



2010 MANAGER'S HANDBOOK



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I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Major League, Minor League, Rookie League and Farm League Baseball

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ARTICLE 0 THROUGH ARTICLE 11

Official Baseball Rules, except as modified by the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Division, by Dizzy Dean Baseball Official Rules or these rules shall govern play and are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully written.

ARTICLE 12 - PLAYER REGISTRATION, FEES, ELIGIBILITY

- 12.01 It is the basic intent of Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association (a.k.a. CHYAA or Crieve Hall Baseball) that every eligible candidate is given the opportunity to participate in the program.
- a) Player Registration: All players registering to participate in CHYAA programs shall complete, or have completed on his/her behalf the official league player registration, a participation agreement and the Code of Conduct, which shall be signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s), having legal custody, prior to the official start date for the current season.
 - b) Player Fees: All players registering to participate in CHYAA programs shall have paid the appropriate player fee for the league in which he/she will participate prior to the official draft/evaluation date for the current season.
- 12.02 Dual Participation Prohibited: No player shall participate in another Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken baseball or softball league during the league's season.
- 12.03 No player may be "cut" from a team for any reason.
- 12.04 Eligibility: Player Eligibility for the respective leagues shall be determined by birth date (birth certificate required) as follows:
- a) Farm League – Players participating in the Farm League shall be not less than four (4) years of age nor more than six (6) years of age on **APRIL 30** of the calendar year of the current season.
 - b) Rookie League – Players participating in the Rookie League shall be not more than eight (8) years of age on **APRIL 30** of the calendar year of the current season.
 - c) Minor League – Players participating in the Minor League shall be not more than ten (10) years of age on **APRIL 30** of the calendar year of the current season.
 - d) Major League – Players participating in the Major League shall be not more than twelve (12) years of age on **APRIL 30** of the calendar year of the current season.

[12.04 (b) and (c) comply with Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations Section 0.02 (2). Refer to section and "Birth Chart" for age eligibility. 12.04 (a) amends Dizzy Dean Rules.]

Penalty: Games in which an ineligible player has participated as specified in 12.04 (a), (b) and (c) shall be declared forfeited.

ARTICLE 13 – TEAM MANAGERS. TEAM DUTIES, TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES. CONDUCT

- 13.01 Team Managers and Coaches: Each Team is allowed up to four (4) official coaches; one (1) of which shall be designated by the League Commissioners as Manager. The Manager is responsible for his/her respective team and the CHYAA equipment entrusted to the team. Only the Manager and Coaches are allowed on the playing field [inside the fence(s)] during CHYAA League games. The team manager is solely responsible for:
- a) Securing a team sponsor and collecting the appropriate sponsor fee prior to the placing of uniform and/or equipment orders.

- b) Confirmation of player registration forms and fees for ALL players prior to the first team practice.
- c) Compile and maintain a current team roster, and promptly notify the appropriate league commissioner when a player drops out.
- d) Attend, or provide a team representative, at all League meetings.
- e) Assist with the league sign-up program when necessary.
- f) Provide for team practice fields.
- g) Provide assistance in field maintenance and work sessions from coaches and parents as necessary.
- h) Establish and maintain a good relationship with parents by informing them of their responsibilities, schedules, League rules and regulations.
- i) Support the Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association.

13.02 Team Duties and Responsibilities.

- a) Field Preparation: From time to time, each team may be responsible for preparing the playing fields (dragging, lining and setting out bases, etc.) at the times established in the official CHYAA Game Schedule issued for the current season.
- b) Scorekeeper: Each team will provide at least one (1) adult as "Scorekeeper" at the times designated in the Official Game Schedule. The Scorekeeper will:
 - 1) Keep the official score sheet of each game
 - 2) Keep count of pitches
 - 3) Register balls, strikes, outs, runs, innings on the scoreboard
 - 4) Record the official starting time of each game
 - 5) Record pitcher(s) in pitching log
 - 6) At the conclusion of each game, have team managers confirm pitching records and sign scorebook

13.03 Spectator Conduct: The heckling of players, use of offensive language, argumentative conduct, or the use or possession of intoxicating beverages shall not be permitted at anytime on CHYAA operated facilities.

Penalty: Violators of Section 13.03 may be given warning by a League official (team manager, coach, umpire or CHYAA Board Member) or removed from the CHYAA facility, at the discretion of League Officials and be subject to further action by CHYAA.

