

# Quakertown Youth Baseball Association

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## Colts League Rules

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. The home team is responsible for setting up the field (pitching machine, bases, and batting tee) before the game, and the visiting team is responsible for breaking down the field after the game. All necessary equipment for preparing the fields are in wheelbarrows for Colts use only located in the Unami Park Shed or the Equipment Room at the Quakertown Fields at Memorial Park.
2. Both teams are responsible for ensuring that the field is properly raked after the game and returning the equipment wheelbarrow to the Unami Park Shed or the Equipment Room at the Quakertown Fields at Memorial Park.
3. Each team will be issued a team bag with batting helmets with chin straps, a one-size fits all batting helmet with a facemask, batters chest protector and a Bat. A bag with two sets of catcher's gear (mask/helmet, chest protector, shin guards and 3 catcher's mitts), a medical kit and disposal ice packs are in the equipment wheelbarrow located in the Unami Park Shed or the Equipment Room at the Quakertown Fields at Memorial Park. This bag will be returned with the wheelbarrow after the game. Each manager is responsible for this team bag. 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.
4. A bucket of used baseballs will be provided for the pitching machine and will be in the wheelbarrow located in the Unami Park Shed or the Equipment Room at the Quakertown Fields at Memorial Park. Please use these baseballs for the pitching machine and not new ones. Return the baseballs to the shed when your game is completed. The incredible balls you will receive for team practices will not work properly with the pitching machine because they are too soft.
5. 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. Coaching candidates must notify the QYBA Board of Directors before the February Board Meeting of their interest.
2. The Board will consider all factors in choosing Colt 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.

3. Head Coaches are only permitted to coach one team in QYBA. They will not be permitted to coach one team in the Colt League, and another in a different league.
  - a. Coaching responsibilities include:
    - i. Attending mandatory Coaching Clinics.
    - ii. Always following the QYBA Code of Conduct.
    - iii. Assigning a Team Mom.
    - iv. Assure League playing time rules are strictly followed.
    - v. 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.
    - vi. Enforce Code of Conduct with your team's players, coaches and parents.
    - vii. All Head Coaches and Assistant coaches must produce a Pennsylvania State Background check to the Board before the first practice.
    - viii. Gathering all signed "Code of Conduct" forms from their coaches, players, and parents and handing them into a Board member prior to the first schedule game.

#### **RULES:**

1. A game will consist of six (6) innings (subject to available daylight).
2. The batting order consists of all available players for the entire game and must remain consistent throughout the game.
3. Teams will play with all defensive players. Never have players on the bench.
4. All pitching will be done by a pitching machine. One of the offensive teams coaches will operate the pitching machine. That coach will also act as umpire.
5. Each batter will receive five (5) hittable pitches from the machine. 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.
6. When a ball is hit to the infield, all runners advance one base. When a ball is hit into the outfield, all runners can advance until the defense has control of the ball in the infield.
7. Runners can advance on overthrows until the defense has control of the ball in the infield, but cannot advance on overthrows to first base.

8. Sliding is allowed under a coach's guidance. Headfirst slides and aggressive slides, intended to disrupt a defensive player are not permitted.
9. The Batter and all runners on base MUST wear a batting helmet with a chin strap at all times
10. There are no strikeouts, walks, bunting or stealing.
11. Outs are to be counted. When the batter or a runner on base is put out, he must return to the bench.
12. Each team will continue to bat until everyone has batted.
13. All outfielders must remain beyond the dirt infield at all times. If an outfielder carries the ball into the infield or enters the infield to make a play, all runners safely advance.
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 of the protective equipment (mask, helmet, chest protector and shin pads). Players are required to wear a cup.
16. There will be a 12-foot circle around the pitching machine that will be a no entry zone for players. The offensive coach working the pitching machine will be responsible for keeping players from entering this area. No player will be positioned in the arc of the circle in front of the pitching machine.
17. No player is to play an outfield position for more than two (2) innings in a game, unless that game goes to six (6) innings, at which point during the sixth inning any player may be placed in an outfield position for a total of three (3) innings in any outfield position in one game. All players should be rotated through all of the various field positions throughout the course of the season.
18. On-field instruction should be given throughout the game. As many as three (3) coaches from the defensive team are permitted on the field to instruct the fielders. Defensive coaches in the outfield are optional. As noted above, one of the offensive coaches will operate the pitching machine. The batting team should have two (2) base coaches to assist the runners and one (1) batting coach to assist the batter.
19. 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. Always be positive in your remarks and encourage good play and sportsmanship.
20. No official score is to be kept.
21. Rainouts can be rescheduled at the discretion of the two coaches based on field availability.

