



NVTBL Spring 2022 9U Coaches Meeting

NVTBL Mission Statement: Youth baseball league focused on the development of baseball players at all skill levels by providing an improved level of competition and a positive baseball experience for players, teams, and parents.



NVTBL Organizational Points of Contact

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What's New with NVTBL:

- There is a new tournament being offered through ATBA for 8u-14u: April 2nd-3rd: Spring Thing Tournament. The registration link is on [Tournaments - ATBA \(atballiance.org\)](https://atballiance.org/Tournaments)
- The End of Season Tournament is now a 2-game guarantee with only the top four teams making it to bracket play. Pool play and bracket play occur only on Sundays. Registration is open now.
- We almost exclusively use www.nvtbl.org. There are still a few things where you might be directed to use www.nvtblbaseball.org.
- Covid is a constantly changing situation - please pay attention to emails from Rob Hahne on this and any other NVTBL updates.



8U to 12U - The Basics

- If you are available, you will play!
- NVTBL is a travel program. You should plan on traveling.
- Each team should expect to play one out-of-conference game
- Geographic (distances)--Consideration will be given for 9am regular season games
- If you have a field, you are guaranteed 40% home games (teams within 30 miles of D.C.) NOTE: this is not true if you are sharing a field with other teams within your organization.
- If you have a field, you should expect to host one 3-team doubleheader.
- Scheduling Preferences are used by the NVTBL game schedulers to better understand your team's needs. NOTE: NVTBL makes NO guarantee that your preferences will be met. Preferences are just that: a "preference".
- Review your team's conference level--be sure you are in the right age/competition level.



The Basics - continued

GAME TYPES

NVTBL Types of Sunday DH

Standard DH—1 and 3:30 pm,

3 way DH—10:30 am, 1pm and 3:30pm

Stacked DH 9 am and 11:30 am early

Stacked DH 2 pm and 4:30 pm late

- The games slots are set up to maximize field use and umpire availability as well.

REGISTRATION

Teams are considered FULLY REGISTERED when the following are complete:

Paid in full

Field is registered

Availability is filled in - Availability for March and April is open through tonight.

Availability for May closes March 7th. Availability for June closes in early April.

Unique contact info for each coach and assistant coach(s)

Parents have registered their player and signed the consent forms - more info to come.

Rosters

ROSTERS- Information will be coming soon on where and how to enter roster information.

For 8u – 12u, rosters must be capped at 20 players. Rosters can be amended; however, no changes may take place after **October 10th (fall season) and May 10th (spring season)** unless approved by your League Manager. Plan ahead and designate a few guest players in advance in case your team experiences players unable to play due to illness or injury. Guest players need to be rostered and sign the parent consent forms.

Players on waivers—Age(s), Grade Levels & Teams Playing Up/Down: In short, we believe in doing what is best for the competitive development of players and to this extent we provide waivers for teams that would like to play up in age divisions or even individual players who may need to play DOWN in age division for 8u-11u (MAX 2 waived players per team). 13u players cannot play down to 12u.



Team Practices

Practices for FAIRFAX COUNTY TEAMS—NVTBL schedules one weekly re-occurring practice **for non-league based teams**. An email will be sent to eligible (non-league based) teams soon to explain the procedure for requesting the re-occurring practice for the season. Teams may also request a second practice based on field availability with 7 days notice. Here's an informative video on how to make a practice request. [Practice Requests \(nvtblbaseball.org\)](http://nvtblbaseball.org)

Practices for Non-Fairfax County Teams - Loudoun County provides practice slots for Loudoun Teams. Teams in counties outside of Fairfax and Loudoun need to work with their associated leagues for practice time or contact their local parks and rec department to acquire permits for practice fields.



Scheduling Notes and Home Fields

Home Field – for non-League based teams, please enter your home fields. You must be the permit holder for the field. Please make sure that you give us the dates & times that you have the permit and if more than 1 team shares the field, you will need to send us an email/request to let us know what other teams will be sharing the field. Scheduling software only allows one team to register a field as their home field. NVTBL staff will have to enter additional teams that are sharing the field.

FIELDS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS - Teams located in DC, MD, Loudoun & Prince William must obtain Field permits from your applicable Parks & Recreation Departments and remit appropriate fees directly. Teams must provide adequate field space to support game schedules when located outside of Fairfax County.