13.04 **Addressing the Umpire: Only a team Manager is permitted to address the Umpire(s) for any reason.** Managers and Coaches will not argue with the Umpire(s) [asking an Umpire to explain a call is not arguing with the umpire(s)]. The Umpire(s) have complete authority during the course of a game.

Penalty: Argumentative conduct exhibited toward an umpire by a manager, coach, player or spectator, before, during or after a game may result in the violator's removal from the premises and/or forfeiture of the game. All such forfeitures shall be subject to review by the League Commissioner who may take further action as the Commissioner deems appropriate for the benefit of CHYAA.

- 13.05 **Coach and Player Conduct: All coaches and players are expected to demonstrate the utmost sportsmanship at all times. "Chatter" is NOT allowed.**

*Penalty: If, in the opinion of an Umpire, a coach's or player's conduct is detrimental to the game of baseball, CHYAA or its programs, the offender will be removed from the game **without warning**. If removal of the offender does not resolve the problem, then the offender's team may forfeit the game. All such forfeitures are subject to review by the League Commissioner, who may take further action, or no action as the Commissioner deems appropriate.*

The Umpire without warning will remove any manager, coach or player who throws a bat, glove or helmet in a display of temper from the game.

Any coach that is removed from a game by an Umpire for conduct that is detrimental to the League and/or the game of baseball will also be ineligible to participate in the team's subsequent game.

Any person who violates any CHYAA rule(s), shall be subject to a review by the League Commissioner, and the CHYAA Board of Directors. League Commissioners may convene a review board of managers or board members to elicit proper action.

ARTICLE 14 - PLAYING SEASON, SCHEDULES

- 14.01 **Playing Season:** The regular playing season shall commence as determined by the Board of Directors. League tournaments will be scheduled immediately following the end of the last regular season game. League regular season play will be followed by a double-elimination tournament in which all teams participate.
- 14.02 **Schedules:** All games will be played as pre-scheduled games as shown in the official CHYAA Game Schedule issued for the current season. Rainout make-up games, once rescheduled, shall be considered official games for the current season.
- 14.03 **Warm-Up Period:** A fifteen minute warm- up period shall be allowed teams prior to the start of each game, but may be waived by the umpire(s) if necessary to maintain game schedules.

ARTICLE 15 – UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, LEAGUE SAFETY

- 15.01 **Uniforms:** All players shall wear the official uniform designated for his/her team (hat, pants, shirt and socks) during all League games. Players shall keep the uniform shirttail "tucked-in" at all times (see Uniform Policy).
- 15.02 **Equipment:**
- a) **Rubber Soled Shoes:** All players must wear rubber-soled shoes. This includes rubber-creak shoes, tennis, basketball or running shoes. ***Metal cleats, spikes or taps of any description whatsoever are strictly prohibited.***
 - b) **Protective Head Gear:** Each batter and all base runners must wear League approved protective headgear.
 - c) **Protective Equipment for Catchers:** Each catcher must wear League approved chest protector, shin guards and catcher's mask with throat protector and helmet attached. Catchers **must** wear an athletic supporter with a plastic or fiber cup.
 - d) **Glove:** All gloves shall conform to Official Baseball Rules 1.12, 1.13, 1.14 or 1.15.

- e) Ball: The baseball shall weigh not less than five (5) ounces nor more than five and one-fourth (5-1/4) ounces. It shall measure not less than nine inches (9") nor more than nine and one-fourth (9-1/4") inches in circumference.
- f) Bat: The bat shall be round, of wood or aluminum construction. Bats may be taped for a distance not to exceed sixteen inches (16") from the knob end of the bat.

Farm, Rookie and Minor League – Bat shall not be more than two and one-fourth (2 ¼") in diameter.

Major League – The official bat shall be round in cross section for the entire length of the bat, straight in length from end to end, and smooth surfaced in the hitting area.

Penalty: Illegal equipment shall be identified to the umpire(s), who shall instruct the team manager to remove the illegal equipment from the playing field. Refusal to wear approved equipment or to remove illegal equipment will result in the player and/or manager's removal from the game.

- 15.03 League Safety: All players, excluding the batter, on-deck batter and defensive players not playing a defensive position shall remain in the "dug-out" (behind the screen fences) during play.

ARTICLE 16 - OFFICIAL RULES, GAME, PITCHERS, TEAM ROSTER AND OFFICIAL LEAGUE RULES

- 16.01 Team Roster: Prior to the commencement of any scheduled league game, the Manager shall present to the official scorekeeper and Umpire a roster of not less than nine (9) nor more than fifteen (15) players.

