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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Volunteer Spotlight

On February 28th, Eastern New York State Commissioner Jerry Francis held his annual spring state meeting. Among the items on the agenda was the recognition of some "volunteers of the year" in Eastern New York.

The 2008 recipients who were honored were Jim "Pags" Pagliaro from the Beacon, NY Jr Baseball League and Tom Swyers from the Niskayuna Baseball League.

Jimmy has been involved with youth baseball for 25+ years. He comes from a family that before him were involved with his league. Beacon Jr Baseball League started in 1954 and there was always a Pagliaro involved. Without Jimmy the Beacon Babe Ruth program would no longer exist. He continues to run the Babe Ruth program and also helps other leagues with their Babe Ruth program. He set up Babe Ruth travel teams and he always has Babe Ruth at the top of his list. He protects the "in house" programs. He also is involved with the Beacon Cal Ripken program. He is always there when you need him with a rake or with advice.

Tom is the Vice President of Niskayuna Baseball and has

been an unwavering supporter of his local program but for Babe Ruth League throughout his district and state. Tom has generously devoted his personal time to talk to community leaders, school officials and many others to promote the program.

Congratulations to both of these gentlemen. ♦

Three Tournaments Remain Open

There are three tournaments for 2009 which have not yet been sold. These are the 8 year old, the 11 year old /60ft and the 16 year old.



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

Regional Spring Meeting In April

The annual spring regional meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th. If there is anything that a league wants to have discussed now is the time to mention it to your State Commissioner.



The purpose of the spring meeting is to discuss issues which may become a problem during the season. It is also when the upcoming tournaments are discussed and pool play and bracket positions are picked.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Albany, New York. The address of the hotel is 205 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12205 and the telephone number is (518) 458-7250 ♦

New Phone Number for PA Commish

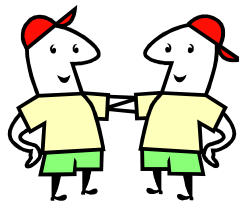
Starting on April 1st Pennsylvania State 13-18 Divisions Commissioner Ron Zimmerman will have a new office phone number.

His office phone (570) 788-9716 will change to (570) 245-7761. His home phone and cell will remain the same.♦

Baseball Quote

“Always play a game with somebody, never against them. Always win a game, never beat an opponent.”

--Andrew Bailey



Stump the Ump Quiz

Do you know the correct ruling for these baseball situations?

Situation 1: Fielder is standing in fair territory when a fly ball touches his/her glove which is just outside of the foul line. Is this a FAIR ball or FOUL ball?

Situation 2: Bases full, two out, batter hits ball over fence for home run. Batter misses first base. Proper appeal is made. How many runs score?

Situation 3: With two strikes on batter, batter fouls a pitch which strikes catcher's chest protector. Catcher grabs the rebound, before the ball falls to the ground. Is the batter out?

Situation 4: Fielder throws his/her glove at a fair batted ball but does not hit the ball. How many bases should be awarded?

Situation 5: With no runners on base, pitcher raises his/her pivot foot in the act of delivering a pitch. Is this a balk?

2009 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: [Monroe, NJ](#)

Host League: Monroe Twp CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: [Bear, DE](#)

Host League: Bear CRL

Dates: July 29- Aug 3

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater CRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug 5

13-year-old

Site: [WilliamSPORT, PA](#)

Host League: West End BRL

Dates: Aug. 6-12

14-year-old

Site: [Bridgewater, NJ](#)

Host League: Bridgewater BRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - 12

13-15 year old

Site: [Saugerties, NY](#)

Host League: Saugerties BRL

Dates: Aug. 5-11

16-18 year old

Site: [Chester, PA](#)

Host League: DelCo Senior BRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

9-year-old

Site: [Troy, NY](#)

Host League: Spring Youth CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: [Indian Mills, NJ](#)

Host League: Indian Mills AA CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

16-year-old

Site: **TBD**

Host League:

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

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: [Wilson County, NC](#)

Dates: Aug. 6-13

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: [Concord, NH](#)

Dates: Aug. 8-15



Quiz Answers:

Situation 1: Foul – Rule 2.00. A fair/foul fly shall be adjudged according to the relative position of the ball and the foul line, not as to whether the fielder is on fair or foul territory at the time such fielder touches the ball.

Situation 2: None – Rule 7.10(b) & 4.09(a) EXCEPTIONS (1). No runs will score when the third out of the inning is made on the batter runner before touching first base and the defense initiates a proper appeal.

Situation 3: No – Rule 2.00 – FOUL TIP. Sharp and direct from the bat to the catchers hand or mitt and anything else is a foul ball.

Situation 4: None – Rule 7.05(c). The rule only penalizes a defensive player if the ball is TOUCHED by the thrown glove.

Situation 5: No – Rule 8.05. However, it would be one of two illegal pitches that are outlined in 8.05 (e) & (g). You may also want to review rule 2.00 – ILLEGAL PITCH.