



HYBSA Elite Teams Rules and Procedures



ELITE TEAMS

Elite Teams are teams who skill level is beyond that of a recreational team. Elite Teams are Pony's version of the select or travel team program. Unlike a rec team, Elite teams do not draft players. These teams typically hold try outs and players are selected by the teams own selection criteria. Elite Teams can play year round and keep the same players as they age and move up in Leagues. As with any select or travel program, HYBSA assumes the role of the parent organization. This means HYBSA has complete control of the team's organization, structure, and operation. This includes but not limited to: finances, uniform, equipment, staff, players, schedule, rules, rule enforcement, and discipline.

Elite Teams represent HYBSA and the community. Any member of a team to include coaches, players, or parents can be disciplined or removed from the League for failing to follow the rules outlined in this section or for bringing discredit to the league by their actions. Discredit can include but not limited to: fighting; cursing; bad sportsmanship; bullying; making threats to anyone; being ejected from a game, tournament, or other function while representing HYBSA. Elite Teams who are accepted into the League by the Board must comply with all HYBSA rules herein. Failure to do so may result in removal from the league. Any coach, player, or parent who is removed by the League will be disqualified from future participation in the league's Elite Program for a period of 2 years from the season of the removal.

Elite Team Registration

All players on the Elite Team roster must register with HYBSA using the Board approved method. The Coach will turn in all birth certificates as a group, including any fees still due, on or prior to the posted registration deadline. A per flat registration fee per team will be paid to HYBSA. Any additional costs beyond this registration fee (tournaments, equipment, fundraisers, etc.) will be paid directly by the team. Only a properly completed application with all required documents and payment will be accepted.

1. HYBSA refund policy does not apply to Elite Teams.
2. All Coaches, Managers, and any other adult who will be in the dugout or on the playing field, either practice or games, will have a HYBSA approved background completed prior to their participation. Official Coaches will have their background checks completed and approved prior to the due date of the team registration packet. Coaches, Managers, and other adults are subject to the same background requirements as regular coaches and volunteers. (See section titled Background Checks)
3. All Elite Teams shall have a minimum of 10, with a maximum of 15, players on the roster at time of registration.
4. Any changes to an Elite Teams roster will be reported to the Elite Team Coordinator, using the approved Board method within 3 days.

Penalty: Failure to report a roster change will result in that player not being eligible to play on that or any other Elite Team for the rest of that season.

5. All players on the Elite Team roster must reside within the League boundaries and include a minimum of:
 - 7 HYBSA players for a 10 to 12 player roster,
 - 8 HYBSA players for a 13 player roster,
 - 9 HYBSA players for a 14 player roster, OR
 - 10 HYBSA players for a 15 player roster

* An HYBSA player is defined as anyone who has played two full, consecutive seasons at Hays (these must be current seasons, not to exceed the previous 2-years; for example: Spring 2016 & Fall 2016, Spring 2016 & Fall 2015, or Spring 2015 and Spring 2016)
6. Players may play a maximum of one League up. No player will be permitted to play down for any reason.
7. A player who registers with an Elite Team may leave the Elite Team to play for a Recreational Team at HYBSA by re-registering as a recreational player; however, no player who registers for the Recreational League may

- leave to play for an Elite Team once the Elite Team roster has been approved by the Board.
8. A player leaving an Elite Team to a Recreational Team will be placed on the next available teams roster and will not be able to select a specific team to be placed on.
 9. There are no player participation rules on the Elite Teams and playing time is at the sole discretion of the Head Coach.
 10. Elite Teams will only be allowed at the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony levels in both Baseball and Softball.

Elite Number of Teams

A maximum of 2 Baseball and 1 Softball Elite Teams per League will be allowed. The league may reduce that to 1 baseball and 1 softball depending on field space.

Elite Team Name

All Elite Teams will use the name “Hays _____”, regardless of the level of play. Each team will be differentiated by the age group number. (Example Hays _____ 7U, Hays _____ 8U, etc.) This name will appear on all registrations the team participates in regardless of the affiliation (Ex. USSSA, Super Series, etc.) It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to correct any errors that may occur with any tournament or game posting. (If circumstances outside of the control of the coaching staff prevents them from correcting this, then the coaching staff will have to submit documentation to the Elite Coordinator showing proof.)

Any approved returning team prior to Spring 2017 will be grandfathered from this requirement with the understanding they meet the prior name requirements

Penalty: A warning may be given for the first violation, a second violation may result in the team being suspended from any type of game play/practice for a month, and any subsequent violation will result in the automatic team suspension from any game play/practice for the remainder of the season.

Elite Uniform and Equipment

All Elite Team jerseys and hats will be provided by the League. Only League provided jerseys and hats will be used for game play. Current and guest players may purchase additional team jerseys and hats at the teams expense. Teams may request one additional jersey design to supplement their league provided jerseys. The jersey design must be approved by the Board prior to being used. The additional jersey must be purchased through the League’s current vendor or another League approved vendor. All wind breakers, sweaters, parent shirts, warm up shirts, practice shirts, or any other type of clothing or equipment to be worn with the team’s name on it, must be approved by the League prior to its use. Helmets and bags must be approved by the League prior to its use.

