

BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION RULE CHANGES 2019

NOTE

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ADDITION TO EXISTING NOTE

Because of younger age divisions in the BPA, umpires, UIC'S and Tournament Director's rulings are not required to match the Federation's "Case Book" in every scenario.

RULE 3

EQUIPMENT

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SECTION 1(b)

Delete the existing rule

Add the new rule

No player can play in a game with a cast (plaster, metal or other hard substances). Other items judged dangerous by the umpire cannot be worn in a game.

RULE 3

EQUIPMENT

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SECTION 9(b)

Delete the existing rule.

Add the new rule.

All players on a team shall wear uniforms identical in color and style, including jersey, pants, cap and headwear. All player's uniforms shall include a minimal 6 inch number on their back.

RULE 4

COACHES/PLAYERS

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SECTION 3

AGE/GRADE EXCEPTION

Players who turn one-(1) year older than the age group they are wanting to participate in prior to May 1st of the current season are NOT ELIGIBLE, unless they are in the specific age group grade.

****NOTE: Proof of grade eligibility may be required. No more than two (2) exceptions per team.**

PLEASE REFER TO THE BPA WEB SITE IN ORDER TO VIEW THE CHART CONCERNING THE AGE GROUP AND GRADE ELIGIBILITY

Note contained in chart will read: PLAYER CAN'T TURN NEXT AGE PRIOR TO September 1st.

RULE 4

COACHES/PLAYERS

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SECTION NEW

GUEST PLAYER: Add to beginning of Guest Player Rule the following;

Teams may request no more than two (2) players for a weekend if short of players.

RULE 5**THE GAME****PAGE 30****SECTION 9(new)**

Add the letter "d" to the existing rule.

LEAGUE RECREATIONAL/LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM.

BPA OR OTHER Sanctioned League. In lieu of physical recreational league, team must consist of players from the same high school based area. Proof of player league membership or area residency must be provided for participation in BPA post-season play

RULE 5**THE GAME****PAGE 31****SECTION 14**

DELETE THE EXCEPTION AND PENTALTY FROM THE EXISTING RULE

RULE 5**THE GAME****PAGE 32/33****SECTION 20**

DELETE AND ADD TO THE EXISTING RULE.

DELETE SECTION 20.

ADD NEW SECTION 20: A manager, coach, trainer, spectator and player may be ejected from a game. He/she shall leave the AREA IMMEDIATELY for the remainder of that game. Further participation for following games will be determined by the Tournament Director and the UIC.

RULE 6**PITCHING****PAGE 40****SECTION 4(d)**

ADD NOTE TO EXISTING RULE.

The pitcher cannot make an additional hop or leap forward.

RULE 8**BASERUNNING****PAGE 65****SECTION 14**

DELETE THE EXISTING RULE/ADD TO RULE.

ADD: In all divisions, a runner is out when he does not attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, or if they maliciously run into a fielder. Runner(s) are never required to slide, but if a runner elects to slide, the slide must be legal. Leaping, jumping and hurdling are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal.

PENALTY: If there is malicious, flagrant, or intentional excessive contact, a dead ball will be called, the runner called out, and any other runners return to the last base touched. The player who caused the malicious, flagrant or intentional excessive contact shall be ejected from that game.