Provision for Major League team to designate a Minor League player, Minor League team to designate a Rookie League player or Rookie League team to designate a Farm League player for a game(s): If a manager determines he/she will have nine (9) or fewer players for a scheduled game, the manager may designate an eligible replacement player of his/her choosing to be listed on the team roster and participate for the specific game, as outlined below:

- a) Player must be a CHYAA-registered player in a League immediately preceding the one in which the team in need of a player is participating. (For example, a Major League team selects a Minor League player; a Minor League team selects a Rookie League player, etc.)
- b) Notify League Commissioner of the situation and intent to designate a replacement player.
- c) Notify and select player (**player must wear an official CHYAA uniform**).
- d) If the team has nine (9) regular players in attendance, the selected player must play the "minimum playing time" (16.02).

or:

If the team does not have nine (9) age eligible players present at the start of the game, then the selected player may participate in the entire game.

- e) The opposing manager must be notified of the application of this rule prior to the

start of the game.

16.01 f & g are Farm League Special Rules Governing Play:

f) Teams with only eight (8) players available for a game will be allowed one (1) 4- or 5-year old pick-up. The 4- or 5-year old pick up must be a currently-registered player in Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association playing for another team. The player should wear his regular team uniform when used as a pick up. Any team with less than 8 players will not be allowed additional pick-ups; team will forfeit.

16.02 Minimum Playing Time: Each player listed on the team roster must play six (6) consecutive outs the first time the player enters the game unless a game is called according to Section 16.05(b). Every player must play the minimum playing time.

a) Managers may not add or remove players from the official roster after the first pitch of the second (2nd) inning (see Rookie League Exception).

Penalty: Managers not allowing each player minimum playing time (16.02) or abuse of rule 16.02, shall forfeit the game and face disciplinary action by the CHYAA Board of Directors. Any manager or coach who specifically instructs a player(s) to not attend a game(s) shall be relieved of duties immediately.

b) The application of this rule 16.02 may only be excepted if:

- 1) "Team compliments" for the particular game are not equal. In such case the team having the larger number of players present shall only be required to play the same number of players present on the opposing team. (Example: Team A has 11 players present and Team B has 14 players present. Team B must only play 11 players the minimum playing time.)
- 2) A game is shortened by time limit, run rule, etc., however managers shall attempt to provide every player with minimum playing time even in a shortened game.

Note: 16.02 (b) does not apply to the Farm League.

16.03 Substitution: Any player on the official roster may be substituted for any starting player on the roster and shall be reported to the official Scorekeeper and Umpire upon entering the game.

a) A substitute shall bat in the order of the player being replaced.

b) After all players listed on the team roster have entered the game for the required minimum playing time (16.02) the team is allowed free substitution. All starters reentering the game must assume their position in the original batting order while in the game.

- 1) A substitute, (defined as non-starting player) may bat in more than one position in the batting order provided that eight (8) other batters have completed an official "at bat" since the substitute player last batted.
- 2) A **starting player may re-enter** the game before all substitutes have played.
- 3) A **substitute player may not re-enter** the game until all other substitutes have entered the game.

c) A substitute player must complete the minimum playing time upon entering the

game. If the player enters the game in the bottom half of an inning, the player must play the next consecutive half inning in its entirety. After compliance with this rule 16.03(c) a substitute player reentering the game is not required to play six (6) consecutive outs.

Farm League Exception: Any player on the official roster may be substituted at will in defensive positions. After the first pitch of the first inning of the game, the batting order shall not be altered. Players arriving after the first pitch in the first inning and not listed on the official batting order shall be added in the last position of the official batting order in order of arrival.

- d) Extra Hitter (EH) Rule: Teams may elect to have one or more players designated as "Extra Hitters." The EH effectively makes a player a starter for playing time and substitution purposes. The EH is treated as a defensive position for substitution purposes. After the first inning, the EH can play any position in the field (and the position player in the field sits in the dugout as the EH) and this is not treated as a substitution. **This move does not change the batting order.** The use of the EH by either team is optional and solely up to the respective coach's discretion. Once a team elects to use an EH, they must maintain the same number of batters as in the original order. Teams cannot remove the EH and reduce the number of batters in the line-up. However, you can substitute for an EH. The EH is treated as a starter, and if substituted for, must return to his original spot in the line-up upon re-entering the game.

If there is a reduction in the number of batters from the original line up, and no substitutes are available, an out(s) will be recorded at the absent batter's position.

