

IMPORTANT!! USE YOUR RULE BOOK

The following rule changes were adopted by the DYB National Board of Directors at its annual meeting in August 2020 and 2021. The updated 2021-22 DYB Rule Book is online on the DYB website at dybusa.org. This online rule book will be used for the 2022 seasons. See significant changes made in 2021 and 2022 below:

2022 SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES

1.10-(c) Tee Ball Bats – Tee Ball bats will be stamped with the USA Baseball Mark and the language “Only for use with approved tee balls”. Bats stamped for Tee Ball (T-Ball) play can only be used with low compression balls due to the manufacturing standards for these bats. Any bat stamped for Tee Ball (T-ball) play cannot be used in games played using a regular baseball that is pitched to the batter in any division of DYB.

6.06(d) “O”Zone Play - With a runner on 3rd base attempting to steal home with the pitch, THE BATTER MUST BUNT OR TAKE THE PITCH. If the batter swings, the ball will be dead with runners returning to their original bases, the batter will be called out, and the team manager will be EJECTED. NO WARNING will be given in this situation. Exception: No penalty will be assessed when the bases loaded with two outs and full count on the batter.

2021 SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES

Rule 7.08(l) Page 60 – Change paragraph 7.08(l) to read

(l) A runner wearing a full-face mask, while attempting to reach the next base, attempts a head-first slide. Note: This shall only apply to a runner wearing a full-face mask attempting to reach the next base and does not apply to a dive or attempt to return to a base;

Regulation I (E) (1) – The League – Page 74 -Change paragraph (E)(1) to read:

(E)(1) Each franchised league shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) teams and not more than nine (9) teams in the Majors, “O”Zone, AAA and AA Divisions and not more than eleven (11) teams in the A (6U & 4U) divisions.

Regulation 2(L) - League Boundaries – Page 77 - Add new paragraphs (M)(1) and (M)(2) to read:

M) (1) With the written approval of the State and District Director a league may extend their boundary to include players that do not currently reside within the boundary of a league franchised by DYB. This area to be included must be contiguous to the current boundary of that league.

(M) (2) With the written approval of the State and District Director a group of leagues may extend their boundaries to include areas contiguous to the group of leagues that do not currently have a franchised DYB league. Such an area will become a common boundary for that group of leagues. Players from the common boundary may register with any of the contiguous leagues. Once such a player registers and is accepted by a league, that player shall remain the property of that league unless otherwise provided for in these rules.

Tournament Rule XII (H)-Ineligible Player - Page 101 Change paragraph H(2) to read:

(2) All protests based on the ineligibility of a player, other than age, shall be filed with the appropriate DYB official prior to the conclusion of the first tournament game played by that player. PENALTY: The penalty shall be the immediate removal of the player from his/her DYB tournament team roster and disqualification from tournament play.