

TYBA Guidelines for Spring/Summer 2020 Baseball Season:

TYBA will implement a schedule to run from June 15th, 2020 through June 30th, 2020 with games played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday with up to 3 games per day played on each field

Expected Games times on each of these days will be 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:30 PM

Kid Pitch Games: 1 Hour and 15 Minute Time Limits; Coach Pitch Games: 1 Hour Time Limits

All Games will be DROP DEAD (We will not finish the inning; scores will be final as of last completed inning)

There will be no make up games for rain outs. We will get as many games in as we possibly can during the schedule time period.

Each player will be required to sign a release form provided by USSSA prior to the teams first game. This form will be emailed to coaches, and at <https://www.texomayouthbaseball.com/handouts>.

Each team will be responsible for cleaning trash from their dugout following their game. This is not optional as we work to prevent as much common contact as possible. ***NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS!***

The team parents or team mom will be responsible for providing hand sanitizer for each dugout for their assigned game. It is highly encouraged that each player/coach sanitize their hands every inning.

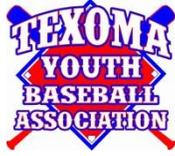
There will be a maximum of 2 coaches allowed in the dugout or on the field of play at any time. This is to encourage as much social distancing as possible during games. Players may sit behind the dugout or in bullpens (where available) to enable as much distancing as possible.

TYBA will spray each bench between games with an alcohol-based solution to provide as sanitary a surface as possible. Please allow time before entering the dugout for this to take place and dry.

All Warmups prior to game time must take place in the open which is designated as Field 9 behind our green sheds. This is on the Northeast portion of our complex and provides plenty of room to distance kids and teams during warm up times. Please limit arrival times at the complex to 45 minutes prior to game time to allow as much space between parents and teams as possible.

Please do not use the bleachers for seating areas during this season. We encourage parents to bring folding chairs and spread around the fields to enable social distancing.

No unattended children or playing outside of the field areas. **All children not currently warming up or on the field playing must remain with their parent or guardian at ALL TIMES. Parents with unattended children will be asked to leave the complex and remain in their vehicle until the completion of any games.**



TYBA Guidelines for Spring and Summer 2020 Baseball Season Continued:

TYBA will make all accommodations possible for sanitation and social distancing around our concession and bathroom facilities. There will be marks on the ground in these areas to remind patrons of the need to continue social distancing.

TYBA Concessions will be limited to Candy, Chips, Drinks, and Hot Dogs during this time. Individual packets of condiments will be available versus community use Ketchup, Mustard, etc.

TYBA is a recreational baseball league with the main goal of allowing the children from the Wichita Falls area to play the greatest game on Earth in a positive, encouraging environment. Umpires will make mistakes, make judgement calls that you may not agree with, and in some cases are teenagers. **We will have a zero-tolerance policy for parents and coaches who can not enjoy their child playing baseball!**

The goal of TYBA is to provide an opportunity for the children of this area to play baseball and learn the inherent lessons of teamwork and sportsmanship. Our longstanding policy of not refunding sign up fees after teams are formed will remain in place for this season. The teams were formed prior to the onset of this pandemic, and our costs do not change due to the pandemic. Unlike some other area organizations, we are a 501c3 non-profit organization who maintains our own facilities, pays our own utilities, insurance, and sanctioning fees. These costs are in no way reduced by us not playing during our usual time frame.

Teams who have players who choose not to play, may be combined with other teams in order to allow these players to have an enjoyable baseball experience. Uniforms may not match in these instances, but we are waiving our normal uniform regulations in order to facilitate this season.

Teams who need to pick up a player to play their assigned games, can do so. However, the player that is picked up must be an active player in our TYBA 2020 League. If the player does not play on another TYBA league team and is not wearing a jersey of a TYBA league team, they will not be allowed to play. **Teams will be allowed to play with less than 9 players without incurring an out in their batting order.**

The TYBA Executive Board of Directors arrived at these guidelines by Unanimous Vote. The coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone in unimaginable ways, both physically and financially. We understand these challenges and understand that everyone may not agree with the decisions that have been reached. However, it is our mission to make baseball available to the children of this area and we will continue to strive to accomplish this mission in a safe and enjoyable manner.