

2018 Youth Boys Schedule, how it works and how clubs need to adapt.

In general, the schedule is setup as a 4 team round robin. In order to do this, teams from different clubs are paired together (because many only have 1 team). The result is that a team may play a “home” game at their partner’s field. This game would be against a club from “not the host team” and the host club is not involved in that game. This method was used to avoid having to play the same team back to back (i.e. double headers) as well as allowing teams to avoid playing the same team twice.

Clubs, coaches and parents will need to understand the fact that to make all of this work, THERE ARE NEUTRAL SITE GAMES. The focus needs to move up a level and look at the entire day and all of the match ups on that day, at a location. An example of a basic game day is as follows. Assume each team is from a different club.

Host club is A

A vs B

C vs D

A vs D

C vs B

- Note that A only plays in 2 of the games.
- The other 2 games are “neutral site” games hosted by A (C vs D and C vs B).
- Everyone plays 2 games
- There are no double headers. (meaning playing the same team twice)

General Notes:

- The teams (except for 8U’s) were grouped into divisions (North and South). We understand that there are a few teams from outside the Dane county footprint. Every team, except those who have requested **blackout days**, should be scheduled for the minimum number of games for their age group. Teams **MUST** play the schedule games.
- Whenever possible, we placed the 12U teams and 14U teams from the same clubs at the same location. When there was not enough field space available to allow this, the 12Us were moved to another location. This will cause an imbalance in the home/host/visitor numbers for the 12U’s. But, if a club only has one field, then that club should expect to travel more.
- Whenever there are 4 teams playing in a round robin, we tried to have the host team play first and last (open and close the field) in the 4-game segment. That forces one team to play back to back games. In reality, no matter how you do the 4-game grouping, someone will have to play back to back.

- In order to avoid playing the teams over and over again, we assigned teams as “travel partners” in groups of two. Each partner group acts as one, so when that group is hosting, one of the teams is actually a “home team” on the hosts field. Also, the travel partners only play against each other when their group has a bye or when a team has requested a blackout. This also helps avoid teams from the same club playing each other. Thus, in 14U, Baraboo and DeForest are travel partners and will see each other a lot but never play.
- Another result of this philosophy is that teams from clubs with 2+ teams will have more home games than those with one team. That is because the one-teamers need to share home dates. Every team should host at least once.
- Because of the limited number of 8U teams, it does not follow the same rules as the rest of the age groups. It is more of a general round robin.
- Mother’s **Day** and Memorial Day **weekend** are NOT scheduled for league play. Coaches can elect to have make up games or add games on their own doing.
- The BLA will not be scheduling make up’s or extra games. Clubs and Coaches are responsible for all reschedules due to ANY reason. You are not mandated to reschedule.
- If you need to **CANCEL** a game or **close a host site** for any reason you must contact the BLA Boys VP, John Goetzka and the Boys Umpire assignor, Jeremy Sullivan to notify them of the game cancel or host site closure. **You must also notify the opposing teams.**
- JEVIN schedules will only be updated with a host site closure or game cancel, we will do everything possible to have the schedule up to date within reason. You can embed the links below into your club web site and pass out to your members.

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\*Here are the links:

**Use the master link to drill down to venues, teams and games using the filter check box’s.**

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