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Around The Horn

News for the Middle Atlantic Region

Rule Changes for 2011 Season

The International Board of Directors has approved the following rule changes beginning with the 2011 season. These changes will be reflected in the 2011 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations.

- Babe Ruth League, Inc. will no longer provide our Host Family Program at the World Series level for the Cal Ripken Division and the Softball 12U Division.
- A clarification of Babe Ruth League Rule 11.02 will be made to indicate that once a team enters the Cal Ripken Major/70 Division tournament trail, they cannot compete in the Cal Ripken Major/60 tournament trail and once a team enters the Cal Ripken Major/60 tournament trail, they cannot compete in the Cal Ripken Major/70 tournament trail.
- For the Babe Ruth Softball 14U, 16U and 18U divisions, the pitcher's distance has been increased from 40' to 43' for local league and tournament play.
- World Series Competition – The 10-run rule will be in effect for all pool play and

single and double elimination games. (This is under Headquarters' jurisdiction).♦

Baseball Quote

“As long as I have fun playing, the stats will take care of themselves.”

-- Ken Griffey, Jr.

World Series Individual Awards

Congratulations to these individuals who were awarded the following honors at the World Series:

CR Major/70 Sportsmanship Award -- Nick Logue from Emmontton, MD.



10 Y.O Batting Champion – Sean Downey from Middletown, NJ who batted .650 for the series.

13-15 Y.O Most Outstanding Player – Ryan O’Kane from North Syracuse, NY♦

All World Series Team Honors

The Middle Atlantic Regional teams were well represented when it came to the World Series honors. Congratulations to all of the following players on their achievements:

10 Y.O -- Middletown, New Jersey's Nicholas Hohenstein (P), Robert Higgins (2B), Sean Downey (SS) and Tyler Ras (OF)

CR Major/60 – Outfielder Charlie Carbin from Springfield, PA

CR Major/70 – Jack Pilkerton (P) from Charles County, MD and Chris Hammond (2B) and Brett Willett (SS) from Bear, DE.



13 Y.O – Utility player Justin DelVecchio from College Point, NY.

14 Y.O – Kyle Datres (P), and Ryan Orgitano (1B) from West End, PA.

13-15 Y.O – Pat Wright (1B) and Gabe Levanti (Utility) from N. Syracuse, NY.

16-18 Y.O – no one from the MAR♦

All Defensive Team Honors

There were also a number of players who were honored for their defensive play:

10 Y.O – no one from the MAR

CR Major/60 – Second baseman Mitch Masi from Springfield, PA

CR Major/70 – Trevor Powers (P) from Bear, DE and David Guare (2B) and Darren Prebble (3B) from Charles County, MD.



13 Y.O – Chris Campbell (3B) and Anthony Figueroa (OF) from College Point, NY

14 Y.O -- Utility Player Ethan Moore from West End, PA.

13-15 Y.O – no one from the MAR

16-18 Y.O – Catcher Evan Sternberg from Bloomfield, NJ

Trivia Quiz

Do you know the answers to these trivia questions?

1. How can you have a triple play without the defense touching the ball?
2. How many consecutive pitches can a batter take in one official at bat without swing the bat?
3. How many ways can a batter make it to first without getting a hit?
4. What is the maximum number of hits a team can get in one half inning without scoring a run?

2010 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Regional Tournaments

10 year-old

Winner: Middletown (NNJ)

12-year-old / 60 ft.

Winner: Springfield (SEPA)

12-year-old / 70 ft.

Winner: Bear (DE)

13-year-old

Winner: College Point (ENY)

14-year-old

Winner: West End (PA)

13-15 year old

Winner: N. Syracuse (WNY)

16-18 year old

Winner: Essex County (NNJ)

SOFTBALL 12U

Winner: Hamilton, NJ

SOFTBALL 16U

Winner: Luzerne County, PA

Invitational Tournaments

8-year-old

Winner: Spring-Ford (NWPA)

9-year-old

Winner: Medford (SNJ)

11-year-old / 60 ft.

Winner: Bear (DE)

11-year-old / 70 ft.

Winner: Piedmont (DE)

16-year-old

Winner: Eastern NY



World Series

Cal Ripken 10 and under

Winner: Scott County, KY

Cal Ripken Div. Major/ 60'

Winner: Nassau, Bahamas

Cal Ripken Div. Major/70'

American Winner: Ocala, FL

International Winner: Mexico

WS Winner: Mexico

13-year-old

Winner: Torrance, CA

14-year-old

Winner: Tri Valley, CA

13-15 year old

Winner: N. Syracuse, NY

16-18 year old

Winner: Gulf Coast, AL

SOFTBALL 12U

Winner: Santa Fe, FL

SOFTBALL 16U

Winner: Henderson/Vance, NC

Quiz Answers:

1. Situation – Runners on first and second. Batter hits an infield fly – batter out. Runner on first passes the runner on second – 2 outs. Ball comes down and hits the runner from second – third out!
2. Eleven – Batter comes up with two outs and a runner on base. The count goes to 3-2, still no swing. Then the runner is thrown out while trying to steal and the inning ends. At the start of the next inning, the same batter comes up again with no count – but it is still considered the same at bat – and he goes to 3 and 2 again. That's ten pitches and still no swings. The next pitch is the 11th – either it is strike three, ball four, or the batter makes contact.
3. Six – base on balls (walk), hit by pitch, catcher's interference, fielder's choice, a fielding error, the batter strikes out swinging but the catcher drops the ball and can't throw the batter out.
4. Six – One scenario:

The first batter singles. The second batter singles, the runner is thrown out advancing to third. The third batter singles, again the runner is out advancing to third. The fourth and fifth batters single to load the bases. The sixth batter hits a ground ball which strikes a base runner in fair territory, the ball is dead, the base runner is out, the batter is awarded a single, and the inning is over.