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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Tournament Sites Still Needed

Sites are still needed for the 8 year old, 13 year old, 13-15 year old and the 16 year old tournaments. Time is running short to get these things set up.

If your league can host any of these tournaments, please contact Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo as soon as possible.♦

Somers Gets Bayonne CRL's Highest Honor

Every year the Bayonne Cal Ripken League gives an award to a player who is an extraordinary person and leader both on and off the field. It is not just a complement to a player's ball playing but speaks to his character.

The award was originally named the Joseph DeChiaro Memorial Award in honor of Bob DeChiaro's father. Bob is the President and one of the founding members of the Bayonne CRL, which began in 1998 (the year Joseph DeChiaro passed away).

The award was known by that name until 2005. It was in

that year that the league lost one of their young players to cancer. At that time DeChiaro made the decision to change the name to the Michael Romano Sportsmanship Award. The decision was an easy one to make. "My dad was a hero and as humble as they come, but Michael was an entirely different level," he said.



Michael Romano was a special kid who was described as the most inspiring and loving young man you would ever have met. He exemplified courage, perseverance and character.

The 2009 award was given to David Somers. According to David's mom, "He is the kid rallying his team when the score is 15-0 and his team has the 0. David gives the word perseverance new meaning. Our only hope for him is that he remains happy, caring and loyal to his character and principles."

Congratulations David on receiving such a prestigious award.♦

Baseball Quote

“Everyone has potential and if you don’t try you’re making a mistake.”

-- *Sandy Koufax*

Spring Meeting Reminder

Remember that the annual regional spring meeting will be held next month on April 24th. If there is anything that you want to have the state commissioners and regional staff discuss and/or try to resolve, let Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo know so that he can put it on the agenda.

Ray’s email address is:

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Paramus BRL Looses a Valued Member

Barry Abel, President of the Paramus Babe Ruth League sent this email out: “It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you that George Barnes, a member of our Board of Directors for over 20 years, has lost his battle with pancreatic cancer.

George was the "hub" of our wheel as he worked tirelessly on making the Paramus League one of the most admired in all of Northern New Jersey.

His integrity and his caring for all the players, not just the very gifted ones, was a goal he instilled in all of us. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and especially all of us in Paramus.”

Our deepest condolences to the Barnes family and to all the member of the Paramus Babe Ruth League. ♦

True or False Quiz

Do you know the answers?

1. As the umpires approach home plate to start a game a light rain is falling. After the managers hand in their lineup cards, the rain becomes heavier and the home manager has the authority to declare the game postponed.
2. If an improper batsman does not complete his turn at bat, he may not be called out.
3. When an injury or other emergency necessitates bringing in a new pitcher, the umpire-in-chief is obligated to allow him as many warm-up throws are necessary for him to get ready.
4. A delivery by the pitcher hits the ground in front of the plate and the umpire calls out “Ball”. However, the batter hits the ball to right for a single. The umpire must recall the runner on first to return at bat as he is not allowed to hit a ball which first strikes the ground.
5. With the bases empty, the pitcher makes an illegal pitch. The batter, with a two ball, two strike count, flies out to left field. The batter is recalled to the plate with the count now three balls and two strikes and the play is nullified.

2010 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Site: N. Tonawanda, NY
Dates: July 29 – Aug. 3

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Springfield, PA
Dates: July 28 – Aug. 2

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Queensbury, NY
Dates: July 30 – Aug. 4

13-year-old

Site: TBD
Dates: Aug. 4 – Aug. 9

14-year-old

Site: Charles County, MD
Dates: Aug. 6 – Aug. 11

13-15 year old

Site: TBD
Dates: Aug .5 – Aug. 10

16-18 year old

Site: Onondaga, NY
Dates: July 22 – July 27

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Site: TBD
Start Date: Aug. 6

9-year-old

Site: Edison, NJ
Start Date: Aug. 6

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Site: Severn, MD
Start Date: Aug. 6

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Site: Gibbsboro-Voorhees, NJ
Start Date: Aug. 6

16-year-old

Site: 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



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **False** - Rule 4.01d
2. **True** - Rule 6.07a
3. **True** - Rule 8.03
4. **False** - Rules 2.00-Ball, 5.03, 7.05a
5. **True** - Rule 8.01d