Scheduling Preferences - Teams are asked (during the registration process) to provide the league schedulers with "SCHEDULING PREFERENCES" such as:

- o Prefer - Double Headers, Single Games, Either
- o Prefer - Listing of 5 Fields Located in Proximity to your Team
- o Listing of up to 5 teams you would like to play
- o Any additional info to help us with scheduling your season Tournaments:



Once Game Schedules are Complete

The Status of your game will show “SCHEDULED”. Umpires should show the umpire contact info. If they do not, contact your League Manager ASAP.

Once the schedule is sent to the umpires, any change to team schedule will cost team money (see umpire fee chart).

Games cancelled AFTER schedules released 8u-12u = \$100, 13u-18u = \$200. Games cancelled within 2 weeks of game

8u-12u= \$200, 13u-18u = \$400. (First occurrence, each occurrence penalty the fine increases by \$100)

We recommend coaches check the website

(www.NVTBL.org) prior to games, because this is where any last minute schedule changes will be posted. Your League Manager will also notify you if any last minute changes have occurred.

NVTBL TIP – NEVER PRINT YOUR SCHEDULE!



Umpire Fees & Additional Charges

NVTBL Umpire Fees – 2022 (revised January 2022)

Age Division	# of Innings	Fee	Notes
8U - 12U	6-inning game (DH)	\$65 cash per game paid at field	1 umpire per game
8U - 12U	6-inning game (Single)	\$75 cash per game paid at field	1 umpire per game
13U – 14U	7-inning game	\$84.00 per team per game	2 umpires per game
Junior Varsity	7-inning game	\$89.00 per team per game	2 umpires per game
PSLF/Varsity/PSL	7-inning game	\$94.00 per team per game	2 umpires per game
8U – 12U Web-based Additional Charges 2022			
Age	Condition	Fee	Notes
All	Game Time Changes or Field Changes after Schedule sent to umpires	\$15 per game	The umpires will charge for any game or field changes once the schedule has been sent.
All	Rain Out > 3 hours notice	No charge	Each manager must contact umpire's organization to cancel
All	Rain Out < 3 hours notice	½ game fee per team	Each manager must contact umpire's organization
All	Incomplete Game (Called by umpires)	Regular game fee for each team	Once game has been turned over to umpires – they receive full fee
All	Game Cancellation for Non-Weather reasons (e.g. not enough players) that have been sent to umpires	\$100.00	Team canceling game will be charged a flat fee of \$100
All	Game Cancellation for Non-Weather reasons(e.g. not enough players) within 48 hours of game day	\$200.00 (fine doubles)	Team canceling game will be charged a flat fee of \$200 per game and opponent will receive a portion of the money
All	No-Show Single Game or Double Header	\$100.00 in ADDITION to fines listed above	Team which no-shows for a game will be charged a flat fee of \$100 in addition to fine listed above
All	League Meeting Team No Show	\$150	



Pregame Procedures

•Within 2 days of each scheduled game -

- Check your game schedule on the NVTBL website to make sure no changes have been made to the game, opponent, field or time.
- Home coaches contact your opposing coach two days in advance of each scheduled game to confirm the date, location and time of the upcoming game.
- Home coaches contact your umpire (listed next to your game when logged into nvtbl.org). Make sure you speak to your ump, do not just text or leave a message. Confirm field and time. Please let us know if an issue arises with your ump as soon as possible.
- If on a neutral field, do not wait to be contacted, reach out to the other coach and agree on which of you will check the field to make sure that it is playable, how you will take care of the field, who will contact the ump, etc.
- Make sure that you have each other's cell phone numbers.

Rain Related Schedule Changes

If rain is forecasted for only part of the weekend, we very often get coaches that try and “game” the rain timing. We want you to be able to play, so we have created new rules for handling this.

1. Rain related schedule changes are only allowed within a few days of the weekend - because the weather changes quickly and what looked terrible a week before, might be perfect by Thursday evening.
2. No changes for cold, hot, distance or a neighborhood bbq are allowed. Sorry.
3. First, get in touch with the other team and see if they are available to move. Then call your umpire and see if they can move. Then, email or text me before 3pm on Friday and let me know that all parties would like to move the game and I will try and find a field and move it in the system. There are many circumstance where there is just not enough field space to move your game.
4. If both teams can move, but the umpire cannot and it is before 3pm on Friday, then we will do our best to find you a new umpire, but cannot promise anything.
5. If both teams can move, but it is after 3pm on Friday, you are on your own and can only move the game if you have a field (and checked with all appropriate contacts to ensure it is open), the other coach can move and you have contacted the umpire (if they can move, great, if they cannot, you are on your own). Please send me an email and let me know about the change, but we do not have to discuss it.



