

2024 NISA Overview, Rules and Important Dates

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Eligibility

- Organizations may not hold tryouts where players could be cut. All girls that wish to play must be placed on a roster in order to participate in the NISA regular Spring season or Fall Ball.
- See "Travel Classification" under NISA Info tab on website
- Divisions are based off age as of 12/31/2023. 14U will play during during the HS season so it is recommended that 14U be 8th grade and below.
- Spring season: All teams for age divisions 8U and up are required to turn in a roster before any games are played. Players may only be rostered on one team. Please email rosters to Angela Young at angelayoungNISA@gmail.com

Fees

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| - Spring Season | 6U: | No Fee |
| | 8U-14U: | \$55 per team |
| - Fall Ball Season | All Ages: | No Fee |

Dates

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| - Regular Season: | 6U-14U | 4/22/24 - 6/21/23 |
| - Tournament: | 8U-16U | 6/24/24 - 6/30/24 |
| - Fall Ball: | 6U-16U | 9/07/24 - 10/26/24 |

Umpires

- 6U No umpires required.
- 8U-10U Umpires are required but not required to be patched.
- 12U & up Patched umpires are required.
Teams that do not comply for the majority of the season will not be allowed to participate in the End of Season Tournament.

Cancellations/Forfeits

- Teams cancelling less than 6 hours prior to game time for any reason other than weather/field conditions will be considered a forfeit

Schedules/Scores - Spring Season ONLY

- 6U and 8U do not report scores.
- 10U-16U: Score reporting is for the Spring season only. Fall Ball does not need to report.
- Report scores and schedule changes using LINK (Google form) on website
- Tied games should be reported by both teams within 48 hours.
- Winning team is responsible for reporting scores within 48 hours.
- Any games on the schedule not reported as a score or a reschedule will be considered a "no game".
- Please do not report scores for pick up / extra games. These games do not count toward standings.

Standings 10U-16U: Spring Season ONLY

- Division seedings will be determined based on win percentage of reported games.
*10U-14U Teams must play 10 games to be seeded on win percentage
- Tie Breakers:

1st	Head to Head
2nd	Average Runs Allowed
3rd	Coin Toss

Only games reported within league requirements will be factored into tie breakers.

Tournament 10U - 16U: Spring Season ONLY

- Regular Season rules apply with the following exceptions:
 - Seedings will be based off regular season standings (see above)
 - *Teams must play 10 games to be seeded with win percentage. If 10 games aren't played team will be seeded as last place team
 - Higher seeded team will host games and supply umpires and game balls up until the finals.
 - Championship and 3rd/4th place games will be played at Woodstock - Bates Park on last date of tournament.
 - Umpires and game balls for Championship and 3rd/4th place games will be supplied by NISA.
 - Play off games during the week - the No New Inning Time Limit will still be in effect
 - 10U - 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th place games will be 1:30 finish the inning
 - 12U and 14U
 - 3rd/4th place games will be 1:45 finish the inning
 - 1st/2nd place games will be a full 7 innings with no time limit
- Games cannot end in a tie. See below for tie breaker rules.
- **Tied scores:**
 - If the game is tied after you reach the No New Inning time limit or after full game (12U/14U championship), you will proceed with the International Tie Breaker until there is a winner
 - **ITB = each half inning starts with the last batted out from the previous inning as a base runner on 2nd base.
 - Position and pitching rules still apply in extra innings

Tournament 8U: Spring Season ONLY

- Regular Season rules apply with the following exceptions:
 - There are no standings for 8U. Wins and losses are not tracked during the season.
 - The matchups and field location will be determined by random draw.
 - The team listed at the top of each matchup on the bracket will host and supply umpires and game balls up until the finals.
 - Umpire will flip a coin for which team gets to be home team immediately before each game.
 - Championship and 3rd/4th place games will be played at Woodstock - Bates Park on last date of tournament.
 - Umpires and game balls for Championship and 3rd/4th place games will be supplied by NISA.
 - Tournament games will be all coach pitch. Coach will get up to 5 pitches per batter. No walks allowed. Batter can strike out. If the batter gets a foul ball on the last coach pitch, an additional pitch will be given until the batter strikes out, gets a hit, grounds out or flies out.
 - The No New Inning time limit is still in effect. If the game is tied after you reach the No New Inning time limit you will proceed with the International Tie Breaker play until there is a winner
 - **ITB = each half inning starts with the last batted out from the previous inning as a base runner on 2nd base.
- Trophy presentation following final games

Tournament 6U: Spring Season ONLY

- No end of season tournament for 6U.