



FYB Local League Polices 2025

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FYB Commissioners Office

FYB is governed by a Board of Directors. The FYB Board has determined:

- That the League Commissioner and his agents shall have authority on all matters not covered in these rules and regulations.
- Umpires have full authority over all participants and spectators present at any FYB USSSA sponsored baseball game. They have the power and should use it with discretion to order a manager, coach, player, or spectator to do or to omit to do any act which, in their judgement, is necessary to give force and effect to one and all of USSSA Rules and the FYB Local rules listed below.
- For additional information, please refer to USSSA Rule 14.00 and the FYB Local League Rules of Play 2025.

League Concerns

If you have a concern on anything in the league, please submit your concern in writing to ldfyb3@gmail.com

Government and Sanctioning Regulations

FYB will abide by all rules established by USSSA, the State of Texas and the cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth Texas to allow our teams to play safely.

The league will do everything in its power to complete all league games and host any scheduled tournament but reserves the right to reschedule, postpone, cancel games, or cancel the season in its entirety if required to do so by sanctioning body or government agencies.

In the event of league stoppage due to government or sanctioning requirements, FYB will send out appropriate protocols to follow.

Refund Policy based on Sanctioning Regulations Closure

If FYB is shut down for any reason from national, state or local authorities, the board will determine how to move forward based on where we are in the current season. Under any circumstances, if the season is completely cancelled, FYB reserves the right to withhold collected fees to cover league administrative and prepaid expenses.



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FYB Leagues Offered

FYB offers Open League and Draft Leagues.

Open League

This league is for full teams registered and paid by the team manager. Below are the leagues that we offer.

- **6U Open**, for 5 and 6-year-old teams
- **7U Open**, for 7-year-old teams
- **8U Open**, for 8-year-old teams
 - **7U and 8U Open, may be combined if needed.**
- **9U Open**, for 9-year-old teams
- **10U Open**, for 10-year-old teams, may be divided into AA and Open depending on the number of teams registered and team manager meeting.
- **12U Open**, for 11 and 12-year-old teams. May be divided into AA and Open depending on number of teams registered and team manager meeting.

Open League Requirements

- The Team Manager pays a team fee that will be posted on the FYB Open Manager Dashboard.
- Team Manager must bring a complete USSSA team roster (minimum ten players).
- Teams are responsible for purchasing USSSA registration, team insurance and uniforms.
- Any volunteer who desires to manage, coach a team, or be on the playing field during a league game, USSSA tournament or during team practice, must complete and pass the USSSA background check through the USSSA website.
- **Managers must register players and volunteers on the FYB team registration site.**

Refund Policy-Open League

- If a team withdraws before the schedule is posted, a full refund will be allowed (minus a 10% processing fee).
- If a team requests to withdraw after the schedule is posted and prior to the first game, a 50% refund will be allowed.
- After the first game is played, no refunds will be given.
- If a team is suspended or has multiple forfeits, no refund will be given.



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Draft League

Draft Teams (4U)

Team may freeze 1 to 12 players on their team. All players will sign up individually and pay. FYB will auto-assign unassigned players to teams.

- **4U (T-ball)**, for 4-year-old players only. No 3-year-old players allowed, 10-game season, with end of year awards ceremony.

Draft Teams (6U-12U)

All players will sign up individually and pay. Teams may freeze 1-5 players to roster. Players in 6U will be auto assigned to the teams to complete the roster. **Players in 8U, 10U and 12U will try out and be drafted to teams.**

- **6U (Coach pitch)**, for 5- and 6-years old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournaments.
- **8U (Coach pitch)**, for 7- and 8-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.
- **10U**, for 9- and 10-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.
- **12U**, for 11- and 12-year-old players, 10-game season, with single elimination end of season tournament.

Refund Policy-Draft League

Draft league players pay an individual registration fee. FYB offers the following refund for the FYB Draft League.

- If the player withdraws or quits before team selection, a 100% Refund will be allowed (minus a \$10 processing fee).
- If the player withdraws or quits after team selection and prior to the first scheduled game, a 50% Refund will be allowed.
- If the player withdraws or quits after the first scheduled game, no refund will be given.
- Email ldfyb3@gmail.com with a refund request, include player name and reason.
- Coach fees are non-refundable.

Draft League Team Rules (6U-12U)

Each team will have a manager who volunteers and is approved by the league commissioner to manage a team after successfully completing the USSSA background check.

- **Pre-draft rosters and coach freezes**



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- The manager may freeze a total of 1 to 5 players to their roster prior to try-outs and draft.
 - Coaches may ask the League Commissioner to make an exception to five coaches freezes if siblings or relatives are involved in the player freezes. Request must be in writing for consideration.
 - Managers must notify the league of all players frozen by completing the Team Manager registration form found on the Draft League Manager Dashboard.
- **Try-outs.** FYB will have try-outs for 8U, 10U and 12U draft leagues.
- **Manager/Coaches Meeting.** All Team Managers must attend. Schedule meeting time and location will be listed on the Draft League Dashboard. The following items will be covered:
 - League specific rules of play,
 - USSSA rules,
 - Team names and uniforms will be determined in the meeting and orders placed with our vendor.
 - **Team Managers will be required to sign into the USSSA website and submit their background check.**
- **Late Player Registrations**
 - If a player signs up after team draft and there is room to add an additional player to a roster, the League Commissioner will randomly assign an extra player to a team needing an additional player.
- **Roster Changes**
 - The League Commissioner reserves the right to make roster changes at any time.