Weather Procedures

Weather-related cancellation/change procedure (NVTBL Weather Hotline (nvtblbaseball.org))

- Check the field to confirm it is unplayable - often this means driving to the field.
 - Contact your opponent to let them know.
 - Check your schedule to see which umpire is listed for your game and call the umpire listed for your game (will either be an individual listed or an association) and cancel the game. NOTE: Games canceled more than 3 hours in advance - no charge. Games canceled less than 3 hours - charge is ½ game fee. NOTE: If the umpire has not left for the game and can be reached, there is no charge.
 - If the field is not playable, call the umpires as early as you can to cancel your game. Do not send an email! Do not TEXT.
 - The telephone numbers for the umpires are listed next to your game under the SCHEDULES tab on the website.
 - Update nvtbl.org. Click on 'Schedules' button & bring up your team's schedule. "Score" the game as a rainout.
 - If the field is "open" but the field is not playable, don't play!
 - Do not call the umpires to ask whether your field is open -- they do not check field conditions.
 - Fields are allocated to us by different jurisdictions and our field allocation depends upon our treating these fields with respect.
 - Damaging a field is a good way to get kicked off the field. Do not play on the field if the field is unplayable.
- Fairfax County Park Authority Fields provides a weekday update after 3pm, [Fairfax County Park Authority Field Status](#) or Call the Fairfax County Park Authority Inclement Weather Hotline#: FCPA 703-324-5264 (Mon-Fri after 3:00 p.m.)
- Loudoun County: Use this link to check the Loudoun county field status: <http://www.loudoun.gov/fieldstatus>



Weekend Calls to NVTBL Staff

- Calling staff on weekends is for emergency situations--real time response needed, not for issues related to schedule in 2 weeks or to complain.
- Coaches have access to field schedules, Coaches within their division, Umpire phone numbers, Field instructions.
- Loudoun games cancelled --Coaches need to contact Loudoun Co on call.
- If the issue is umpire related and you cannot reach your umpire, please call Bill Byerley, our umpire coordinator.

Emergency numbers to have in your phone (please take a picture of this now):

- Fairfax County Park Authority After Hours: 703-609-8870
- Fairfax County Schools After Hours: 703-324-5264
- Loudoun County On-Call Supervisor: 571-233-0424
- 8-12u Umpire Scheduler: Bill Byerley: 703-795-7168
- Whoever is on call that weekend - we will inform you each week.



Day of Game

Arrival at Fields—

Many fields will have multiple games scheduled back-to-back, keep that in mind when arriving prior to your game. NVTBL recommends teams arrive no more than an hour early for games. Note: Loudoun county HS fields only allow 60 min pregame warm-up.

Plate Meeting—introduce yourself to your opponent and the umpire, agree upon the rules for the game—bring rule sheet with you, agree on official start time and end time. ***Pay your umpire IN CASH - they have been instructed not to begin game until they are paid.***

During Game: Code of Conduct

NVTBL has a code of conduct for Coaches, players and Parents. Every season, NVTBL requires coach's, players and parents to sign the code of conduct.

<https://www.nvtblbaseball.org/codeofconduct>

COVID Protocols—TBD



Day of Game—Post Game Procedures

Field care –

BOTH teams are responsible for helping with pre- and post-game field care. Before your game, review the field care information for your scheduled game here: [NVTBL Field Instructions](#). You will need to login with your Coach login and password to view this information. Do not assume that you should leave a tarp off if you don't see one on when you arrive – read the Field Instructions.

Bring a rake to games, some fields do not have rakes on site, you'll need the rake to fill holes and to get the mound and home plate ready for the game.

Leaving the dugout—

Pick up all trash and throw it away. Remove your equipment and leave the dugout in a timely manner, especially if a team is scheduled after you—you may host your team meeting outside the dugout.

