

2010 Baseball Players Association Rule Changes

- 1. Rule Definition Definition**
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A balk is an illegal act committed by the pitcher resulting in an immediate dead ball, a ball being awarded to the batter with no runner(s) on base. If there are runner(s) on base the runner(s) shall advance one base without the liability to be put out.
- 2. Rule 3 Equipment**
Page 12-13 Section 14 (a)

Addition to existing rule.

The pitcher shall not wear a long sleeve white undergarment. A white short sleeve undershirt may be worn if the sleeves are above the elbow or covered by the official game jersey. The white short sleeve must conform to the manufacture's original design and cannot be cut, slit or ragged. If the shirt is discovered to be below the elbow or is considered to be a distraction, time will be called and the jersey removed without penalty and the game resumed.
- 3. Rule 3 Equipment**
Page 13 Section 14

Add Note to existing rule

If a team is not in compliance with the uniform rule, the opposing team if in total uniform has the choice of being the home or visiting team. If both teams are in compliance or if both teams are not in compliance, a flip of the coin will determine the home and visiting team.
- 4. Rule 4 Player/Substitution**
Page 15 Section 2 (Effect)

Delete the reference to the "Baseball Committee"

Add the following to the "Effect": State Director or Vice President.
- 5. Rule 4 Player/Substitution**
Page 15 Section 3 (a)

Add Note to the letter (a)

Allow 8U and 9U player(s) only to play on two (2) teams (playing up only in 8U, 9U or 10U divisions), and all other age and roster eligibility rules/By-Laws apply with one exception. Rule 4, Sec. 3, Page 15 age eligibility applies; however, Rule 4, Sec. 6, Page 16 does not apply for 8U & 9U players only to allow participation on a second team. By-Law Sec. 7, Page 64 applies and does not allow 8U and 9U players to participate with more than one team in a Sanctioned BPA tournament during the same tournament.
- 6. Rule 4 Player/Substitution**
Page 19 Section NEW

ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION

An illegal substitution is a player who is discovered playing in a game without the right to an offensive or defensive position. The illegal substitution of a player is handled as an appeal play and the player does not violate the rule until the player enters the game and one pitch is legally made. The illegal substitution violation will result in:

- a. If the illegal substitution has completed a turn at bat and before the next legal pitch, the illegal substitution will be declared out.
- b. Any advance of a runner(s) as the result of the illegal substitute becoming a batter/runner will be nullified.
- c. Any addition out(s) made on the play will stand.
- d. If the illegal substitute makes a play on defense and before the next pitch or before the defense or the umpires leave the playing field and a legal appeal is made; the offensive team shall have the option of 1) taking the result of the play or 2) replaying the pitch.

In all division of BPA play the head coach will be ejected and not the illegal substitute.

7. Rule 4 Player/Substitution
Page 19 Section NEW

INELIGIBLE PLAYER

An ineligible player is a player who is unregistered or who does not meet the necessary requirements to register.

Examples of an ineligible player but not limited too:

- a. Playing under an assumed name.
- b. Player(s) not on a team roster.
- c. Violation of the residency requirements.
- d. Violation of the divisional age requirements.
- e. Player(s) that are listed on two (2) Official BPA Sanctioned Rosters (exception: new 8U, 9U, 10U rule) without an official release form on file in the State Director's office.

PENALTY: Forfeiture of any or all games played or any in progress.

8. Rule 5 The Game
Page 30 Section 41m (Note)

Delete the existing "Note" which reads: "A dropped third strike does not apply".

9. Rule 6 Pitching
Page 34/38 Section 5a (Penalty), 14l (Penalty)

Page 34, Sec 5a delete the Penalty. If the pitch is made and the batter reaches first base and no other runner is put out advancing at

least one base, the play shall proceed without reference to the violation.

Page 38, Sec. 14l delete the Penalty- If the batter reaches first on a hit, error, base one balls, a hit batter or otherwise and all other runners advance at least one base in which case the play proceeds without reference to the balk.

10 Rule 5 Pitching
Page 36 Section 9

Add Note and Penalty to existing rule.

*NOTE: Using the wrong courtesy runner is an appeal play and may result in the courtesy runner being called out.

PENALTY: If the incorrect courtesy runner is discovered to have taken his or her position on base, the opposing coach must appeal prior to the next play or attempted play for the runner to be called out. If the incorrect courtesy runner is discovered anytime after the next play or attempted play, the correct courtesy runner will take the position on base with no penalty.

11. Rule 7 Batting
Page 43/44 Section 10c (1); 10c (Note)

Page 43, Sec. 10c (1) Change the word “interference” to “obstruction”

Page 44, Sec. 10c (Note) Change the word “interference” to “obstruction”.