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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Condolences to the Francis Family

Heartfelt condolences are sent to Eastern New York State Commissioner Jerry Francis and his family on the death of Jerry's father. His father passed away on January 24th in Florida. ♦

Spring Regional Meeting Site Set

The regional spring meeting will be held on April 24th at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center - Atlantic City West. The information is as follows:

6821 Black Horse Pike
Egg Harbor Township, NJ
609-272-0200

Tournament Sites Still Needed

Contracts have only been signed for three of the regional tournaments this year. If your league is capable of hosting a regional tournament please contact Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo as soon as possible so that the details can be set before the regional meeting. ♦



It is s at this meeting that any pending regional business for the new season is discussed. It is also when the upcoming tournaments are discussed and pool play positions are chosen.

If there is anything which you would like the state and regional commissioners to discuss, send it in writing to Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo so that it can be put on the agenda. ♦

Baseball Quote

“A coach's main job is to reawaken a spirit in which the players can blend together effortlessly.”

-- Phil Jackson

Haddad to the Rescue

With the Bayonne league feeling the same pinch so many other companies and individuals have experienced in these difficult economic times, the Haddad family, who has been doing business in Bayonne since 1948, stepped up to the plate and hit a game-saving grand slam for Bayonne Cal Ripken Baseball.

With Foot Locker announcing the termination of the field sponsorship in January, the league was faced with its worst fiscal challenge in its history. Having gone "all-in" on the light project a year prior, the league was operating at a deficit even before the Foot Locker decision came down. So when Foot Locker decided to discontinue their \$15,000 per year sponsorship, things looked very bleak for the program.

In stepped Rick Mina, former CEO of Foot Locker, who was the man that approved the original sponsorship deal over 5 years ago. Since the day Rick left the Foot Locker Corporation, he felt compelled to make amends by helping the league find a new sponsor. And after developing a relationship with the Haddad family, Rick suggested they all meet for lunch. Retired Public Works Director, Frank Carine, orchestrated the meeting and within minutes, Haddad Brands CEO, Ed Haddad, said, "Done deal. Let's eat!"

A hug thank you should be in order to these individuals that have stepped up to "save" the Bayonne program so that the kids would continue to play on a great youth baseball diamond. These individuals were the Entire Haddad Family, Rick Mina, and Frank Carine.

Bayonne President Bob DeChiaro said. "It's always comforting to know that you live in a town that is full of caring individuals. And to know that one of our biggest businesses in town is not too big to do the little things!" ♦

Latest Rule Changes for 2010

The only rule change for 2010 affects both Local League and Tournament Play for the 13-15 divisions.



The Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15 Division has adopted standards for metal bats that limit the diameter of a bat to 2 5/8". Wood bats conforming to the dimensions described in Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are approved for use in Babe Ruth League. ♦

Baseball Trivia Quiz

Do you know the answer to these baseball questions?

1. A player hits a triple, two doubles, a single and is walked once. What are his total bases?
A) 6 B) 8
C) 9 D) 12
2. How wide is home plate?
A) 12 inches B) 17 inches
C) 20 inches D) 24 inches
3. Where are all the baseballs used in the Major League assembled and sewn?
A) Puerto Rico B) Cuba
C) Costa Rica D) Mexico
4. What is the maximum number of strikeouts a pitcher can have in an inning?
A) 3 B) 4
C) 9 D) no limit
5. How far was the pitcher's area from home plate when the National League was born in 1876?
A) 40 ft. B) 57 ft.
C) 45 ft. D) 62 ft.
6. In what year was it first permissible for pitchers to throw overhand?
A) 1876 B) 1889
C) 1893 D) 1903

2010 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Dates: July 29 – Aug. 3

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Contract signed: **TBD**
Dates: July 28 – Aug. 2

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Contract signed: Queensbury, NY
Dates: July 30 – Aug. 4

13-year-old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Dates: Aug. 4 – Aug. 9

14-year-old

Contract signed: Charles County, MD
Dates: Aug. 6 – Aug. 11

13-15 year old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Dates: Aug .5 – Aug. 10

16-18 year old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Dates: July 22 – July 27

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Start Date: Aug. 6

9-year-old

Site **TBD**
Start Date: Aug. 6

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Contract signed: **TBD**
Start Date: Aug. 6

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Contract signed:
Gibbsboro-Voorhees, NJ
Start Date: Aug. 6

16-year-old

Contract signed: **TBD**
Start Date: July 17

World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Site: Ocala, FL
Dates: August 13-20

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Site: Wilson County, NC
Dates: August 12-19

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

Site: Aberdeen, MD
Dates: August 14-21

13-year-old

Site: Levelland, TX
Dates: August 19-26

14-year-old

Site: Loudoun Co., VA
Dates: August 21-28

13-15 year old

Site: Monticello, AR
Dates: August 20-27

16-18 year old

Site: Newark, OH
Dates: August 4-12

SOFTBALL 12U

Site: Alachua, FL
Dates: August 7-14

SOFTBALL 16U

Site: Varina, VA
Dates: August 5-12





PICTURED ABOVE: L to R: Richard Haddad, Bob DeChiaro, Ed Haddad, and Nick Brancatella

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. B – 8 (Per Official Baseball Rule 10.02(a) total base counts only include safe hits.)
2. B – 17 inches
3. C – Costa Rica
4. D – no limit (per Official Baseball Rules, if a pitcher throws three strikes but the batter reaches on an error by the catcher, it is still scored as K-E2, etc)
5. C – 45 ft.
6. B - 1889