Posting scores—

- Log into the NVTBL website (www.nvtbl.org) using your team manager login ID and password.
- Select **SCHEDULES/RESULTS**.
- Your team name will show in the box labeled **Team Schedules For X Season**. Click on **View Team Schedule** button.
- Your team schedule will show the following:
Date/Game/Time/Location/Opponent/Activity/Status/Umpires/Your Score/Opp. Score. Umpires should = "Yes". If not, enter a GENERAL REQUEST to let us know. Status for unplayed games = "Scheduled".
- Click on **Enter Score** button. Enter game status; enter score. Save.



Tournaments and Events

COI—NVTBL is able to provide Certificate of Insurance to all teams that are insured through NVTBL. Please contact Lisa (LisaL@nvtbl.org) at least 5 days prior to your tournament. Please include tournament name, address, and dates.

Hosting for an NVTBL Tournament—Your League Manager will occasionally ask if teams are interested/able to host. Teams will be compensated for their time and resources for bracket play games. Specific details/amounts will be provided by your scheduler.

NVTBL Tourney Rules and Tracking—NVTBL will post the tournament rules and how to track the tournament schedule on nvtblbaseball.org/coach

NVTBL Combine and Clinics—Every season NVTBL hosts events for players to improve their skills and to be measured on skill improvement. These events are posted on the NVTBL website and broadcast via email. Many of the events are fee based, specific details are provided for each event.



Expectations of Teams playing in NVTBL

NVTBL Rules of Engagement

- Pay attention during the scheduling process—let us know ASAP if you see a major problem.
- Come to all meetings as requested
- Team Registration Points of Contact: Enter 3 unique contacts (name, email address & phone #).
- Always have a printed copy of the Team Contacts with you at the field.
- Always have a printed copy of the baseball field care for the field where you are playing/practicing with you at the field.
- Call your opponent two (2) days prior to EVERY scheduled game.
- Bring an NVTBL Rules sheet to every plate meeting (found under HANDOUTS)
- Don't get tossed from a game—You'll be suspended for 8 days!
- Be nice to NVTBL staff and they will be nice to you!

Baseball Pickup!

March 6th at 12:00pm- 12:45pm

NVTBL Headquarters:

14325 Willard Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

There will not be a makeup for ball pickup! Anyone associated with your team can attend if a coach has attended this meeting.



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9U Age Specific Rules

Field Dimensions

- The 9u teams will play on a 46' mound / 60' bases field..

Game information

- A game is defined as 6 innings or 1 hour 50 mins (no new inning can start after 1 hour 50 mins). In the case of a rain shortened game, that game will be considered official only after 4 complete innings (or if the home team is ahead after 3 ½ innings). Each double header will consist of a home game and visitor's game for both teams.
- Note: The 1 hour 50 mins rule is NOT a "drop dead" rule. The inning will be completed if it has been started before the time limit has been reached.

Run rule

- 15 runs after 4 innings OR 12 runs after 5 innings = game is complete

Infield Fly

- The infield fly rule will be in effect.

Stealing

- Free stealing will be allowed, including home plate.
- A player must not leave his/her base to steal until the ball crosses the plate. If a runner leaves early, he/she will be called out and the pitch will be a dead ball.
- The ball is dead once the umpire calls dead ball, or once the pitcher is on the rubber and the catcher is ready to receive the next pitch.



9U Age Specific Rules

Pitching (9U)

- Pitchers will be limited to 75 pitches per day.
- If a pitcher throws less than 40 pitches, he may catch an unlimited number of innings per day.
- If a pitcher throws 41 – 59 pitches, he may catch a maximum of 3 innings per day.
- If a pitcher throws more than 60 pitches in the first game, he is ineligible to catch at all that day.
- If a player pitches or catches 5 innings or more he is ineligible to pitch or catch for the remainder of the day.
- Tournament guidelines may be different.
- Pitchers can finish the hitter without penalty.
- A Pitcher cannot re-enter that position (P) after being removed.
- Pitchers have 5 pitches between innings and umpires are encouraged to monitor a 2-minute time limit between innings. New/starting Pitchers are granted 8 pitches for.
- Visits = 1 per inning per pitcher, must remove on 2nd visit
- LL rules days of rest apply to all regular season NVTBL games (this rule applies to any team that may play on more than 1 day per week)
- Home scorebook is reference point. Please communicate between innings.

Violation of these rules could result in suspension.

***NVTBL strongly encourages coaches & parents to communicate with house league coaches to ensure that no player is throwing too much each week.**

Balks – no balks will be called