



APPROVED RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2012 SEASON

The following items recommended by the Rules committee were approved by the Board of Directors October 22, 2011:

P2.5 g) UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT **Page 33**

Delete g) and **replace with** the following:

- g) Subject to the following, in addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in OBA play.
- i. For all Minor Peewee and Peewee play, metal bats with a length to weight difference of -10 or less are permitted.
 - ii. For all Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior and Senior play, only wood bats (including composite wood bats) shall be permitted.

P2.5 i) UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT **Page 33**

Add a new sentence at the end as follows: "Penalty – the jewellery will be removed."

P2.7 f) GAME LENGTH **Page 35**

Add a new sentence at the end of f) as follows: "An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred."

P2.7 GAME LENGTH **Page 35**

Add a new h) as follows:

- h) Where the home team scores to take the lead in the 7th inning, any extra inning or any inning that will be the last inning because of a time limit, the game ends immediately. Similarly, if the home team scores a run that results in a mercy pursuant to g), the game ends immediately with that run.

P2.10 PITCHING RULES

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Add a new h) as follows, **relettering** the remainder:

- h) Where a team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game, the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day:

Minor and Major Mosquito	-	45 pitches
Minor and Major Peewee, Peewee Girls	-	55 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	-	65 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	-	75 pitches

P5 f)s) OBA PLAY-OFF PROCEDURES

P6.1 m) OBA ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

P7.3 p) OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Pages 46, 71, 73

Delete “The coach must write their OBA roster number in the space provided on the sign-in sheet.”

P7-3 i)k) OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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Add the following to both i) and k): “Failure to comply with this section will result in a \$200 fine.”

Q2.3 PLAYING RULES (ROOKIE BALL)

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Add a new d), relettering the remainder, as follows: “Until the ball is fed into the machine, outfielders shall position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the basepaths.”

The following items recommended by the Rules committee were approved by the Board of Directors November 13, 2011:

**P7-3 u) OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS
Page 73 and 74**

Delete i. to iv. and **replace with** the following:

- “i. head to head record among tied teams;
- ii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
- i. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
- ii. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
- iii. coin toss

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Delete from c) the following: “The pitcher must wear a regulation batting helmet with an attached chinstrap.” and **replace with** the following: “The pitcher must wear a regulation batting helmet designed by the manufacturer with a facemask and chinstrap attached.”

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Delete from c) the following: “Infielders can ask for time in the infield area. Time will be given at the umpire’s discretion. NOTE: The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infielder may ask for time.”

Add a new d) (relettering the remainder) as follows: “Infielders can ask for time in the infield area. Time will be given at the umpire’s discretion when continuous action from the play has stopped.

NOTE: The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infield may ask for time. Continuous action ends when the defense stops trying to field the baseball, and the offense stops trying to advance.

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Add to v) the following: “The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play. Penalty: the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be removed from the game”.