

2012

18U BBI PREMIER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAMS – There is no limit to the number of teams that may play in the BBI Premier Division.

The following are the guidelines for a new team to be admitted into the 18U BBI Premier Division:

- There shall be a meeting held with all Division teams represented.
- A new team is nominated to the Division teams by any member team.
- A vote shall be taken of all Division teams and a new team must receive a specified number of votes (approximately 70%) approving the team's inclusion. The minimum number of approving votes are as follows:

Number of Teams	Number of Votes Needed
5	3
6	4
7	5
8	6
9	6
10	7
11	8
12	8
13	9
14	10
15	11
16	11
17	12
18	13

Teams being expelled from the Division:

Teams may be excluded from the Division upon a majority vote of Division teams if any the following occur:

1. Failure to show up for a scheduled league game.
2. Failure to continually follow BBI and Division rules.
3. Failure to continually field a quality baseball team.
4. Failure to pay BBI league fees in a timely manner.

RULE CHANGES – Rule changes require a majority vote of all 18U BBI Premier teams.

TEAM ROSTER – Each team is limited to 22 players. A player may not be nineteen years of age before May 1. Players may be added to a roster no later than July 1.

No player may be on more than one BBI team after league play begins. The penalty may be ineligibility and or suspension of the party or parties involved, at the discretion of the Commissioners.

PLAYER CONTRACTS – Player contracts may be found on the BBI web site www.bbidallas.com. Each player must submit proof of birth by a copy of the original certified birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other government agency to his team manager prior to participating in a league game. Team managers must have a file with the player contracts and proof of birth and present them if requested at any league game.

Teams must submit their roster to bbi@bbidallas.com prior to their first game and re-submit their roster when changes to the roster are made.

Any team playing a league game with players not under contract with the BBI office will forfeit the game(s). No protest is necessary.

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RELEASE – Since loyalty is a part of the objective of B.B.I. the general policy is not to permit players to change teams or managers to change players. Therefore, players released will generally be required to "sit out" the remainder of the season except in cases such as, but not limited to health, change of address, physical or verbal abuse, etc. where neither the player nor his parents are at fault. Replacement contracts will not be issued to a manager unless it is ascertained that the release request was not due to any action by any of the coaches.

LEAGUE PLAY – 18U BBI Premier teams will play a twelve game schedule. Rainouts will be made up at the earliest convenience and must be re-scheduled within 72 hours of the rainout by the teams involved.

A.A.B.C. POST-SEASON – All teams will be registered with A.A.B.C. by the BBI administrator.

Post-season A.A.B.C. tournament seedings will be based upon final Division standings. Teams will choose A.A.B.C. State Tournament assignments in descending order of finish beginning with the first place team.

Should a team win an A.A.B.C. Regional Qualifier or World Series Qualifier or opt to not participate in A.A.B.C. post-season play, that team (or teams) will be skipped in the assignment process as if they did not exist in the final standings. This essentially means every other Division team will advance up a spot in the order if they finished behind the team that will not be going to an A.A.B.C. State Tournament.

No Division team may choose an A.A.B.C. State Tournament site that has already been chosen by another Division team until all State Tournaments sites have been chosen. This is to ensure that the Division is adequately represented throughout the A.A.B.C. State Tournaments without Division teams having to compete head-to-head thus increasing the likelihood of more Division teams advancing to the A.A.B.C. Regional Tournament.

If there is a tie between two teams for a play-off berth the winner will be decided in the following manner:

(1) The team that won when they met "head to head" in Division play.

(2) If they are still tied a one game playoff will be played.

(3) In the event inclement weather makes it impossible to complete a play-off, the B.B.I. commissioners will decide which team advances.

DRAFT PROCEDURES - Teams will follow A.A.B.C. rules in drafting extra players for tournament play. Teams must pick up extra players by a date and time to be determined by BBI. This is intended to be as soon as possible after A.A.B.C. post-season order of teams has been established.

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American League baseball rules apply with the American League DH rule and the following exceptions:

1.10 – MLB bat rules apply.

1.16 - (Amended and addition)

(d) The catcher must wear a helmet and throat protector.

(f) Any player who warms up a pitcher on the diamond, either before the 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. Balls should be Diamond, ProNine or of similar caliber. It is the responsibility of the batting team to return all balls to the field of play. An inning will not start without the umpire having a full complement of balls.

3.03 – Substitutions (Amendment)

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 player's eligibility to enter the game. Re-entry of a player is allowed.

4.01 - (Addition)

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. Players not listed on a roster on the BBI website are ineligible. If protested, penalty shall be forfeiture of 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 prior to the replacement.

4.10 - Regulation Game (Amendment and addition)

A regulation game is 7 innings, unless lengthened by a tie score or shortened because the umpire calls the game. One extra inning will be played if a game is tied after 7 innings. If a game is called by the umpire, it is a complete game if the losing team has completed its turn at bat in the fourth inning. An eight (8) run mercy rule is in effect after five (5) innings. Tie games will be 1/2 game won and 1/2 game lost. There will be no suspended games. Rained out games will be only be re-scheduled if they affect the final standings. Forfeit time for games starting at 6:00 P.M. will be 6:15 P.M. Monday through Friday only. Forfeit time for all other games is game time. **The HOME team will be the official scorekeeper. They will call the score of the game to 972-315-2829 or email it to bbi@bbidallas.com before 10:00 a.m. of the following day.**

4.19 - Forfeits (Addition)

If a team forfeits a game because it is unable to field nine players the team must pay a fee of \$100 before its next game is played. If a team has two such forfeits in a season it will be dropped from the schedule.

If a request is made to reschedule a game after the master schedule is posted, there will be a \$100 fee per game to the team requesting the change with \$50 of the fee going to the opposing team.

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4.19 - Protesting Games and Ejections - (Addition)

Protests and ejections will be handled by the league office. Both teams and the umpire must be notified the game is being played under protest before any succeeding play begins. A report and \$20 protest fee must reach the BBI office within 24 hours after the game ends. The name of any individual, who is ejected from a game, must be given to the B.B.I. office by the umpire immediately following the game. This must be followed by a written report within 24 hrs. from the official making the ejection. Failure to complete this report will cause an umpires pay to be withheld. Any individual who is ejected from a game will receive a 1 game suspension in the next game played following the ejection. An individual may appeal his 1 game suspension to a Commissioner if he thinks the ejection was completely unwarranted, but if he loses the appeal, his suspension will be for 2 games. An individual ejected the second time in a season will receive a 1 game suspension but also must confer with a Commissioner before he is eligible for further participation. An umpire who is involved in 3 appeals in a season and loses will receive disciplinary action from the Trustees.

7.08 - Slide Rule (Addition)

A runner is out when he does not legally 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 of 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 in 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.

8.00 - Pitching Rule (Addition)

A.A.B.C. pitching rules apply to league and playoff play.