

NORTH EAST QUEENS ALLIANCE BASEBALL 2011 JUNIOR PONY DIVISION

Base length : 90 ft from home to first base

Pitching length: 60ft 6 Inches from the back of home plate. 67ft from Pitching rubber or 127.6 ft home to second base.

Bats:

2 5/8 inch diameter Up to -8 drop is legal

Preferred Bat high school approved baseball bats of -3 length-to-weight ratio (weight drop) and 2 5/8 inch diameter. BESSR (ball exit speed ratio) certification for bats is required for high school baseball season play.

No Titanium.-No Metal Composite - ALL WOOD OK -

SEVEN INNINGS * OFFICIAL GAME 5 INNINGS * 2 HR 30MINS TIME LIMIT

- 1.. A regulation game is one of at least five (5) innings.
2. Each game will last seven (7) innings or two and one-half (2 1/2) hours, whichever comes first. No new inning shall start after the two and 15-minutes period of the scheduled start time, unless delayed by umpire or weather. If an inning begins but cannot be completed because the 2-hour and 30-minute limit has been reached or because of darkness or weather conditions, the team that was ahead at the end of the last completed inning shall be declared the winner, if the game is a regulation game (see next divisional rule).
3. An extra hitter (EH) shall be permitted, bringing the line-up to a maximum of ten (10) hitters. However, only nine (9) players shall play in the field. This rule will take effect only if both teams have at least 10 players available. An EH starting the game must still play his three (3) full consecutive innings in the field and will thus remain in the batting order for the entire game. The new EH will also remain in his or her batting position they were in during the first three innings, if applicable. An EH can not be placed in the line-up once the game has started.
4. The balk rule will be enforced after the first two weeks. One warning in a game per pitcher will be given before a balk is called.
 - With runners on base, after the pitcher goes into his wind-up or makes any movement associated with delivering the ball to home plate, the pitcher must not interrupt his motion or the umpire can call a balk. A *balk* occurs when a pitcher tries to catch a runner off base with a pick-off throw after he has started his delivery to the batter.
 - To avoid balking, a pitcher standing on the rubber cannot raise either foot from the ground toward home plate unless he is starting his delivery. The umpire also calls a balk if the pitcher drops the ball while trying to deliver a pitch. A balk does not occur if the pitcher is in his set position when he throws to a base.

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- Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches **66 or more** pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches **51 - 65** pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches **36 - 50** pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches **21 - 35** pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches **1-20** pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must be observed.

NOTE: Skipping a game is not required, but the calendar days of rest will be strictly enforced.

- Each team must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official **pitch count recorder**. He/she must use the **pitch count book**. The book count is the only official count number.
- The **pitch count recorder** must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. To avoid discrepancies, an exchange of pitch count by each manager/pitch count recorder is required to be given to the umpire and opposing team **after each inning**.
- If there is a discrepancy in the pitch count, the pitch count will be the average of the 2 pitch count numbers from the book.
- The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
- A catcher can replace a pitcher, but a pitcher cannot go in to catch after pitching.
- A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day. (Exception: In the Big League Division, a player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.)
- Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

NOTES:

