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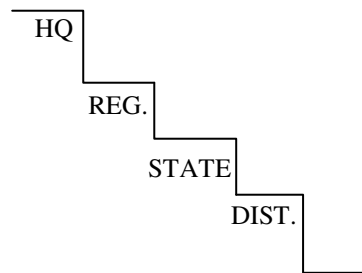
Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Follow the Chain of Command

Each year when the tournament time rolls around leagues seem to forget that there is a chain of command structure within the Babe Ruth League organization.

The structure was put in place for a number of reasons. One of those is to make the operations more manageable within the district, state, regional and national levels.



Each tournament is under the jurisdiction of a particular commissioner. That means that if a league has a problem with a district tournament the League President or more often the manager should talk to the District Commissioner. If he/she cannot resolve it the commissioner will talk to the State Commissioner and on up the chain. The appropriate commissioner on their level can handle most problems.

Unfortunately at tournament time the leagues forget about the chain of command. Babe Ruth Baseball Headquarters is located within the Middle Atlantic Region. This makes it very convenient to call or stop by there with any

problems a league has. This is not the way to handle things.

If there is a problem with a State or Regional Tournament such as scheduling, the first person who should be contacted is the State or Regional Commissioner not the personnel at HQ. It is the responsibility of the appropriate commissioner to correct the situation. If they need help they will go up the chain themselves to get the answers.

At this time of year especially, headquarters is swamped getting tournament results and overseeing all the World Series sites to ensure they are ready for competition. They don't need additional problems to handle.

Don't misuse the chain of command because the highest authority is in your backyard. There are very capable commissioners and assistant commissioners within the region who can handle their respective tournaments. Let them do their job. ♦

Baseball Quote

“You don't save a pitcher for tomorrow. Tomorrow it may rain.”

Leo Durocher

Fall Meeting to be Held in Lancaster

The Middle Atlantic Regional fall meeting will be held on October 3rd in Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. The hotel address and phone number are:

2300 Lincoln Highway East
Lancaster, PA 17602
800-233-0121

If you have any topic which you would like to have discussed at this meeting let Ray Lotierzo know so that it can be put on the agenda. ♦

Have Your Credentials Ready

By now leagues should be involved in their district and possibly state tournaments.

NO TEAM SHOULD COME OUT OF A DISTRICT OR STATE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT THE PROPER CREDENTIALS!

Once a team becomes a State Champion the manager should receive a Manager's Regional Tournament Information Book. This details all the information for the regional tournament.

In addition, there are three pages at the back of the book which must be taken out and put with the team's credentials. These pages are the Tournament Credentials Checklist, the

Manager/Coaches Contact Sheet, and the Reinstatement Fee Acknowledgement form. These must be part of the credentials handed to the regional tournament director before the tournament starts.

If a manager has not filled these out and signed the form, he will be required to do so before playing their first game. ♦

Always Be a Good Representative

As you travel to other towns for tournaments remembers that you are not only representing your team but that your actions are a reflection on your league and town as well.

How do you be a good representative? Remember these simple rules:

1. Show good sportsmanship on and off the field.
2. Never use any offensive language on or off the field.
3. Leave the field and dugout the way you found it – CLEAN!
4. Respect the people hosting the tournament. If it wasn't for them you wouldn't be playing in one. ♦

Playing Rules Quiz

Do you know the answers to these questions?

1. Which of the pre-pitch situations listed describes a situation needed for the possibility of an infield fly?
 - a. 2 outs, runners on 1st & 2nd
 - b. 2 outs, bases loaded
 - c. No outs, runner on 1st
 - d. 1 out, runners on 1st & 2nd
2. While delivering to the plate with a runner on first, the pitcher throws a wild pitch that becomes lodged in the backstop. How many bases are awarded to the runner?
 - a. One
 - b. Three
 - c. Two
 - d. None
3. Which substance is not specifically mentioned as a foreign substance to discolor or damage the ball in Rule 3.02?
 - a. Licorice
 - b. Chalk
 - c. Paraffin
 - d. Rosin

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: Eastchester, NY

Host League: Tuckahoe Youth CRL

Dates: Aug. 8 - end of play

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Indian Mills, NY

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. One out, runners on first and second. → The infield fly situation is less than two outs with runners on first and second or bases loaded.
2. One → one base is awarded on an overthrow from the mound.
3. Chalk → also listed is soil, sand paper, and emery paper