The purpose of this rule is to try to get more players involved in the game. Coaches should not abuse the rule by not allowing the EH to play a defensive position in the field. Abuses of this rule will be dealt with appropriately by the CHYAA Board of Directors.

16.04 Pitchers: A player shall be permitted to pitch:

- a) Rookie League:
- 1) Not more than four (4) innings for Rookie League pitchers in consecutive games. One (1) pitch constitutes a full inning. (Example: A Rookie League pitcher may pitch three (3) innings in a game, however the pitcher may not pitch more than one (1) inning in the subsequent game regardless of the time period between consecutive games.)
 - 2) This rule applies to all games regardless of when played and includes rescheduled and make-up games.
 - 3) In games that are officially suspended according to 16.05, the innings and outs credited to the pitcher(s) will be recorded as if the game was completed. When the suspended game is completed, the pitcher's out/inning count will not affect the next consecutive game.
- b)

Minor League:

- 2) Not more than six (6) innings for Minor League pitchers in consecutive games. One (1) pitch constitutes a full inning. (Example: A Minor League pitcher may pitch four (4) innings in a game, however the pitcher may not pitch more than two (2) innings in the subsequent game regardless of the time period between consecutive games.)
- 2) This rule applies to all games regardless of when played and includes rescheduled and make-up games.
- 3) In games that are officially suspended according to 16.05, the innings and outs credited to the pitcher(s) will be recorded as if the game was completed. When the suspended game is completed, the pitcher's out/inning count will not affect the next consecutive game.

c) Major League:

This rule is governed on calendar days rather than game days. The end of the day for this pitching limitation rule is the time of day or night when the ballpark is shutdown and the teams go home for the night break. Games that, either because of rain delay or otherwise, extend past midnight or start late at night past midnight and before the teams take the night break, will still count as though they are on the previous day's play. If the game continues after the night break (the next day), that part of the game will count as though it was the following day.

LIMITATIONS

1. A pitcher may pitch 4 innings one day and still be eligible to pitch the next day.
Example: A pitcher may throw up to 4 innings in 1 day and throw again the next day. But if that pitcher throws more than 4 innings, he cannot pitch the next day. One pitch in an inning constitutes one inning pitched.
2. A pitcher may pitch 6 innings in one day.
Example: A pitcher may throw a maximum of 6 innings in 1 day. The pitcher would not be allowed to pitch the next day.
3. A pitcher may pitch 7 total innings in 2 consecutive days.
Example: A pitcher may throw a maximum of 7 innings in 2 consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a pitcher would be able to throw any combination of innings that equal 7 as long as the first day does not equal more than 4 innings.
 - A. For purposes of this rule, a pitcher is in violation of this rule if he makes any appearance above the pitching limits.
 - B. A player that pitches two consecutive days must rest the third day regardless of the number of innings pitched.
 - C. It is the responsibility of each team's manager to challenge pitching violations by notifying the umpire and then the League Commissioner.
 - D. Any innings pitched, or outs recorded, during a game that is forfeited shall count towards all pitchers' allotted innings.

Note: 16.04(a)(1) amends Babe Ruth Baseball Cal Ripken Rule 0.06. Babe Ruth Baseball Rule 0.06(1) (a & b), (2) and (3) do not apply. Amends Dizzy Dean rules 6.01 through 6.10 for "minor" and "freshmen."

Penalty: Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used as specified in 16.04(a)(1) and (2) shall be declared a forfeit, provided the violation is detected and a protest is made per rule 16.08.

d) Substitution of pitchers

- 1) The starting pitcher, once removed from the game, is the only pitcher eligible to re-enter the game as a pitcher provided he was not removed from game the initially due to a manager's second visit to the mound in the same inning. Upon a manager's second visit to the mound in the same inning, no pitcher will be eligible to remain or re-enter the game as a pitcher. The starter may re-enter the game as a pitcher once; once removed a second time, he is no longer eligible to return as a pitcher.

16.05 Official Game: An Official Game shall consist of:

Farm: six (6) complete innings of regulation play.
Rookie: six (6) complete innings of regulation play.
Minor: six (6) complete innings of regulation play.
Major: six (6) complete innings of regulation play.

The beginning of an inning commences immediately upon completion of an inning. No new inning shall commence after:

Farm: One hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) after the official starting time.
Rookie: One hour and thirty minutes (1:30) after the official starting time.
Minor: One hour and forty-five minutes (1:45) after the official starting time.
Exception: One hour and thirty minutes on school nights.
Major: One hour and forty-five minutes after the official starting time.

