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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Volunteer Spotlight

Each November Southern NJ District 1 Commissioner John Villella hosts a dinner for all of his league presidents to thank them for their hard work during the season.

John chairs a committee which selects a President of the Year and Volunteer of the Year for the district. This year the President of the Year was Dave Lauer from the Hamilton BRL. Volunteer of the Year honors went to Mike Melker of the Hamilton Little Lads BRL.

In addition, John handed out several Appreciation Awards. These went to Debbie and Bill Wilmer from the Hightsown BRL, to Jack Zoller from the Hamilton BRL, and to Jim Petersohn from the Hamilton BRL.

Congratulations to all of these hard working volunteers. Not only did they work hard to make their season a success but they also worked hard to make the 9 year old regional tournament a success this year.

Perhaps Dave Lauer summed up the caliber of the Babe Ruth family of volunteers best when he told a short story in his acceptance remarks. Dave said he had gone through some health problems this year. When he was in the hospital not one of

the hundreds of clients he has in his professional life came to visit him, but the six members of his Babe Ruth Baseball family did. That says it all. ♦

Three Tournaments Remain Open

There are three tournaments for 2009 which have not yet been sold. These are the 8 year old, the 16 year old and the 16-18 year old.

Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo would like to have every one of the tournament sites sold before the spring regional meeting in April.



If your league would like to host one of these tournaments please contact Ray or your state commissioner as soon as possible. ♦

Baseball Quote

“Ain’t no man can avoid being born average, but there ain’t no man got to be common.”

-- Satchel Paige

New Email Address for Lotierzos

Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo and Regional Secretary Barbara Lotierzo have a new ISP.

They can be contacted at the following email addresses:

For Ray it is:
raylotie@verizon.net

And for Barbara it is:
bmlpebbles@verizon.net ♦

Chartering Process Now Online

Starting on November 24th, the chartering and insurance process for the 2009 season can now be done online.

To access this feature go to <https://www.baberuthleague.org/resources/datacenter.html> .



There are tutorials online to help you through the process.♦

You Be the Umpire Quiz

Do you know the correct ruling for these baseball situations?



Situation 1: Runner going from second to third base falls over the shortstop that was standing in the base line fielding a batted ball. The third baseman tags the runner with the ball. Is the runner out?

Situation 2: Pitcher makes a wild pitch which goes out of the playing field. Should all runners on base advance: ONE, TWO or THREE Bases?

Situation 3: Runners on first and third, one out. Batter hits a fly ball to centerfield which is caught. Runner on first left when the batter hit the ball and before he could return, is doubled at first. Runner on third crosses plate before out is made at first. Does the run score?

Situation 4: Batted ball strikes foul line between home and first base then rolls fair before reaching first base. Is this a FAIR ball or FOUL ball?

Situation 5: Batter with a count of two balls and one strike is removed for another batter. Does the count on the new batter start over?

2009 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: Monroe, NJ

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

12-year-old / 60' ft.

Site: Bear, DE

Dates: July 29- Aug 3

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Bridgewater, NJ

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

13-year-old

Site: Williamsport, PA

Dates: Aug. 6-12

14-year-old

Site: Bridgewater, NJ

Dates: Aug. 6 - 12

13-15 year old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug. 5-11

16-18 year old

Site: TBD

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

9-year-old

Site: Troy, NY

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Kimberton, PA

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Indian Mills, NJ

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

16-year-old

Site: TBD

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Lamar, CO

Dates: Aug. 15-22

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Winchester, MA

Dates: Aug. 13-20

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD

Dates: Aug. 15-22

13-year-old

Site: Murray, UT

Dates: Aug. 22-29

14-year-old

Site: Appleton, WI

Dates: Aug. 22-29

13-15 year old

Site: Longview, WA

Dates: Aug. 21-28

16-18 year old

Site: Moses Lake, WA

Dates: Aug. 15-22



Quiz Answers:

Situation 1: Yes – Rule 7.08(b) & 7.09(1). The base runner must give ground to a defensive player who is making a play on a batted ball. The runner is out whether it is deemed intentional or not intentional.

Situation 2: One – Rule 7.05 (h). One from the rubber and two from the field is the old adage and still (for the most part) applies.

Situation 3: Yes – Rule 2.00 – FORCE PLAY, 4.09 EXCEPTIONS & 7.10(a). While most appeals must be verbal so the umpire knows the defense is aware of a base running infraction this play does not have to be verbal because the actions of the defense lets the umpire know that they know the runner on first did not tag up. The base runner on first base was REQUIRED to tag up but when the batter was out on the catch of the fly ball the force was removed and this becomes a TIMING play. If the runner on third tags or touches home plate before the ball gets to the first baseman for the out at first the run would count.

Situation 4: Fair – Rule 2.00. Review your definition of a fair ball. A batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base is a fair ball.

Situation 5: No – Rule 6.01 NOTE outlines if the third out of the inning is made while that batter is at bat the count will start over, but not when one batter takes the place of another during an at bat.