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

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- › Both managers are responsible for declaring the field playable in the event it rains. Every action must be taken to try and play the game.
- › When there are at least ten players present, the batting order must have an EH.
- › All players are required to play at least three innings in the field.
- › Starting players who were removed from the game at the end of the third inning may re-enter the game anytime after the bottom of the sixth inning. The player that is re-entering the game must take his original place in the batting order. In other words, he must replace the player who replaced him.
- › The infield fly rule is in effect. Tagging up on all fly balls is permitted.
- › Bunting is permitted.
- › **NO SUICIDE SQUEEZE, SAFETY SQUEEZE ONLY.**
- › Batters may advance to first base if the catcher does not field the ball cleanly on the third strike. Book rule on dropped third strike: If the ball hits off the catcher's glove or hand and then hits off his body he may catch the ball for a third strike. If it does not hit off his hand or glove then it is not a good catch. The rule states that first base must be unoccupied or, if occupied, there must be two outs. If first base is occupied and there are less than two outs and that base runner attempts to steal second base on the pitch that results in a dropped third strike, first base is considered occupied and the batter may not advance on the dropped third strike. If he does and the catcher throws to first base, the thrown ball will be considered live. The batter will be out as a result of the strike out.
- › Any player who warms up the pitcher must wear equipment.
- › Only **one** on deck batter.
- › Fair balls hit into the trees at Crocheron are in play.
- › Balls caught out of trees are legal.
- › **Balks** will be called. During the pregame discussion about ground rules, both managers and umpire should agree that a warning will be given to the pitcher for the first offense.
- › Manager/Coach may visit each pitcher **once in an inning**, upon the second visit to the pitcher or any other defensive player in the same inning, the pitcher must be removed.
- › The manager/coach **may visit each pitcher twice**, but in different innings, on the third visit to the same pitcher in the game the pitcher must be removed
- › A manager/coach may visit a pitcher or defensive player who is injured without being charged for a visit.
- Every effort must be made to avoid a protest. Protests will only be considered as a result of a rules violation. Judgment calls by the umpire can never be protested. Equipment that is removed from the game by the umpire can not be protested.

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- Uniform:
 - All players must be in **full uniform including hat**.
 - **No jewelry** may be worn.
 - **Medical bracelets** and **religious medals** are permissible.
 - **No bandanas** of any kind.
- Behavior:
 - Prior to each game, the umpire will issue a warning to each manager about the throwing of equipment, abusive language and the harassment of the umpires. That warning is the only warning the umpire will issue, any infraction will result in an immediate ejection.
 - Any ejection of a player, coach or manager will result in an automatic one game suspension. A review of the incident by the Commissioner, Umpire in Chief and the League President may result in a lengthier suspension.
 - Both managers are responsible for the conduct of their team's parents and their fans.

See General Rules Regarding Parental Conduct

SPECIFIC RULES NOT MENTIONED, REFER TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK FOR INTERPRETATION.

ALL TEAMS MUST EMAIL BBDACSPORTS@AOL.COM OR
TEXT 646-670-3135 WITH THE FINAL SCORE OF THE GAME PLAYED.

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GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LEAGUES

Field ,Scheduling, Team Protocol

1. Managers, coaches, and players are required to be on the field thirty (30) minutes before the start time of a game. The time should be used to warm up the players and for the managers and coaches to set their line-ups.
2. The home team for each game shall furnish the bases, pitching rubber, and home plate. However, every team shall bring to every game a full set of bases and a home plate, which are to be used as required. Home team is required to set up field but as a form of courtesy if field needs to be cleaned up prior to a game both teams should participate in order to make field playable .
3. Managers, coaches, players, and parents are not allowed to postpone, re-schedule, cancel or halt games for any reason. President shall determine the status of games in case of inclement weather. Once games are started, the Umpire shall have responsibility for the game. It is the responsibility of both teams to make the field playable and safe.
4. All players must come to the game in full uniform, e.g., cap, jersey, baseball pants, etc. If a player does not come appropriately dressed, he/she will not be permitted to play.
5. Only managers, coaches, score keeper and players are allowed in the dugout. Parents and coaches on the outside of the dug outs will not be permitted due to safety reasons.
6. For a schedule conflict, both managers must agree to a change with the Commissioner making the final decision. Game change must be decided at least 5 days prior to the scheduled game in order to provide adequate notice to umpires and scheduler. .

Umpire Authority

- 1 The umpire shall have full authority to enforce all the rules.
2. The umpire shall reserve the right to eject a spectator, parent, player, manager, or coach who the umpire deems is exhibiting profane, vulgar, or unsportsmanlike behavior. The ejected person shall leave the field area. If the ejected person refuses to leave the area, the umpire will call the game forfeited against the ejected person's team. In addition, the ejected player must server a one (1) game suspension. The suspended player must come to the next game in full uniform and sit on the bench. If a player is ejected a second time during the season, that player will be brought before the board and discussions about suspension or ejection from the league will be held.