Games tied at the end of regulation play or at the end of the time limit shall be completed. **No game shall start after 8:45 p.m.**

- a) Forfeiture of Games: Any team not having nine (9) legal players on the field within fifteen (15) minutes ("grace period") after the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the game.
 - 1) Should both teams fail to have nine (9) on the field within the grace period and thereby forfeit, the game shall be recorded as a loss for both teams.
- b) A game in which play is suspended due to run rule or inclement weather shall be declared an Official Game after:
 - 1) Rookie League: 4 completed innings of play. (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead.)
 - 2) Rookie League: 4 completed innings of play. (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead.)
 - 3) Minor League: 4 completed innings of play. (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead.)
 - 4) Major League: 4 completed innings of play (3-1/2 if the home team is ahead.)

Note: A game in which play is stopped before becoming a complete game due to time limit shall be declared an Official Game regardless of the number of completed innings.

c) Run Rule:

- 1) Farm & Rookie League: A game may be terminated after becoming an Official Game per rule 16.05(b) if either team has been numerically eliminated by a run rule.
- 2)

Minor League: A game may be terminated after becoming an Official Game per rule 16.05(b) if either team has a margin of 15 runs or more.

- 3) Major League: A game may be terminated after: 3 innings if either team has a margin of 15 runs or more; 4 innings if either team has a margin of 10 runs or more; or after 5 innings if either team has a margin of 8 runs or more.

Note: See Dizzy Dean Farm League Official Rule 7.08 for Maximum Runs per inning for Rookie League.

- d) If for any reason, other than time limit, game play is suspended prior to being declared an Official Game, the game will be replayed in its entirety (no pitching outs are recorded in such games).

16.06 Special Rules Governing Play:

- a) Contact with a Defensive Player: Official Baseball Rule 7.09(g) applies. A base runner may not, in an effort to break-up a play by the defense, intentionally come in contact with or collide with a defensive player.

Penalty: If, in the opinion of the umpire(s), the contact is interpreted as malicious or flagrant, the base runner shall be removed from the game without warning.

- b) Faked Tag: A defensive player may not "fake" a tag while not having possession of the ball.

Penalty: An obstruction per Official Baseball Rule 7.06(a) and (b) shall be declared and the base runner(s) shall be entitled to advancement. Repeated infractions by a defensive player may result in the player's removal from the game.

- c) No Contact Rule: If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, in the judgment of the Umpire, he will be called out on the play and may be ejected from the game.

- d) Base Running:

- 1) Rookie League and Minor League: When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's rubber and in possession of the ball, ready to deliver a pitch, and the batter is in the batter's box and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive the pitch, base runner(s) shall be in contact with a base and shall not leave the base until the ball has reached Home Plate.
- 2) Rookie League and Minor League: Any runner is **out** when the runner, while attempting to reach the next base, attempts a head-first slide. **NOTE**: This shall apply only to a runner attempting to reach the next base and does not apply to a dive or attempt to return to a base.
- 3) Major League: At any time, the team at bat may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher of record the previous time on defense. The courtesy runner shall be someone not presently in the line-up. The re-entry status of the courtesy runner, pitcher, and catcher shall not be affected by this rule. If all of a team's players are in the current line-up, the courtesy runner shall be the player who made the most-recently recorded out. The purpose of this rule is to speed up play.

Penalty: If the Umpire(s) declares the base runner left the base illegally, the pitcher's throw to the batter shall be declared a "no-pitch," the offending base runner(s) shall be declared "out" and play shall be declared "dead." The violation by one runner shall affect all other runners.

Note: Rule 16.06 (c) amends Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Special Rules and Regulations, "Special Base Running Rule", paragraphs (a), (b) and(c).

- e) Dropped or Missed Third Strike:
 - 1) Rookie League and Minor League: The batter is out when a third strike is caught or not caught by the catcher if thrown by a player pitcher.
 - 2) Major League: Official Baseball Rule 6.05(c) applies.
- f) Time Outs: Official Baseball Rule 5.10 applies (only an Umpire may call time-out).
- g) Coach or Manager Trip(s) to the Mound: Official Baseball Rule 8.06 applies. The second trip to the mound, in the same inning, to the same pitcher, shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.
- h) Playing Field:
 - 1) Farm League: Any playing field of Official Baseball Rules, Dizzy Dean Rules and/or Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Division Rules and Regulations dimensions is approved, except as follows: Base distances shall be sixty (60) feet.
 - 2) Rookie League: Any playing field of Official Baseball Rules, Dizzy Dean Rules and/or Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Division Rules and Regulations dimensions is approved, except as follows: Base distances shall be sixty (60) feet and the distance from the leading edge of the pitching rubber to the rear corner of the home plate shall be 42 feet.
 - 3) Minor League: Any playing field of Official Baseball Rules, Dizzy Dean Rules and/or Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Division Rules and Regulations dimensions is approved, except as follows: Base distances shall be sixty (60) feet and the distance from the leading edge of the pitching rubber to the rear corner of the home plate shall be 46 feet.
 - 4) Major League: Any playing field of Official Baseball Rules, Dizzy Dean Rules and/or Babe Ruth Bambino Division Rules and Regulations dimensions is approved, except as follows: Base distances shall be seventy (70) feet and the distance from the leading edge of the pitching rubber to the rear corner of the home plate shall be fifty (50) feet.

