

**DENVER NABA**  
**LEAGUE ADDENDUM RULES**  
**2026**



# **DENVER NABA 2026 LEAGUE INFORMATION**

- **REPORTING SCORES:** *Each team must email their score within 24hrs of the game being completed win/lose/draw.* Email your team name, the team you played, location, division, and final score. Send emails to denvernaba@gmail.com.
- **WEATHER ISSUES:** If any weather comes in any time after **Thursday** each week please check the front page of the website each Saturday night by 8:00pm. [www.denvernaba.com](http://www.denvernaba.com). If there is no information on the website about cancellations then all games are being played. All teams should check the website each Saturday just in case. Teams may not receive a phone call for weather related cancellations. We will try and send out a message to teams through the website, email, or texting.
- **MAKE-UP GAMES:** Make-up games will take place on Sunday, July 19, Saturdays or weeknights. You will be given 2 weeks notice to prepare for your game. Games are usually July and August but we are going to try and do them earlier this year. .
- **PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** Each team's roster will be **frozen** as of **July 15**. New players may be added after this date but will not be eligible to play in the playoffs. Make sure your roster is current. All rosters are date and time stamped. **Important-** To be eligible to play in the playoffs and championship games players must have played a minimum of 5 games with the team they plan to play with for playoffs and championship games. Played with means- At least 1 At Bat each game or pitched a minimum of 1 inning each game. It is up to each manager to save lineup cards and scorebook sheets to prove this.
- **TEAM WEBSITES:** Each team in the league has a webpage for their team. Your username and password as a manager will get you in. Each team's site will have an option for logos, pics, stats, etc. You can also post your team score after your game is complete.
- **LEAGUE REGISTRATION:** All teams must have their players use the online registration system. Each player will be added to their team's rosters. Please get all your players registered before they step foot on the field.
- **ALL STAR GAMES:** The NABA will have All Star games for all divisions. The All Star games will take place in July.

## **DENVER NABA UMPIRE POLICY- 2026**

- **PAYMENTS:** Each umpire shall be paid \$100 cash 9 inning games \$75 cash for a 7 inning game. Each team is responsible to pay 1 umpire before the game starts. Teams will meet at home plate to exchange line up cards and make payment. Each game will be scheduled to have two umpires.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** It is the responsibility of each manager before the game starts to make sure you have written down each umpires full name and start time of the game. Please make sure you collect this information. Without this information we will not be able to help you with any complaints or concerns.
- **1 UMPIRE SHOWS UP:** In the event that one umpire shows up for a 9 inning game he shall be paid \$150 for the game or \$75 per team. 7 innings games the fee is \$110 or \$55 each team.
- **GAME DAY FORFEITS:** If a team shows up with less then 8 players they will forfeit the game. Forfeiting team is responsible for paying both umpires. If both teams would like to play the game they can “loan” players and ask the umpires to stay and do a 2 hr game. The umpires will need to be paid per the rules. The umpires do not have to stay!!
- **GAME SHORTENED:** If your game gets shortened due to rain/snow and does not get in 5 innings the umpires will be paid \$30- 1-2 innings, \$40- 3-4 innings, full fee anything after. Games that did not get out of the 1st inning will start over on the make-up schedule. All other games will be continued where they left off. We will do our best to try and get the umpires that did your previous game but there is no guarantee. If not umpires will need to be paid in full. Please mark down in your scorebooks if this happens and contact me.
- **SHOW UP FEE:** Umpires shall be paid a \$30 show up fee if for some reason the game didn't get going.
- **UMPIRE EVALUATION:** We have an umpire evaluation form posted on our website. Please use this form after your games to give positive or negative feedback on the umpires. We will use this evaluation process to ensure we have the best umpires available. Again, make sure you provide us with umpire names.
- **PROFANITY/ABUSE TO UMPIRES:** There will be **ZERO** tolerance for any physical or verbal assault on any umpires. Swearing at an umpire is considered verbal assault/abuse. Players that verbally assault or physically assault umpires will receive an immediate suspension and possible expulsion from the league.
- **GAME PLAY:** Speed of Game- Hustle on and off the field at all times. So much time is wasted in between innings by not hustling. Pitchers will get 5 pitches in between innings. Many games each year do not finish because guys walk on and off the field. 3 hours should be plenty of time to get a full game in.

