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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Make the Rules Consistent

Every year a situation seems to arise with a team going from one level of competition to the next where a coach balks at a rule in the regional because “that’s not what they did in the states”. This can easily be avoided if the entire tournament trail played with the same rules.

The District and State tournaments seem to be more lax in some areas (like uniform requirements) or add things like a “must slide rule”, or just use their own rules. These practices generate friction with some managers when they get to the regional level and find out that it is “stricter”.

It’s not that regional rules are “stricter”, they are just being enforced as they should be. **No commissioner should change the rules just because he or she doesn’t agree with them.**

Keeping all rules and regulations and their proper enforcement consistent from District to State to Regional to World Series doesn’t take away from the positive tournament experience. It ensures that every team and every participant is being treated fairly and everyone is playing on an even keel. ♦

Baseball Quote

“For the parent [of a Little League], a baseball game is simply a nervous breakdown divided into innings.”

Earl Wilson

Site Still Needed for 11 / 60 Tournament

A few leagues have inquired about the 11/60 but then dropped out so a site is still needed for the regional tournament. Time is running short to set this up so that the state winners have the information on where to go.

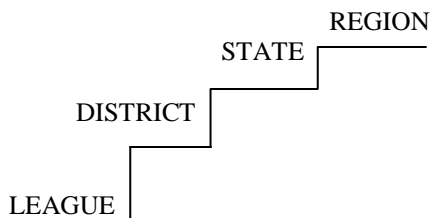


If your league can host this tournament then contact Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo immediately. ♦

Follow the Chain-of-Command

Babe Ruth Baseball and Cal Ripken Baseball have a “Chain-of-Command” and it is very important that the Chain be followed. This is especially true at tournament time.

If you have parents or coaches with a question, **they should talk with you as the league president.** If you don’t know the answer to their question, you can call your District Commissioner. If he doesn’t know the answer, he will contact the State Commissioner and right on up the “Chain-of-Command.”



If a parent tries to contact headquarters, the first question from headquarters should be to ask if that parent talked with the league president.

As the league president, you don’t want someone above you making a decision without first consulting with you and that is the whole purpose of the Chain of Command.

If you as league president call the state commissioner with a question, the state commissioner should ask if you have visited with the District Commissioner.

Our whole program, until you get to those at headquarters, is an all-volunteer program and with that in mind the Chain is very important.

So if one of your coaches comes to you as the league president with a question and you don’t know the answer, please tell them that you will call the District Commissioner and get the answer.

This will make our program run better for everyone involved.♦

Coaches Must Be Certified

Remember that all managers and coaches of tournament teams must have passed an accredited coaches’ certification program. Proof of that certification must be included with the tournament teams’ credentials.

These credentials must be presented and checked before the first District tournament game. ♦

You Be the Ump Quiz

Do you know the answers to these questions?

1. The left fielder, after being tagged for the third out, is injured sliding into third base. The manager, without reporting to the umpires, sends a substitute player to left field. Before play resumes the manager returns the original left fielder back into the game. This is considered an illegal substitution.
2. When an injury or other emergency necessitates bringing in a new pitcher, the umpire-in-chief is obligated to allow him as many warm-up throws are necessary for him to get ready.
3. With a runner on second base, the base umpire notices a ball in the outfield and calls time. The plate umpire does not hear time called. The pitcher delivers ball and batter hit a homerun. The time out takes precedence and the play is nullified.
4. The batter hits a line drive that strikes the pitcher’s rubber. The ball rebounds in the air into foul territory behind the plate where the catcher catches it. Batter is out.
5. The pitcher’s glove must be uniform in color, including all stitching and webbing, and may be any color.

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 Sr. BRL

Dates: July 30 – Aug. 5

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: Bear, DE

Host League: Bear CRL

Dates: **Aug. 6 - end of play**

9-year-old

Site: Troy, NY

Host League: Spring CRL

Dates: Aug. 6 - end of play

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: [Schwenksville, PA](#)

Host League: **TBD**

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: [Staten Island, NY](#)

Host League: South Shore BRL

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:

1. **True** - Rule 3.08a-2
2. **True** - Rule 8.03
3. **True** - Rule 5.10
4. **False** - Rules 2.00-Catch, 2.00-In Flight
5. **False** - Rule 1.15a

