

## PLAYING RULES

**ALL LEAGUE PLAY IN ALL DIVISIONS WILL BE COVERED BY THE "OFFICIAL BASEBALL" RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

**1.04 - PLAYING FIELD** ( See Division Rule)

**1.07 - PITCHERS PLATE** (See Division Rule)

**1.08 - (Amended)**

The Home team will occupy the third base dugout.

**1.10 - (Amended)**

Metal alloy bats are permitted.

**1.11 - (Amendment and Addition)**

(a) Each uniform shall include a number at least four inches high on the front or back of the shirt, not on the sleeve. Duplication of numbers within a team will not be permitted. (For T, C, and B see division rule.)

(j) Coaches need not be in uniform, however all coaches must wear the same color shirt and a team cap. Coaches shorts are allowed.

**1.16 - (Amendment and Addition)**

(a) All players shall wear a double ear-flap helmet while at bat. (d) The catcher must wear a helmet and throat protector.

In C - 2A the catcher must wear a double ear flap helmet.

(f) Any player who warms up a pitcher on the diamond, either before a game or between innings, must wear a mask.

**3.01 - Supplying game balls (Amendment)**

(c) In each game, each team must furnish two new official balls. The official ball to be used in all scheduled games shall be adopted by the Board of Directors each year and shall be imprinted with the name of the organization, the signature of the president, and the trademark and catalogue number of the manufacturer. (In B division one.) ( In C/T division the "Home" team furnishes one ball.)

It is the responsibility of the batting team to return all baseballs to the field of play. An inning will not start without the umpire having a full complement of baseballs.

**3.03 - Substitutions (Amendment)**

Any player listed as a reserve on the line-up sheet may be substituted one time during a game. Any player who is in the line-up when the game begins and who is later removed from the line-up, is eligible to return to the game one time, provided he returns to the same place in the batting order as when the game began. Scorers will try to keep managers from making a mistake but are not responsible for illegal substitutions which are protestable.

If a team has put all its substitutions in a game and a player becomes ill or is injured for whom there is no substitute remaining, the team will be permitted to replace the injured or ill player with the last man to leave the line-up, even though he was previously shown elsewhere in the batting order.

Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher. The courtesy runner however, cannot be in the batting order at that time. Being a courtesy runner does not affect a players eligibility to re-enter the game.

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### **3.10 - Postponements (Amendment)**

No games shall be postponed except in the following cases:

- (1) Death in the immediate family of a manager, coach, or team player.
- (2) Weather conditions, by decision of the Park Department, B.B.I. or agreement of the managers.
- (3) A decision of the President of B.B.I. that a team with a Fifteen (15) man roster cannot field nine men, due to a school function.

All postponed games shall be re-scheduled by the B.B.I. office.

### **3.13 - Ground Rules (Amendment)**

Ground rules will be announced by the umpires before each game.

### **3.15 - (Amendment)**

The number of non-playing personnel on the field and in the dugout with any team will be limited to a bat-boy, under contract, and not more than four approved coaches and an approved manager. Not more than two coaches may be outside the dugout at any one time.

If prior to a game, a team permits its opponent to have certain unauthorized persons on the diamond or in the dugout, in lieu of approved coaches, the right to protest their presence has been relinquished. This cannot be done if there are at least two approved men present with the team.

### **4.01 - (Addition)**

**Each division will decide at their mandatory meeting if they will bat 10 or bat their lineup.** No player is eligible to participate in a game unless his name and number are on the line-up card given to the official scorer prior to the start of the game.

### **4.04 - (Amendment)**

**→A tenth player may be used as the extra hitter (“EH”). The EH may be positioned anywhere in the batting order. Any position player may become the EH and this replacement may be repeated any number of times in a game but only once in any one inning. There will be no change in the batting order in connection with the field replacements. Any change to the EH must be communicated to the official scorekeeper and opposing manager or coach prior to the replacement.**

### **4.10 - Regulation Game (See Division Rule)**

### **4.12 - (Amendment)**

There will be no suspended games except in post season tournament play where a game shortened by inclement weather shall be considered a suspended game unless the minimum innings have been played to make it an official game.

### **4.19 - Protesting Games - (Addition)**

The protesting manager shall immediately, and before any succeeding play begins, notify the plate umpire and the official scorer that the game is being played under protest from that point. The protesting manager will hand the official scorer \$10.00 to be attached to the score-sheet. The official scorer will then indicate on the score-sheet the exact time and game situation at which this took place. The protesting manager must then address his protest in writing to a Commissioner. This written protest must be accompanied by another \$10.00 and must reach the Commissioner or the office within twenty four hours after the game was played. Failure to follow through with this written protest will cause forfeiture of the initial \$10.00 that was attached to the score-sheet. In the event the protest is upheld, the entire \$20.00 will be refunded. The game official involved in the protest

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must, immediately following the game, complete the protest report and attach it to the score-sheet. Failure to attach this report will cause the official's pay to be withheld.

In post season tournament games, including the city play-offs, the protesting manager shall immediately, and before any succeeding play begins, notify the plate umpire and the official scorer that the game is being played under protest. The protesting manager will, at that time, hand the official scorer \$25.00.

The Commissioner's Committee will immediately confer and if the protest is upheld, the \$25.00 fee will be refunded. On all protests, the Commissioner's rulings will be final.

### **5.10 - (Addition)**

(d) Umpires shall not call "Time" more than two times in any half-inning to allow a manager or coach to confer with batters and/or base-runners.

(i) No umpire shall call "Time" for a base-runner to change headgear or remove a batting glove. If a runner delays the game changing headgear or deliberately discarding his headgear, he shall be called out. The intent of this rule is to prevent delay of the game. Therefore a base-runner will not be called out for removing or exchanging his helmet unless it causes a delay in the game.

### **7.08 - (Addition)**

A runner is out when he does not slide and causes illegal contact and/or illegally alters the actions of a fielder in the immediate act of making a play, or on a force play, does not slide in a direct line between the bases; or does not legally attempt to avoid a fielder in the immediate act of making a play on him; or dives over a fielder; or initiates malicious contact; or as a runner or retired runner, fails to execute a legal slide, or attempts to avoid the fielder or the play on a force play at any base.

A slide is illegal if:

- a) the runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up slide into the fielder, or
- b) the runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is on a standing position, or
- c) the runner goes beyond the base and makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder, or
- d) the runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg, or
- e) the runner tries to injure the fielder, or
- f) the runner, on a force play, does not slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases.

Exception: A runner may slide or run in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.

### **8.06 - (Addition)**

When a coach visits a pitcher, the conference may not be joined by more than two other players. (The intent of this rule is to prevent delay of the game by team meetings or huddles during the game.)

Penalty - First offense is a warning by the umpire. Second offense is removal from the game of the additional players in the conference.

### **9.00 - (Addition)**

An umpire may not work in a division where he is related to a player, coach, or manager.

### **10.19 - (Amendment)**

(a) In all divisions, credit the starting pitcher with a game won, only if he has pitched at least three complete innings and his team not only is in the lead when he is replaced, but remains in the lead for the remainder of the game.

### **10.22 - (Amendment)**

(e) Multiply the total earned runs charged against his pitching by the number of innings in a regulation game, and divide the result by the total number of innings pitched.