Note: Rule 16.06(c) amends Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Special Rules and Regulations, "Special Base running Rule," paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

- i) Balk:
 - 1) Minor League: Since base runners are required to be in contact with a base per rule 16.06(c)(1), there can be no balk. The only balk enforced in Rookie or Minor League play will be in the event the pitcher, while in his/her motion to pitch, sees the batter indicate bunt, but fails to complete the pitch.
 - 2) Major League: Official Baseball Rules 5.09(c), 7.04(a), 7.07, 8.05 apply.
- j) "Fake Bunt/Swing Away or Slash": If a batter indicates an intention to bunt, he/she may not return to a normal batting stance with the intent to swing away after the pitcher has begun motion to pitch the ball.

Penalty: The Umpire(s) shall immediately call "NO PITCH." The batter and both teams shall be given warning that further attempts will result in batters being called OUT. The slash presents a potentially dangerous situation and will not be tolerated.

i) **Special rules for Farm League (ages 4 through 6) from Dizzy Dean Baseball rule 21.00:**

Note: These rule exceptions are in place to ensure that proper baseball fundamentals are being taught for the benefit of the players.

- 1.) NO ROLLING of the ball intentionally will be allowed. Players should attempt to make a proper throw as required by the circumstances. Base runners will automatically be safe if defensive team intentionally rolls the ball (umpire decision).
- 2.) Defensive players in the outfield should attempt to make a proper throw as required by the circumstances. Running with the ball to tag a base runner by an outfielder will be judged the same as a defensive player rolling the ball – base runners will automatically be safe (umpire decision).
- 3.) Time is automatically called by the umpire when the lead runner is faced off and/or forced into the ten (10) foot designated lie at the base. NOTE: The umpire should not be too quick to call time. If the lead runner is not faced off, the umpire should allow the offensive coach time to react to the situation and run his runners if he decides.

16.08 **Protest:** All protests and disputes shall be decided by the Rules Committee appointed by the CHYAA Board of Directors and shall not violate Official Baseball Rules or Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations or Dizzy Dean Baseball Rules in effect for the current season or CHYAA League rules as written, modified, supplemented or amended herein.

- a) Protests shall only be permitted when, in the team manager's opinion, an Umpire's decision is in conflict with Official Baseball Rules, Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Baseball Rules, Dizzy Dean Baseball Rules or CHYAA League Rules as written, modified, supplemented or amended herein. (Judgment calls by the Umpire(s) are not subject to protest (i.e. balls and strikes, safe or out).
- b) **Procedure:** A manager citing a rules violation shall first identify the specific rules violation to the Umpire(s) to correct the specific violation. If, in the team manager's opinion, the violation continues or is not corrected, the manager must then notify the Umpire and the opposing team manager that the remainder of the game is being played under protest. Protests shall be submitted in writing to the League Commissioner, or in his/her absence the League President within one (1) hour following the conclusion of the Protested game, accompanied by twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) which is non-refundable if the protest is not upheld. No Protest shall be allowed after the official score sheet is signed by game officials, (manager and opposing manager). The Rules Committee shall hear and rule on the protest. A member of the committee whose team is involved in the protest shall not sit on the committee and shall be replaced at the discretion of the League President.
- c) The maximum relief afforded to the protesting manager, under this Rule 16.08, is:

- 1) Specific application of the rule(s) (i.e. ineligible player, ineligible pitcher); or
- 2) Resumption of the protested game at the point immediately prior to the rule(s) violation, or;
- 3) The game being replayed in its entirety (at the discretion of the Rules Committee).

