

18 and Under Rules and Regulations 2012

TEAM ROSTER - Each team is limited to 22 players. A player may not be nineteen before May 1.

Players may be added to a roster no later than July 1.

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.

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 – Rainouts will not be made up unless arranged for by the teams’ managers.

TOURNAMENTS – All teams will be registered with A.A.B.C. by the BBI administrator. Teams will choose A.A.B.C. State Tournament assignments in descending order of finish beginning with the first place team.

No team may choose an A.A.B.C. State Tournament site that has been chosen by another team until all state tournaments sites have been chosen.

If there is a tie between two teams the top team will be decided in the following manner:

- (1) The team that won when they met "head to head".
- (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 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.

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

1.10 - (Amendment)

Bats must have the BBCOR.50 stamp and can be wood, laminate or composite wood of similar material (the only exception to the similar material is the Baum Bat) may be used. The bat must not exceed forty-two (42) inches in length and 2.61 inches in diameter.

1.16 - (Amended 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.
- (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, Pro Nine or 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)

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. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher. The courtesy runner however, cannot be in the batting order at that time. If a team is batting their lineup he can be the last out. Being a courtesy runner does not affect a player’s eligibility to enter the game. If protested, penalty shall be forfeiture of game.

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. Teams may also bat their entire lineup if they desire.

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. 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, if the ten run rule has been invoked, or if a time limit has been reached. The ten (10) run 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. 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 umpire will be in charge of the time at all games and set the second game to start after the first game ends. There is a two (2) hour time limit on all games. No inning will start after the time limit is reached. **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.

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 play.