

## **Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association**

### **Policies Governing Spring Baseball**

*[approved by the NMBA Board November 12, 2024]*

#### **1. Non-payment of fees:**

If an NMBA player's Spring fees are not paid in full by the date of evaluations for Summer competitive ball, then that player will be deemed ineligible to participate in evaluations or play Summer ball. If an NMBA player's fees are not paid in full by July 31 of the same year, that player will be ineligible to participate in any NMBA activities until the outstanding fees are paid. NMBA families who find themselves financially unable to pay the fees owed should notify the NMBA Administrator to discuss alternative options for support.

#### **2. Selection Of Spring House Teams:**

All Spring divisions will conduct a "draft night" to determine and select teams. Draft night will be led by the Division Coordinator and shall include the Head Coaches. 9U, 11U and 13U Spring teams will consist of 11 to 13 players, unless approved otherwise by the NMBA Executive. Players shall be 'drafted' to teams in the following order/process:

- a. 1st player: Head Coaches kid(s)
- b. 2nd and 3rd players: Assistant Coaches kid(s). [maximum of 2]
- c. 4th-8th players: Evaluation Scores (Teams to be evenly split up based on scores)
- d. Special Requests: As approved by the Division Coordinator
- e. Remaining Players: School groupings/locations

#### **3. Players Playing Up a Division:**

NMBA will only entertain parent requests for a player to play up a division if one or more of the following criteria is met:

- The parent is a coach who is coaching an older child in the higher division.
- Parents are unable to get multiple children to practices and games and cannot secure carpooling with other parents on the team, resulting in one child being unable to play baseball. The logistical challenges must be extreme, rather than just difficult.
- The player(s) is currently attending school in a higher grade than what would otherwise be dictated by their birth year.

Requests to play up must be made to the Division Coordinator and must be endorsed by the Division Coordinator and one member of the NMBA Executive. Endorsement will be considered based on the details of the situation and player safety. Endorsed requests to play up must be submitted to BCMBA for final approval.

#### **4. Spring Season Schedules:**

All NMBA Spring Season Schedules at the 9U, 11U and 13U divisions will consist of the following:

- Spring teams will have a minimum of 2 field times per week.
- Spring teams' field times/days may vary on different days of the week based on field availability.
- Spring Division schedules will have the following format:
  - Weeks 1 and 2: Practices only
  - Weeks 3 to 8: One practice and one game per week
  - Final 2 weeks of season: Playoff tournaments. Division Coordinators will build this schedule and run the event.

#### **5. Tiering 11U Spring baseball:**

NMBA will tier the 11U Spring Division if there are 100 or more players registered. Tiering must be declared to BCMBA per BCMBA rules and timing.

Division tiering shall be as follows:

- Tier 1: (top tier) 4 x teams of 12 players
- Tier 2: 4+ teams of 13 players

The selection of players to tiers shall be based on criteria in the following order:

- a. Evaluation scores to determine the top tier players.
- b. NMBA Executive approval of a player to play in the top tier.
- c. Any player has the right to decline playing at the higher tier if they choose

Team Selection will follow the same format as the regular Spring Team Selection "draft" selection process.

#### **6. Tiering 13U Spring baseball:**

NMBA will tier the 13U Spring Division with one 13UAA Spring Team and a 13U House league. Tiering must be declared to BCMBA per BCMBA rules and timing. See the NMBA Competitive Policies for details regarding 13UAA Spring baseball. NMBA may choose to interlock the 13U House league with other neighboring associations. This must be declared to parents during Spring registration.

#### **7. Equipment Pick-up and Field Maintenance Event:**

An equipment pickup event, which will include a field maintenance demo, is mandatory and will ensure that coaches understand their role and responsibility in taking care of equipment and fields. The event shall be coordinated by the Division Coordinators.