

ALYB 6U Division Coach and Parent Guide

Overview

The ALYB 6U division is a learning division and is designed to introduce young players to the game of baseball. The children will play time-limited games with simplified rules. This will help ensure that children have fun and at the same time, maximize their learning opportunities. No score is kept in this division.

Games

All games are played at the American Legion Youth Baseball Complex. The season will be comprised of 10 games. Teams will typically be scheduled to play 1-2 games per week, with regularly scheduled games normally occurring Monday-Thursday evenings. Games will consist of four (4) innings or 1 hour, whichever comes first.

Player Equipment

As part of the player registration fee, each player receives a team shirt and hat which each head coach will distribute to their players prior to the start of the season. In addition, parents should consider acquiring the following items:

- Batting helmet
- Baseball pants
- Belt
- Bat (must be USA Baseball certified for older age groups at the Legion)

Teams

Although there will be no minimum or maximum number of players established for 6U Division rosters, teams will typically have between 9 to 11 players. Players may be added to a 6U Division roster at any time throughout the season. The assignment of players to teams within the 6U Division shall be conducted by the ALYB Board utilizing an informal process whereas most players will be assigned to the same team from the previous season and most, if not all, special requests are honored. Managers and/or coaches can request specific players for their roster.

Complex Guidelines

Suggested parking for 6U Division games depends on which field 6U games are scheduled on for a particular evening. One option to consider is the upper lot closest to Jackson Street (**NOTE:** Parking is not allowed in the lower lot as that area is reserved for veterans and patrons of the Post 210.) Another option is the Pony League parking lot at the very end of the service road running between the Legion and North Ridge Middle School. Please do not park/drive on the grass.

Pets are not allowed at the complex at any time.

Smoking, vaping, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on or near the playing fields at practices or games.

All 6U Division players, coaches and families are expected to attend Opening Day Ceremonies where players will be introduced onto the 12U field along with the players from the 8U-12U Divisions.

The Concession Stand will be open starting at 5:30 pm on nights when there are games.

Restrooms are located on the east side of the Concession Stand building.

No individual shall climb the fences surrounding any of the fields, please use any of the available openings when entering/exiting the fields.

Please help keep our facilities looking clean and ensure that all trash is removed from the bench and playing area upon completion of a game or practice.

No food is allowed in the bench area during games.

Gameplay

Managers and coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes but shall not touch a live ball. At least one adult manager or coach must be in the dugout at all times.

Teams may start and finish a game with any number of players.

All rostered players shall bat in an inning. No player will be permitted to bat more than once in an inning. The batting order will remain the same throughout the game. The offensive side has completed their half inning when all players on the roster have batted one time.

All players on the roster are to be given a defensive position. No player may occupy the pitcher or catcher's position (a coach will be positioned near the batter to aid the hitter and to return baseballs to the coach that is pitching).

A coach shall pitch to their own team. A batter shall use the hitting tee after failing to hit a fair ball after four (4) pitches have been delivered by the coach. At the coach's discretion, the batter shall be declared out if they cannot hit the ball off the tee after three attempts. The ball used will be the safety/soft baseballs.

No strikeouts will be permitted. The ball is considered foul if the batter hits the tee with the bat.

A batted ball that strikes the coach pitching to their team is a dead ball. Award the batter and runners bases as deemed appropriate.

Base runners shall stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.

Players will not swing a bat in or near the bench area.