ARTICLE 17 – NEW PLAYER DRAFT, TRYOUT(S), DESIGNATED PICKUP OR PROTECTED PLAYERS, SIBLINGS, LATE REGISTRATIONS

- 17.01 Player Draft: All players registering to participate in CHYAA Farm, Rookie and Minor Leagues for the first time (new players) shall be placed in the player draft unless, by application of one or more of the following rules, the player is eligible for team assignment prior to the "Official Draft Date" of CHYAA.
- 17.02 Maximum Number of Players Per Team: Subsequent to the last official sign-up date and prior to the Official Draft Date, the League Commissioner will determine the maximum number of players per team, but not more than fifteen (15).
- 17.03 Draft Order: The selection of players from the draft in each round by the respective teams shall be determined by random selection/drawing straws or numbers. All teams may participate in the first round; the participation thereafter to be decided by the league commissioner and communicated to all coaches prior to draft day.
- 17.04 Late Registrations: Any eligible player registering to play after the Official Draft Date shall be placed on a waiting list and assigned to a team on the basis of team complements, beginning with the team having the least number of players. The players shall be placed on the waiting list in the order received. Late sign ups will be assigned to teams up to two weeks prior to first scheduled game of the regular season (unless a manager requests additional players for a full complement or at the Commissioners' discretion).
- 17.05 Names of all protected players shall be submitted to the League Commissioners no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the draft.
- 17.06 Player Assignment: Once a player is assigned to a team in the respective Leagues the player shall remain assigned to that team during for the duration of the current season, unless circumstances determined by the League Commissioner dictate otherwise.
- 17.07 Player Transfers: Transfer of players from one team to another **is strictly prohibited**. A player may only be assigned to a different team at the conclusion of a season. Any player may reenter the player draft.
- 17.10 Other Transfers: Other transfers of players may be allowed under circumstances, which benefit the leagues, CHYAA, and its programs, and only by approval of the CHYAA Board of Directors. In granting such special dispensation from these rules, the Board shall consider such factors as: Are there special and compelling circumstances of hardship which occasion such special transfer; will the transfer reduce the competitiveness of league play, and; will the transfer work to improve the program of the League(s), CHYAA and its programs?

ARTICLE 18 - LEAGUE DIVISION CHAMPIONS. TOURNAMENT SEEDING. TIE BREAKERS

- 18.01 League/Division Champions shall be the team having best won-lost record against other teams within their league or division. In case of a tie, the following are tie breaker procedures:
- 1) First Tie Breaker: Head to Head Competition then;
 - 2) Second Tie Breaker: Overall won-lost record of regular season games against league teams beginning with the highest placed team(s) and continuing down to the last place team until a champion can be determined. If the teams records are identical, then;
 - 3) Third Tie Breaker: One game play-off at a time designated by the Commissioner. The home team will be determined by coin toss. Rule 16.04 governing pitching limitations apply, any eligible player may pitch.
- 18.02 Tournament Teams:
- A. The regular season champion in each age division will have first option to play as the CHYAA representative in Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Tournaments providing they meet the age requirements. If the champion is ineligible or chooses not to participate, the second place team will have the option, and so on until the desired slot is filled. In the event there are two divisions (at least 8 teams are required under Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules), the two division champions may elect to participate in the sanctioning body's tournaments.

ARTICLE 19 - FIELD. AND SCORE KEEPING DUTIES

- 19.01 Team managers are responsible for ensuring that duties assigned his/her team are completed. Field duties and score keeping are assigned in the CHYAA Game Schedule booklet.

Official Scorer's Duties

1. Record outs by pitcher and record in pitcher's log. At the conclusion of the game record the outs and innings by pitcher on the score sheet and have managers confirm pitching and sign score sheets.
2. The Official Scorer must be an adult, preferably a coach, who is familiar with baseball score keeping.

Manager's Pre-game Duties – First Game Each Day for Respective League

1. Drag and rake field as necessary.
2. Secure and level bases.
3. Mark and line field.
4. Verify all trash bags are in place.
5. Return all tools to shed and lock.
6. Report any problems.

Penalty: In addition to potential fines and/or forfeiture of a game, the home team will not be allowed any on field warm up privileges if these tasks are not completed 15 minutes prior to game time. Visiting team will be allowed first warm-up time.

Manager's Post-Game Duties – Last Game Each Day for Respective League

1. Pickup all trash from field, dugouts, around concession stand and parking lot.
2. Sweep bleachers.
3. Remove all trash bags and place in dumpsters, replace bags and secure lids of trashcans.
4. Rake and pack mound, home plate and bases.
5. Secure all locks.
6. Turn off lights, close and lock gate(s).

