

## NMCYSA – Division Rules for 2016

NMCYSA will follow the 2016 ASA Rule Book for most rules. Rules modified for our league, and some clarification of standard rules, are:

- **General Rules**

- **Derogatory remarks of any kind by players, managers, coaches, parents or other spectators are strictly prohibited. Only positive reinforcements, through cheers or direct comments, are to be given to the players. Players should only chant cheers that are in support of their team/teammates**
- Every player in the line-up bats
- Pitchers that are relieved, but have not reached their pitching limit for the game, can return as the pitcher even if they left the field of play (sat-out defensively). They are still limited to the maximum innings per game set for their age division
- If a player arrives after a game has started, they are inserted at the end of the line-up
- If a player in the line-up needs to leave before the end of the game, or is in any way unable to continue to play, a line in the scorebook will be drawn through the remaining innings for that player. Their spot is skipped, there is no penalty (such as an automatic out), and the batting continues with the next batter in the line-up
- Except for T-Ball, there is a 5-run mercy rule for all innings
- Game time limits are set at the division level. A maximum of six innings will be played
- All batting helmets must have a safety mask and chin-straps
- All batters, base runners and on-deck batters must wear a helmet and the chin strap must be fastened and in proper position under the chin. Helmets must remain on until players fully exit the field of play and enter the dug-out
- Pitchers must wear infielder's masks for the 8U and above divisions – it is strongly suggested that all other positions wear a protective face mask
- Catcher's gear is required for the 8U and above divisions
- Cleats are required for 8U and above. Metal cleats are disallowed at all levels of play

**\*ALL DIVISION RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER COACHES' DISCRETION\***