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- **Age Group Directors**

Please make your age group director the first point of contact with any discrepancy, complaint or inquiry.

• 7U & 8U Director	Doug Hare	doughare@coybl.org	614-778-1391
• 9U Director	Pete Tarnapoll	pete.tarnapoll@gmail.com	614-563-1905
• 10U Director	Nate Whisner	natewhisner@gmail.com	740-258-0550
• 11U Director	Doug White	GBC2513@gmail.com	614-537-6623
• 12U Director	Pete Tarnapoll	pete.tarnapoll@gmail.com	614-563-1905
• 13U Director	Brad Elgin	belgin858@gmail.com	614-537-0956
• 14U Director	Mark Dountz	mdountz@gmail.com	614-989-3874
• 15/16U Director	Doug Hare	doughare@coybl.org	614-778-1391

- **Alcohol**

- COYBL has a zero tolerance/no alcohol policy.
- Alcohol is not permitted at any COYBL events, including practices, games, team functions, etc.)
- Any violation of this policy will result in an immediate band from COYBL.

- **Posting of Rosters**

- It is required that all teams post their roster online at www.nations-baseball.com for insurance purposes and for playing in a Nations event.
 - Please contact Nate Whisner: nate.whisner@nations-baseball.com for assistance with any Nations Baseball questions or inquiries.

- **Compliance**

- COYBL requires that all coaches and anyone that interacts with youth players in COYBL be current and compliant on the Ohio laws for “HeadsUp” concussion training, “Lindsay’s Law Sudden Cardiac Arrest” training and the federal law for the “Safe Sport Act”.
- Parents must also be current and compliant on the Ohio law “Lindsay’s Law Sudden Cardiac Arrest” training. This is done through the COYBL site – No paper copies accepted for better trackability.
- Everything a coach or parent needs to know on these laws can be found on our player safety page on the COYBL web site.

- **Sportsmanship**

- All head coaches are responsible for the actions of all coaches, players and parents on their teams.
- All players, coaches, parents and fans are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- Any player, coach, parent or fan, whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will, at minimum be warned and may be removed from the playing field and/or complex at the discretion of the umpires.
- Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated at any time.
- Cursing or throwing of equipment will be an automatic ejection.



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- If a coach or team will not restrain and control its players, coaches, parents and fans, the players, coaches or team involved may be banned from league play for the season and possibly for the following year if deemed severe.
- Taunting of any kind against the other team will not be tolerated. Players and or coaches that take part in this will be removed from the game and park by the umpires immediately and will also serve another game suspension or if severe, may be banned from league play for a time to be determined by the league.

• **League Standings and Posting of Scores**

- Final scores and pitching stats for all COYBL games are to be posted to the web site within 24 hours of the completion of each game. Any violation will result in a forfeit.
- Standings are determined by wins and losses, as well as winning percentage within your own division. **DO NOT POST ANY TIES.** Ties will be treated as a loss at the end of the season.
 - Games that are played outside of the division will not be considered when determining division standings. The games outside your division will be recorded in the overall win and loss column only.
- Any ties in the divisional standings on the final day will be decided by a one game playoff. There will be no Co-Champions.

• **Lightening and Inclement Weather**

- **Recognition** - Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials shall be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:
- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers shall be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.
- **Management**
 - **Evacuation** – If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.
 - **Thirty-minute rule** – Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the



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last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. **Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.**

- Safety of the players, coaches, parents and spectators are of the utmost importance and there is absolutely no leeway in these rules. No deviations from this rule are permitted and violations will result in suspension from COYBL for the remainder of the year.

• **Protests**

- Judgment calls of Umpires are not eligible for protest.
- Only rule interpretations, age and pitching violations can be under protest.
- Protests must be given to the Umpire in Charge before the game is completed. The protesting team must get the Umpire's name and phone number, which must then be submitted along with your protest to the league office.
 - Protests must be made to the league office by email within 24 hours.
 - A \$100.00 protest fee must be submitted with a written protest within 72 hours to the league office to make the protest official. The \$100.00 protest fee is refunded if the protest is allowed.
- COYBL Full Disclosure Policy:
 - All complaints against a coach or team must be sent to the league office and your age group league director and you must copy the coach of the team you are complaining about. If this step is not followed, your complaint will not be addressed until you comply.
- We will compile a list of teams / coaches and umpires that receive complaints and if it is deemed excessive or the issue(s) are severe, you could be banned from play for the next year or longer.

Coach & Player Ejections

- Coaches ejected from a game must sit out that game and the next game, as well.
- Players ejected from a game will sit out the remainder of that game only.
- Coach and Player ejection must be reported to the league office by the head coach within 24 hours.
- A two-game suspension will be levied if the ejection is not reported per above.
- If the ejection is deemed to be severe in nature, further suspensions from the League could result.
- If the person ejected does not leave the field and park area as soon as they are ejected and makes a bigger scene, it will be escalated to a 2-week suspension.
- If there is any physical contact, i.e., chest bump or push – suspension for the year or more.
- If there are any punches thrown, it will be a lifetime ban from the league.
- These rules pertain to parents, umpires, coaches and other spectators at the game.



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COYBL will also be following the USA Baseball – Pure Baseball Policies and Procedures that can be found on the Rules Page on our website or at this link: https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/25f8-1933539/USA_Baseball_Pure_Baseball_Policies_and_Procedures_-_Final_2_.pdf#_ga=2.112865796.1057539402.1575895306-548027948.1572525673

National Sanctioning Bodies for COYBL

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