Penalty: The penalty for teams not completing their duties as outlined may be a warning and/or a fine may be assessed to the team. Fine(s) must be paid prior to next scheduled game or the game will be forfeited.

Fines shall be as follows: First offense \$100.00

SECOND OFFENSE – FORFEITURE OF NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED GAME

Sexual Harassment Policy

CHYAA will maintain an environment free of all forms of sexual harassment, intimidation and misconduct. **Sexual harassment in any manner or form will not be tolerated.** Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported to a league official immediately and all incidents will be promptly and thoroughly investigated and appropriate measure(s) will be taken to protect the health and welfare of the participants in CHYAA.

Any Manager, Coach or other CHYAA official who engages in any conduct constituting sexual harassment or misconduct will be relieved of his or her duties immediately and may be subject to other actions, including criminal actions.

a) Zero Tolerance Policy

In 1994, metropolitan Public Schools adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the use and/or possession of firearms, controlled or illegal substances, alcoholic beverages, and many others. Since many of our practices and games occur on properties owned by the Metropolitan Public Schools, **CHYAA is subject to this Zero Tolerance Policy.**

The written policy is distributed at the beginning of each school year. Parents and students are required to indicate that each has read and understands this policy. The Zero Tolerance Policy is incorporated in the Rules and Regulations of CHYAA by reference as if fully written.

Copies of the written policy may be obtained from the Metropolitan Board of Education/Metropolitan Public Schools, 2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37204.

League Uniform Policy

The following items comprise the CHYAA issued uniform for Farm, Rookie & Minor Leagues:

- a. **CAP** – One MLB replica cap for each player plus 3 adult size caps for coaches.
 - b. **JERSEY** – Solid color cotton/blend two-button t-shirt with one (1) color screen print on front, numeral on back (no custom colors). One per player (Russell or equivalent).
 - c. **PANT** – White or gray solid color pull-up pant with draw string (Farm, Rookie and Minor). One per player.
 - d. **SOCKS** – Two-in-one sock or solid color sock. One pair per player.
1. **Farm, Rookie & Minor League:** Teams are permitted, **at their own cost**, to upgrade uniforms from the standard CHYAA issue.

Teams in the CHYAA Minor and that desire to upgrade the CHYAA issued uniform shall be responsible for placing specific orders with the league supplier. The cost of the CHYAA issued item(s) will be credited to the order at the time the order is placed. **NO SPECIAL ORDERS, UPGRADES, or other equipment are to be charged to CHYAA.** Teams are responsible for placing their up-grade orders and making proper payment at the time the material is received.

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TITLE 37. JUVENILES
CHAPTER 1. JUVENILE COURTS AND PROCEEDINGS
PART 4-MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTS
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37-1-403. Persons required to report; contents of report

- (a) Any person, including, but not limited to, any:
- (1) Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner, chiropractor, nurse or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons;
 - (2) Health or mental health professional other than one listed in subdivision (a)(1);
 - (3) Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for healing;
 - (4) School teacher or other school official or personnel;
 - (5) Judge of any court of the state;
 - (6) Social worker, day care center worker, or other professional childcare, foster care, residential or institutional worker;
 - (7) Law enforcement officer; or
 - (8) Neighbor, relative, friend or any other person;

having knowledge of or called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition which is of such a nature as to reasonably indicate that it has been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect or which on the basis of available information reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse or neglect, shall report such harm immediately, by telephone or otherwise, to the judge having juvenile jurisdiction or to the county office of the department or to the office of the sheriff or the chief law enforcement official of the municipality where the child resides. Any person, including a judge of any court of this state, who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been sexually abused shall report such information in accordance with Acts 1985, ch. 478, relative to the sexual abuse of children, regardless of whether such person knows or believes that the child has sustained any apparent injury as a result of such abuse.

- (b) The report shall include, to the extent known by the reporter, the name, address, and age of the child, the name and address of the person responsible for the care of the child, and the facts requiring the report. The report may include any other pertinent information.

37-1-412. Failure to make report; juvenile courts

- (a) Any person who knowingly fails to make a report required by Sec. 37-1-403 commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- (b) A juvenile court having reasonable cause to believe that a person is guilty of violating this section may have the person brought before the court either by summons or by warrant. If the defendant pleads not guilty, the juvenile court judge shall bind the defendant over to the grand jury. If the defendant pleads guilty and waives, in writing, indictment, presentment, grand jury investigation, and trial by jury, the juvenile court judge shall sentence him under this section with the fine limited to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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