
 - d. Ensure League playing time rules are strictly followed.



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- e. Secure team participation in "Field Work Day", a day designated by the QYBA Board of Directors to prepare the fields for the upcoming baseball season.
- f. Enforce Code of Conduct with your team's players, coaches and parents.
- g. All Head Coaches and Assistant coaches must produce a QYBA approved Background check to the Board before the first practice.
- h. Teams are encouraged to practice at least two times per week prior to opening day.
- i. Each team is encouraged to continue practices after the start of the season.
- j. Practices should focus on fundamentals.

GAME RULES:

1. A game will consist of no more than 6 innings (subject to available time and daylight, usually only getting in 3 to 4 innings).
2. The batting order consists of all available players for the entire game and must remain consistent throughout the game. For the first half of the season, until May 1st, every batter will bat in every inning, regardless of outs against. After May 1st, all Colts games will be played in three outs per inning.
3. Games are no longer than two (2) hours. If other teams are waiting to play and you have gone over the time limit, you must vacate the field immediately.
4. Teams will play with all defensive players. Never have players on the bench.
5. Pitching will be done by an offensive coach for each team
6. **Each batter will receive five (5) hittable pitches from the offensive coach. If a batter is not successful in hitting the ball into play after five (5) pitches, then the batter must use the batting tee.** When a batting tee is used, one of the offensive team's coaches is responsible for setting up and removing the tee in case there is a play at the plate.
7. When a ball is hit to the infield, all runners can advance one base. However, when a ball is hit into the outfield, all runners can only advance a maximum of 2 bases.
8. Runners cannot advance on overthrows.
9. Sliding is allowed under a coach's guidance. Head first slides and aggressive slides, intended to disrupt a defensive player are not permitted.
10. The batter and all runners on base **MUST** wear a batting helmet at all times
11. There are no strikeouts, walks, bunting or stealing.



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12. Outs are to be counted. When the batter or runner on base is put out, the player must return to the bench. Each team will continue to bat even after (3) outs have been made and everyone has batted, until May 1st.
13. Outfielders cannot make a play at a base in the infield. Outfielders are encouraged to throw the ball into the infield when a play is being made at a base.
14. The defensive team must field a catcher unless there are fewer than nine (9) defensive players available. One of the batting team's coaches will handle the catching duties when the defensive team is unable to field a catcher. Under these circumstances, another defensive player from the field must make the plays at the plate.
15. The catcher must wear all the protective equipment (mask, helmet, chest protector and shin pads). All male players who are catching must wear a cup.
16. No player is to play an outfield position for more than two (2) innings in a row. All players should be rotated through all of the various field positions throughout the course of the season (at the coach's discretion).
17. On-field instruction should be given throughout the game. As many as three (3) coaches from the defensive teams are permitted on the field to instruct the fielders. Defensive coaches in the outfield are optional. The batting team should have two (2) base coaches to assist the runners and one (1) batting coach to assist the batter.
18. Head coaches and assistant coaches should guide all activities to ensure that they are safe, informative, and fun for all players. The primary goal of this division is to instruct the kids and to prepare them for the next level of play.
19. Always be positive in your remarks and encourage good play and sportsmanship.
20. **NO OFFICIAL SCORE IS KEPT.**



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Amendment History

Date	Description
2/21/2011	Initial approval at Board Meeting
1/20/2014	Changes to the coach responsibility certification and playing rules for the catcher were removed.
11/20/2017	Updates rules
02/15/2019	General, Rule 2 updated to make batter's chest protector available upon request. Coaches, Rule 3 practice section updated. Miscellaneous spelling, grammatical errors corrected.