

NIBA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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1. **What level programs do we offer?** Professional, Summer Collegiate, Post Grad, and Adult Travel

2. **What are the eligibility rules?**

- Summer collegiate league players must be on a collegiate roster within the past six months.
- Post Grad league players must be 17-22 and preferably enrolled in school.
- Professional players must be age 21 or older

3. **What is our staff communication policy?** All communication attempts must be responded to within 48 hours.

4. **Are we a non-profit?** Our summer collegiate and Post Grad programs are listed under National Independent Baseball Academy which is a non-profit organization. Our Professional League is a for profit organization.

5. **What is the minimum age?** 16

6. **How many games do our teams play?** The fall and spring seasons offer 20 plus games while the summer offer 40 games plus playoffs.

7. **Is playing time guaranteed?** Playing time is guaranteed on a percentage basis in the summer collegiate, post grad, and adult travel teams. While playing time isn't guaranteed in the Professional league our staff makes sure that all players have an opportunity to showcase their talents over the course of the season.

8. Do we provide housing? No housing isn't provided. However we may help with resources and corporate partners that may offer discounts. We may also assist in finding roommates when applicable.

9. What host sites is NIBA located in? North Carolina cities - Greensboro, Charlotte, Fayetteville, and Wilson. South Carolina cities - Myrtle Beach

10. What days do teams play? While teams can play any day of the week, 90% of our games are Wed-Sun. Mon and Tue are scheduled off days however that can change due to weather, field availability, and other non-controllable NIBA factors.

11. How far is the travel and how often do teams travel? Teams typically play 5 days a week with 3 home games per week. This equates to a 60/40 split of home to away games. Most travel games are between 1-2 hours away with further travel games up to 3 ½ hours away.

12. Do scouts attend games? Scouts normally do not attend games. However they look at the live stream video and our organization promotes players that we feel have the talent and capabilities to play at higher levels.

13. Do teams play inter and outer league play? Yes, all of our programs will have interleague play against each other. Teams may also face out of league competition.

14. What is our uniform policy? League Polos or t-shirts may be purchased online via team stores. You are also authorized to wear uniform apparel of the brand that you are assigned to.

15. **Are professional players paid?** Yes, Professional players are paid 3 ways. First they are paid via our standard contract. Secondly, they are paid through commissions from our player revenue and reward program if they participate. Third, players are paid if they sign up for host site jobs when available. Lastly players are paid through a performance based bonus system at the end of the season.

16. **Do professional players have to be bought out of their contract?** No, our goal is to help players move up to higher professional leagues when applicable. Players are paid only for time spent on the professional roster and are free to move to other leagues at any time by opting out of their contract.

17. **Can players be released from their pro contract by their team?** Yes, players can be released from their contract at any time by a professional team. All players released for performance based reasons will have a guaranteed spot as a practice player within our organization.

18. **How are suspensions and expulsions handled?** Players must sign a player contract or player participation agreement prior to playing within our organization. Code of conduct expectations are included in the document. Warnings and suspensions maybe given for minor offenses while larger violations may lead in expulsion from the league without a refund. Serious offenses may lead to players being placed on the Non-Participation List and/or the Do Not Hire List.

19. **What forms of payment are accepted?** Credit/Debit, Cash App, Venmo

20. **Do we offer payment plans?** Yes, all of our programs offer some form of payment plans

21. Are payments refundable? NO, payments are non-refundable however league credits will be given in case of serious injury or other factors at the discretion of NIBA.

22. What comes with the player fee? Games, t-shirt/shorts, hats, stats housing, access to photography/videography, PA announcer, access to league sponsors, top notch customer service

23. Do we charge attendance fees? Some venues may charge a gate fee. Those venues will be disclosed prior to the game of up to 72 hours in advance. Also there may be a charge to watch our live stream.

24. What is our player revenue/rewards program? Our player revenue/rewards program is designed to help players save money on NIBA fees and associated costs towards our league. Players who excel in the program will either have no out of pocket expenses or even make a profit.

25. Does our player revenue/rewards program affect player eligibility? No, all commissions from our PRRP program are not in relation to playing baseball. This allows players to keep their amateur status and eligibility.

26. What are sponsorships used for? Game Day sponsorships are used for league and team expenses to cover the cost of playing baseball. Those costs include staff payroll, uniform/apparel, field costs, insurance costs, umpire costs, baseballs, technological costs, marketing and advertising costs, legal costs, and the cost of insurance.