



Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities™

WHAT DOES LOUISIANA YOUTH BASEBALL PROVIDE OR REQUIRE?

- Standardized rules that all players follow;
- Eligibility verification of ALL baseball players;
- Regular Season Schedule & Venues;
- Jamboree, All Star Weekend, & Championship Series Baseball Playoff Format;
- Coaches Background Checks;
- Certified High School Game Officials;
- Access for member organizations to purchase discounted uniforms and equipment;
- \$2,000,000 Liability Insurance for organization's game and practice fields;
- Academic Award programs;

WHAT AUTHORITY DOES LOUISIANA YOUTH BASEBALL HAVE?

Louisiana Youth Baseball's Director & Council have the authority to enforce all rules, regulations, policies and procedures with verbal warnings, fines, suspensions and terminations of membership both at the individual level and organizational level.

Some of the things that Louisiana Youth Baseball has little to no authority over:

- Regulating team registration fees (organizations set their fees based on the area they are in);
- Regulating team refund policies (organizations set their own policies);
- Regulating team fundraisers (some organizations do them and some do not);
- Get involved in any internal operations of an organization.

Exception: if an organization violates a Louisiana Youth Baseball rule then Louisiana Youth Baseball can step in and enforce the rule with suspensions, fines and anything else that is determined appropriate by the Director & Council.

The Louisiana Youth Baseball season spans the months of May through July for those who make it to the Championship Series.

- Preseason is March through April.
- Regular season is May through July.
- Playoffs are the last week of July.

There is no limit to the amount of practice an organization can put your children through. That is between the parents and the organization. In most cases, organizations practice Monday through Friday (roughly 10 hours) the first 2 to 3 weeks of preseason and then drop to 3-4 days a week (roughly 6-8 hours), after that for the remainder of the season. The organization you sign up with will lay out what their schedules and routines will be.

There is a Mandatory Play rule in Louisiana Youth Baseball. Louisiana Youth Baseball believes all children should have the opportunity to play at least two innings per game, it is up to the individual organizations to set their own policy on how to implement this rule. Our games are longer for most of our age brackets which gives the coaches more time to get the children playing time. Louisiana Youth Baseball has a Run Rule (where the score gets out of hand). If a game is in Run Rule and children still don't get playing time, then Louisiana Youth Baseball Game Officials will step in to take potential action.

Louisiana Youth Baseball currently does not recognize or enforce any boundaries for the recruitment of youth or volunteers between organizations. Louisiana Youth Baseball does not allow organizations to put HOLDS on youth or volunteers unless they owe money or equipment to the organization. Louisiana Youth Baseball will mediate to get these situations handled as quickly as possible.

Louisiana Youth Baseball is a "Competitive & Instructive" league; it is NOT "Recreational". Louisiana Youth Baseball is split into playing levels & age divisions: A: 7-8 Machine Pitch, AA: 9-10, AAA: 11-12, AAAA: 13-15, & AAAAA: 16-18. The A: 7-8 Machine Pitch is VERY Instructive and AA: 9-10, AAA: 11-12, AAAA: 13-15, & AAAAA: 16-18 are VERY Instructive & Competitive. Louisiana Youth Baseball does not allow tryouts of any sort for a child to make a baseball team. But, tryouts are allowed to determine what position that child will play at after they have made the team. Color or gender does not matter. Girls can play baseball.

Louisiana Youth Baseball charges less than \$400 for the season for all required fees per team. All fees are used to purchase the liability & accidental insurance for the organizations that Louisiana Youth Baseball provides, hire quality High School certified officials & site managers, purchase recognition awards for academic & athletic excellence, and to put the league games into very nice venues for Baseball. All fees are used for the betterment of the game of baseball for ALL participants (players, coaches, officials, & fans). Louisiana Youth Baseball is a 100% Volunteer ran program (excluding Game Officials).