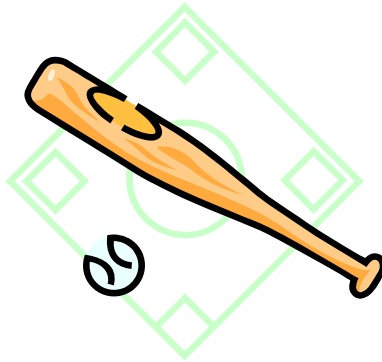


# Brooklyn Park Athletic Association



## BPBA Policies

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## 1) Registration

- 1.1) Registration will be open to all residents of Brooklyn Park or anyone who attends a school in Brooklyn Park. For the purpose of this definition, Garden City, Orchard Lane, Willow Lane, and Evergreen Park will be considered Brooklyn Park schools.
- 1.2) Players may not participate until they are registered and waivers are signed. Each athlete must have a waiver on file with his or her head coach.

## 2) Age of Play

The purpose of the age-of-play policy is to establish rules regarding participation relating to player's age and to set procedures for the BPBA Board of Directors to grant exception to these rules.

### **Policy**

- 2.1) All players must play in an identified program age group determined by the player's actual age as of May 1st, during the year of play for which the player is registered. Players can be no older than 13 years old as of May 1. A player may play up or down one age group for the purpose of playing with their school grade classmates. Once a choice is made, the player must remain in that age category.

### **Enforcement**

- 2.2) Parents or guardians are required to register all players for participation in BPBA programs and are responsible for compliance with the Age of Play Policy. All first time registrants must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate for inspection at registration. When questions of age eligibility arise, the BPBA board may require presentation of a certified birth certificate to the League Director as a condition for play.

### **Monitoring**

- 2.3) The coaches and league commissioner will monitor all participants playing above their age level. BPBA Board of Directors shall have the right to move a participant to their age appropriate league if it is determined that it would best suit the participant or the league.

### **Exceptions**

- 2.4) Players in BPBA house leagues will be allowed to play up or down one age group for the purpose of playing with their school grade classmates. This is consistent with Minnesota Youth Athletics Services Recreation State Baseball Championship program. These exceptions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the board before teams are formed.
- 2.5) League Directors, with approval from the Board of Directors, may allow players in BPBA house leagues to play down to an appropriate level on the basis of physical or mental challenges.

## 3) Selection of Teams

- 3.1) Please refer to the [BPBA Team formation policy](http://bpaasports.org/Baseball/rules/rules.html) on the selection of the Traveling teams, American League teams, and the National League teams. A copy of this policy is on the BPBA website on the Rules page <http://bpaasports.org/Baseball/rules/rules.html>

- 3.2) There will be no American League tournament teams.
- 3.3) The players selected on the 11 "A" traveling team have first option/opportunity at the Cooperstown tournament the following year. Any openings will be filled out by 11 "A" coach. This team has first selection on holding any tournament fund raisers for Cooperstown. This does not guarantee being on the 12 "A" traveling team the following year.

#### **4) Playing Time**

- 4.1) The league stresses equal playing time for players.
- 4.2) Each coach is to review their team policy and expectations for missing practices and games at their initial team meeting.

#### **5) Severe Weather**

- 5.1) Games may be cancelled if the heat index is over 100 degrees or if rain, lightning, or other conditions make the fields unsafe or unusable prior to or during a game. Players should go to the game field, unless they are notified of a cancellation by their coach. Coaches are encouraged to discuss with their team a communication plan for threatening weather conditions.

##### **Early Cancellation.**

- 5.2) The Head Commissioner will determine if threatening weather conditions exist, will notify Umpires and League Commissioners, and update the website ([www.bpaasports.org/baseball](http://www.bpaasports.org/baseball)) by 4:00 p.m. on game day if games are to be cancelled. League Commissioners will notify coaches. Coaches will notify players. If the head coach is not notified of a cancellation before 4:00 p.m., the coaches and umpires will determine if the games should be called off at the field.

##### **Cancellation at the Ball Park**

- 5.3) If the game is called at the field before the start of the game, the Home Team Coach must notify the umpire of the cancellation. If weather conditions become unsafe during a game, the umpire may delay or cancel the game after consulting with coaches.

##### **Rescheduling Games**

- 5.4) All games must be made up, unless approved by the league commissioner. Any game that two innings have been played, will resume where the game was stopped. If two innings have not been completed, the game will be started over. Any players not being able to make the rescheduled game will not be recorded as an out.
- 5.5) Home team must schedule makeup games within 2 weeks of scheduled game with concurrence of visiting coach. Call the Parks Recreation Department (763.493.8335) to schedule a field and obtain a permit. If there is an issue with rescheduling, contact your league commissioner.

#### **6) Uniforms & Equipment**

- 6.1) All players will receive uniforms. Uniforms are only to be worn to games, not to practice.
- 6.2) Complete uniforms must be worn as issued by the Association or by prior-approval obtained by league commissioner. Players not wearing a complete uniform will not be allowed to play.
- 6.3) All male players must wear an athletic cup and female players a pelvic protector during games and practices.
- 6.4) The head coach is responsible for all equipment and must return all issued equipment at the end of the season. All coaches are responsible for collecting uniforms, jerseys and pants, from their players and returning them in at the equipment turn in.
- 6.5) If you have any equipment that needs to be replaced, contact the equipment manager, Lisa Yerks (612) 710-1496.

#### **7) Field Maintenance and Cleanup**

- 7.1) Coaches are responsible for having players clean up the dugout and spectator area after each game and practice.

##### **All games played at Northwood's Complex**

- 7.2) The Home team is responsible for pre-game and post-game maintenance of the field. This includes but is not

limited to: putting in the bases, chalking lines if necessary, filling holes around the mound and home plate, and covering the mound with a tarp.

- 7.3) The Visiting team is responsible for running the Scoreboard and announcing the game if the equipment is in operating condition.

## **8) Sportsmanship Policy**

- 8.1) Coaches, players, or fans are not to direct any verbal abuse, profanity, or other form of ridicule at an umpire or another player.

## **9) Tobacco and Alcohol**

- 9.1) The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or dugouts. Tobacco is prohibited on all school properties. Alcohol is prohibited on all Brooklyn Park park properties. Coaches and umpires are strongly urged to enforce this rule.