Managers and Coaches

We appreciate all volunteers who manage and coach teams. Your service is critical for the league and players to be successful.

In 2018, the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017” became Federal law. The mission of the U.S. Center for Safesport is to make the athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation’s sports culture. All athletes deserve to participate in sports free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct, or any form of emotional or physical abuse. Education and awareness are the most critical components to creating safe and respectful sporting environments, free of abuse and harassment. To abide by the law and protect our kids, all volunteers must complete background checks through the USSSA background system to be eligible to manage or coach. [Click here](#) to view the USSSA Safesport website for additional information.



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USSSA Background Checks

All adult Managers and Coaches must complete and pass the USSSA background check to be eligible to coach in games and practices for FYB league and USSSA tournaments. The USSSA background check is initiated by team managers when they create a new team in the USSSA.

The team manager is responsible for adding coaches to their USSSA team roster allowing coaches to complete their background check. Any volunteer fails the USSSA background check may not assist the team, and the team manager must notify the league that they are not eligible to coach.

FYB Manager and Coach Registration

All adult volunteers (Managers and Coaches) must register on the FYB registration site. If a coach fails the USSSA background check, they will be removed from the FYB team roster.

Volunteer Code of Conduct

Managers and Coaches:

- Are role models, they lead by example in setting high standards of character, honesty, and integrity.
- Must represent FYB in an upstanding manner. If their actions while coaching at any event (league or local tournaments) are in violation of the coach's code of conduct, they may be suspended from coaching in FYB.
- Use positive methods to make the experience enjoyable for the players so they develop self-esteem and cultivate an appreciation for the sport.
- Strive to provide a challenging and successful experience for the athletes by maintaining an environment that is physically age appropriate and emotionally safe.
- Promote sportsmanship.
- Exert self-control over their own egos and emotions.
- Avoid displays of anger, rage, or frustration in front of the players and at the players.
- At no time will a coach abuse, mistreat, threaten, or humiliate any child, umpire, other coach, FYB representative, parks and recreation staff, parent, or spectator. This is grounds for ejection and dismissal.
- Coaches must report any conduct that violates this code immediately, [click here](#) to be directed to USSSA SAFESPORT
- Umpires will miss calls at every level of baseball but what is important in the development of these young athletes is how we, as adults, handle these situations. Please compete with class and respect towards the umpires.



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- Will never use drugs and will not use tobacco products or alcohol while in the presence of players or during games.
- Refer to FYB Local League Rules of Play for additional information and consequences regarding sportsmanship violations and ejections.

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

Promote sportsmanship for all league participants, remember our league is for players aged 4-12.

- Exert self-control over their own egos and emotions and engage in a positive manner.
- Avoid displays of anger, rage, or frustration in front of the players and at the players.
- At no time will a spectator abuse, mistreat, threaten, or humiliate any child, umpire, managers, and coaches, FYB representative, parks and recreation staff, parent, or spectator. This is grounds for ejection and dismissal.
- Umpires oversee the field and have authority to address disruptive spectator behavior.
- Refer to FYB Local League Rules of Play for additional information and consequences regarding sportsmanship violations and ejections for spectators.

Players

All players must be on the team roster in the FYB TeamSideline system and on the USSSA team roster to play in FYB league. See USSSA RULE 3.00 below for additional player information.

USSSA Player Approval

All guardians must approve the USSSA player release and waiver of liability and indemnification agreement on the USSSA website logged in as the guardian. In addition, parents must agree to all terms and conditions and register on the FYB TeamSideline website.

Player Age Exceptions

Per USSSA Rule 3.01, FYB may make an exception to Age Based player with grade exceptions noted in rules. To be considered, Team Manager must submit a written request for exception to League Commissioner for approval.

4U Division, Players must be 4 years old by May 1st to play. 3-year-old players are not allowed.

Playing on Multiple Teams

Per USSSA rules, players are allowed to be on one USSSA roster. Based on this criterion, they can register and play on one (1) league team.



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Guest Players

Per USSSA 3.06.G.

- **Open League** teams may use guest players. Below are the specific rules for Open League guest players:
 - May only use a guest player if they fall below 9 players on their own roster.
 - May use three (3) guest players for a single game and all guest players must play outfield only and bat in the last three positions.
 - Guest players must be registered in USSSA and be added to the team roster via the USSSA Manager dashboard.
- **Draft League** teams may not use guest players.

Manager/Parent/Player/Team Concerns

- **Open League**
 - The USSSA team roster, the Team Manager has complete discretion on players on his team roster.
 - If a parent has a concern, contact the team manager.
- **Draft League**
 - If a coach has concerns with a player or parent, please discuss with parents first. If an issue is unresolved, contact the League Commissioner for directions on how to proceed.
 - If a parent has a concern about the manager or a coach, please discuss it with the Team Manager first, if the issue is unresolved, please contact the League Commissioner.