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BASEBALL 2011 -GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

ALL DIVISIONS

Official Game Rules

1. Once a game has become a regulation game (defined for each division hereafter), the following mercy rule will be in effect. If one team has a lead of twelve (12) runs or more after four (4) innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) the game is ended for the 7/8-year old, Minor and Major divisions. For the Junior division, the rule will be five (5) innings (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
2. Time limit for a regulation game is one of at least four (4) innings.
Minors , Majors each game will last six (6) innings or two (2) hours, whichever comes first.
Juniors (7 Innings, 2 hrs 20 mins) No new inning shall start if fewer than fifteen (15) minutes remain
If an inning begins but cannot be completed because the 2-hour limit has been reached or because of darkness or weather conditions, the team that was ahead at the end of the last completed inning shall be declared the winner, provided that the game is a regulation game
3. When there are two (2) outs and the offensive team's catcher is a base runner, this catcher can be replaced with a substitute runner. The substitute runner must be the last player who batted out.
4. All runners must legally slide, legally avoid the tag, or give up their right to a base (avoid a collision by stopping or leaving the base path) if the defensive player has possession of the ball. The player will be called out if he/she does not slide. **Remember: Safety is the league's first priority.**
5. When advancing to a base or the plate, the runner must avoid intentional forceful contact in an attempt to jar the ball loose from the fielder, injure the fielder, or employ an "illegal slide" in the judgment of the umpire. An "illegal slide" is defined as, but not limited to, "roll blocks", "two-leg takedowns", "high-spikes" slides (generally at or above fielder's knee), or making deliberate contact beyond the baseline of the intended base/plate. Runners attempting to "break up" a double play can do so with a legal slide, but the runner must perform a legal slide within reach of the intended base/plate if contact with the fielder is made. It is up to the umpire's discretion if the amount of deliberate and intentional contact warrants an automatic out, interference (if applicable), an ejection, or if it is deemed a "clean" baseball play. If the defensive player is blocking the base or plate WITHOUT POSSESSION of the ball and prohibits a direct slide into any part of the base/plate, obstruction SHALL be called and the runner will be awarded that base. Obstruction does not relieve the runner of the responsibility to avoid the collision or slide legally.
6. PENALTY FOR RUNNER INTERFERENCE: The ball is dead and the runner shall be declared out. All other runners must return to their last base legally touched at the time of the interference. In addition, any flagrant or malicious contact initiated by the runner shall result in his/her immediate ejection from the game.

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7. Sliding head first into the base is prohibited. One warning will be given that will apply to both teams. Thereafter, any base runner that slides head first will be called out. Diving back into a base is permitted.
8. If there is a play at home plate, the base runner must slide or be called out. It is the responsibility of the third base coach to tell the player whether it is necessary to slide into home plate.
9. When the catcher blocks home plate without the ball, it shall be called interference. The runner shall automatically score. Umpires discretion shall prevail.
10. Defensive players in the infield are not allowed to "fake a tag" or "decoy" a catch that is intended to induce a slide by the runner. A "fake tag" or "decoy" is referred to as an action conveyed by a defensive player imitating a false catch or tagging motion in an attempt to get the player to slide unnecessarily. Decoyed throws or motions by fielders "decoying a double play" are permitted. As defined above, the umpire will treat "fake tags" or "decoyed catches" as "obstruction" and will rule in accordance with the obstruction rule. An umpire may issue one (1) ejection warning to a player who violates this rule and must eject a player if a second violation is observed. If a player's original "obstruction" action causes injury to another player, the umpire may eject the offending player without giving a warning.
11. In order to make a proper appeal play, the pitcher must take the ball back to the mound. The pitcher must advise the umpire that he is appealing the play and he/she will throw the ball to the base where the play is being appealed.
12. Before the game begins, each team is warned by the umpire that any batter who throws the bat while at bat is an automatic out. Only one warning will be given to a team.

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