# **DENVER NABA FIELD USAGE RULES**

- **NO ALCOHOL, SMOKING, CHEWING TABACCO, VAPING, DRUG USE ON ANY NABA BASEBALL FIELDS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO DO ANY OF THESE ITEMS ON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELDS. ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS. PLAYERS AND OR TEAMS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE.**
- **FIELD MAINTENANCE:** Each team is responsible to maintenance the field after your game. Maintenance means to rake mound, home plate, drag field, and clean up your team trash. Both teams need to get together after game and make this happen. After the 4:00pm games are complete all fields must look like we never played there. If you have a rake please bring it to the fields. We lost a few fields last year because we didn't take care of the fields!!
- If a field has any puddles do not under any circumstances push the water off the field onto the grass! We are not allowed to "work" the fields. If you arrive at a field and it is not playable please call 303-246-0401. If you are playing in a game and weather comes in please do not "work" the fields.
- Teams and Players CANNOT not bring dirt, sand, etc onto a field to get it playable. Please call if you are in this situation.
- We are using a few fields that will have turf pitching mounds and or the fields are all turf. We cannot use metal spikes on any turf fields or mounds. Tennis shoes, turfs, or rubber molds only.
- We will be sending out a field maintenance list to each of you. This will be detailed with what we need to do on each field from a cleanup standpoint.

# **BASIC OVER VIEW OF** **DENVER NABA RULES 2026**

**NABA Manager rulebook will be used for all rules. This just covers some of the basics or changes that the local league has made!**

## **TEAM FORFEITS:**

We do not want any team forfeits this year. We have a player pool. Please communicate with your team during the week. If you need players you can pick up players out of the player pool or borrow them from another team.

**If a team Forfeits 3 times during the season they will not be eligible for the playoffs!! If a team does forfeit at the field they are responsible to pay both umpire fees!**

## **OFFENSIVE LINEUP:**

A team may elect, for the entire game, to bat ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS, however, it must finish the game with a minimum number of 8 players in the batting order. If any player is ejected during the game an out shall be recorded in that spot in the order unless an eligible substitute is available from the bench and was listed on the lineup card.

A team has 5 minutes (upon request from the opposing manager or home plate umpire) from the time of ejection or departure of a player from the line-up to indicate which other eligible player is the substitute for the removed player.

Teams can start a game with 8 players. **We will NOT be taking an out in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot.** If the 9<sup>th</sup> player shows up he must be added to the lineup card assuming he was placed on the substitute area on the lineup card.

## **BATTING ORDER- A/B HITTERS:**

A team may declare at the time that lineups are exchanged prior to the start of play that any batting order position will be occupied by two (2) players in each such batting position. That is, 1A/1B, 9A/9B, etc. The first time that position 1 gets an at bat, 1A would hit and the next time this slot hits, 1B would be up. Then 1A hits the third time this spot in the order comes up, and so on, alternating between these two players throughout the game. Once a team declares the use of this A/B system, it must continue using it for the remainder of the game. Hitters in the A/B position from the batting order may be pinch hit for, just as any other player. An A/B position may be added to the bottom of the lineup at any time during the game. Teams cannot add a "B" batter to an existing lineup spot once the game begins. If teams have 9 players they must bat at least 9.

## **EJECTIONS:**

Any game that a player gets ejected a team has 5 minutes to put a substitute from the bench in the game. If the team is able to use a substitute player who has not been in the hitting line up there is no penalty for the team. If a team has no substitutes to use the ejected players spot will be an out each and every time up. Teams must finish the game with a minimum of 8 players. Failure to do so will result as a forfeit.

**If a player is ejected from a game for his actions he must serve a minimum 1- game suspension to be served at the next scheduled game. Depending on what happened a greater suspension may occur.**

## **INJURED PLAYER RULE:**

If a team is playing and an injury occurs the lineup can be shrunk down and an out does not have to be called. This player cannot play the field or come back into the game.

If a player gets injured running the bases he can come out of the game even if he is not listed as a non-runner. The last recorded out has to run for him.

## **MERCY RULE:**

There is a 10-run mercy rule that takes effect at the completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.

## **GAME TIME:**

Game times are 3 hours or 9 innings. Games can end in a tie in league play. If teams have completed 9 innings of play in less than 3 hours and the game is tied extra innings can be played. Once the 3 hour mark is reached the inning will be finished. There is no drop dead time. No new inning after the 3hr mark.

## **LEAGUE AGE ELIGIBILITY:**

25/Over League- Are allowed two players within 2 calendar years to play on their team. These players can also be pitchers that may pitch during the regular season.  
Playoffs- No under age players may pitch in the playoffs. \*Except in the highest division.

35/Over League- Are allowed two players within 2 calendar years to play on their team. These players can also be pitchers that may pitch during the regular season.  
Playoffs- No under age players may pitch in the playoffs.

45/Over League- Are allowed two players within 2 calendar years to play on their team. These players can also be pitchers that may pitch during the regular season.  
Playoffs- No under age players may pitch in the playoffs.

53/Over League- Are allowed three players within 3 calendar years to play on their team. These players can also be pitchers that may pitch during the regular season.  
Playoffs- No under age players may pitch in the playoffs.