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The League will provide teams with a dozen new baseballs and two score books (per season).

Elite Practice/Games at HYBSA

All Elite Teams will be assigned to the Elite Team Coordinator who will coordinate with the League Scheduler any practice/game times.

1. Elite Teams will be required to build and maintain their own game/tournament schedules.
2. All Elite Teams will be required to participate in all but 1 tournaments hosted by HYBSA for that season. If the tournament does not allow the team to participate due to that division not being offered, or doesn’t make a full bracket, then the team will not be required to make that tournament up.
3. Elite Teams will not be permitted to play the Recreational Teams in any League games; however, scrimmages may occur at the sole discretion of the Elite Team Coordinator and Recreational Team coaches.
 - * Exception will be made for Elite Teams to play against All Star Teams. All Star Teams are a much

higher caliber team and thus should be equal to an Elite Team.

4. Use of the fields for games will be based on approximately ½ the Recreation League's regular season schedule; therefore, if the Recreation League has 12 game slots, the Elite Team will get 6 game slots. Team practice schedules will be determined by the Elite Team Coordinator (field clean up day requirements still apply).
5. Elite Teams will have a weekday practice/game slot, a Sunday slot, and any unused slots during the regular season. The League has right to override any previous/current field reservations on Friday, if the League is using that day for makeup games. During the off season, Elite Teams will be provided time slots weekly as determined by the Elite Team Coordinator.
6. Elite Teams will perform all after practice and after game field maintenance as required and must participate in field work days as scheduled by the Board, League Commissioner or Elite Team Coordinator.
7. The League will pay for umpires for all Elite Team home games up to the max number of home games allowed
8. Make-up games and rainouts must be arranged and scheduled through the Elite Team Coordinator.
9. When playing at the HYBSA fields, all home rules will apply except those as adopted by the Interlocking League for regular season play.

Elite Rosters and Playing Time

All elite teams must maintain the proper ratio of HYBSA players throughout the season. If a team roster falls below 10 players for any reason, then that team can be suspended from being a member of HYBSA Elite Team Program.

- * The Head Coach can ask the League for a temporary waiver which can last until the end of the season.

Guest Player Rule: This is where a recreational player plays on an Elite Team for a tournament or a single game, if the rec. team is not already playing. If the recreational player(s) participates as a "guest player" for an Elite Team and will miss a regular season game(s), the request must be approved by the Elite Team Coordinator, Field Commissioner and Head Coach of the guest player.

1. A player can only be a guest for a maximum of 3 times per season.
2. No more than 3 players can guest player per tournament or a single game if the team is not participating in a tournament.

Playing time is decided solely by the coaching staff and there are no playing time requirements.

Elite Insurance

The League will provide Elite Teams with insurance, and a copy of the policy and contact information will be provided. HYBSA Insurance coverage is only valid during the current season.

Elite Concession Stand and Fundraiser

The parents and coaches of Elite Teams are exempt from both concession stand duty and League Fundraiser.

Elite Finances

HYBSA will maintain all Elite Teams financial accounts. Every team will have an account created by the League Treasurer. All deposits will be made to the league. All checks will be made out to HYBSA. The League will handle all Elite Teams transaction by using the available funds in their account. Prior to any transaction occurring the League Treasure will check to ensure the amount of funds to cover the transaction is available for use. This includes but not limited to: tournaments fees, league fees, equipment, fundraisers, etc.

1. If the funds are not available to cover a transaction, the League Treasure will notify the Head Coach and let them know of the situation. The coach can choose to add additional funds to the team account or cancel the purchase.
2. The use of funds must follow League guidelines and must be supported by proper documentation (i.e. invoice, itemized receipts, etc.)
3. All unused funds will remain with the League.

Elite Sponsors

Elite Teams will be allowed to solicit donations and sponsorships; however, teams will have to coordinate with the League Sponsorship Coordinator to ensure sponsors are not receiving multiple requests for sponsorship. If the team brings in a new sponsor or sponsor who has not sponsored the league for more than 3 years, then the team will have priority on soliciting funds from that sponsor.

Use of HYBSA's facilities for fundraising must be approved by the Board and the criteria set by the Elite Team Coordinator.

Sponsors for Elite Teams will receive the same benefit as sponsors for Rec Teams.

Disciplinary Measures

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of themselves, Assistant Coaches, players, parents, and fans. Violation of rules will be subject to the penalty assigned to that rule. If a rule does not have a penalty assigned to it then the following will serve as the penalty:

A warning may be given for the first violation, a second violation may result in the team being suspended from any type of game play/practice for a month, and any subsequent violation will result in the automatic team suspension from any game play/practice for the remainder of the season.

The Board may also choose to reduce or increase a penalty for a rule violation(s) based on circumstances, impact to League, and any other criteria the Board finds relevant

If a rule violation occurs solely by an individual (example fighting, unsportsman like conduct, cheating, etc.) and the individual is not on the coaching staff, then the Board may choose to take action against that individual and not the team as a whole. This is at the sole discretion of the Board.