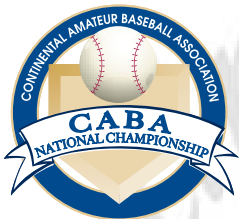


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## World Series & National Championship

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**2.1 Team Composition.**

Independent teams, league teams, all star teams, travel teams, select teams or any other combination of players are eligible to participate in CABA events subject to the guidelines listed in 2.9 below. World Series or National Championship Host teams are permitted to participate in other level of CABA league or tournament play.

**2.2 Team Roster Due Before First Tournament Game**

The Team roster submitted at the managers meeting is final and official. Rosters submitted by a team not attending the managers meeting, must have submitted their roster to the World Series/National Championship Director prior to the managers meeting. If the opposing team finds a player in a game not on the original roster, said player must immediately be removed from the game or a forfeit will be declared.

If, the team advances to another CABA tournament level, they may then submit a new roster.

The maximum number of players per team roster is 25. If however, any housing, meals, free gate passes, banquet tickets and/or fun day passes are provided no more than twenty (20) players per team and no more than four (4) coaches will be taken care of.

**B. The Maximum number of Players on a Team roster shall be 25. If however, any housing, meals, free gate passes, banquet tickets and/or fun day passes are provided for no more than twenty (20) players per team and no more than four (4) coaches.**

**C. The Minimum number of Players on a Team roster shall be 12.**

**2.3 Proof of Age.**

Prior to the event check-in date, the tournament director may give notice to any participating team that they are to have all players listed on the team's roster present at the team check-in, in order to verify their participation as a team member and that the player is not what has been referred to as a "hired gun". Any subsequent request for an exception for an individual player to be exempt from this must be made directly to that director and approved by him/her personally.

At team check-in, the following proof of age must be presented: an original or photostatic copy of their birth certificate, hospital certificate of birth, military certificate of birth, or foreign passport. The player's name must appear on the document as well.

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All players will be examined on this issue prior to the first game at each level of tournament play for each respective team. Failure to produce such documentation or any other proof of identity and age requested by the tournament director shall result in that player being ineligible for participation.

It is assumed that the tournament director has permission to examine additional documentation. If that is not the case, the parent/s or guardian/s must provide a statement that permission is not granted. In such a case, the player will be declared ineligible for participation.

In the 15/freshman age levels and above, if the player is of the allowable older age, but meets the grade criterion, teams **MUST** provide documentation from the school to support the grade claim. This documentation from the school or government agency should be given to the Event Director at the time of team check-in. Any manager/coach that submits a final roster listing a player it is believed he/she reasonably knows is over age shall be permanently banned from future participation in CABA tournaments at any level. Once a tournament begins, and it is established that a team has an over age player, all games in which the over age player participated shall be declared forfeits. The team, however, shall complete the pool play portion of the tournament without the over age player. However, the team in violation will not be eligible to advance to the elimination phase of the tournament and be placed at the bottom of the pool play standings, likely affecting the standings of all other teams in their pool.

**2.4 Birthday Cut Off Date.**

May 1 of the current season is the birthday cut off used in all CABA age divisions.

**Note:** A player's age on April 30 of the year of participation is the player's age for that season.

**2.5 Age Divisions.**

CABA offers competition in individual age levels 8-18. In ages 14 and under, a player's age on April 30 of the season in question will be eligible to play in their respective age levels.

Beginning at age 15, player age guidelines shall be by age AND class I.e.: The following age guidelines will be adopted: 15/Freshman Division: all players 15 on April 30 of the season in question, but also 16 if the student was a high school freshman in the spring prior to the summer season in question. The sophomore Division: 16 on April 30 of the season in question, but also 17 if the student was no more than a high school sophomore in the spring prior to the summer season in question. High school division: 17 on April

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30 of the season in question, but also 18 if the student was no more than a junior in the spring prior to the summer season in question. Senior division: 18 on April 30 of the season in question, but also 19 if the student was no more than a high school senior in the spring prior to the summer of the season in question.

Players in these older categories will be required to provide documentation, THAT WILL BE VERIFIED by World Series directors from their High School administrative office, that they are of proper age and grade.

**2.6 Proof of Insurance.**

All participating teams at any level of competition sanctioned by the CABA must provide proof of General Liability and Participant Accident coverage. Coverage may either be a program preferred by CABA similar policy accepted by a recognized national baseball program. Liability coverage shall not be less than one million dollars.

**2.8 Multiple Teams from the same State in the same World Series.**

CABA policy regarding multiple teams from the same state in the same World Series varies depending upon the level of World Series. That policy, by level of play is:

**2.8A Types of CABA Tournaments:**

**The CABA World Series** in each level is designed for the very best teams in the country to participate. It is guaranteed, up to the maximum number of teams the host site is able to accommodate, that each state or sub state wishing to send one team shall be granted a spot, providing that state or sub state has filed proper paperwork and paid appropriate fees by the prescribed deadlines. Additional teams from the same state may be accepted on an individual basis if approved by the specific CABA Tournament Director and either the Executive Director, Commissioner or Executive Vice President. Considerations for acceptance would include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A state's reputation for producing World Series caliber teams and
- (2) an individual team's reputation for competitiveness and proper conduct.
- (3) World Series location in relation to the residence of the requesting team.

**CABA National Championships:**

It is permissible to have multiple teams from a state, Sub State or even the same city in the National Championship. However, no state or sub state that has met time deadlines for the filing of paperwork and payment of fees desiring to send one team to a specific Series, shall be denied a spot because another state or sub state has been granted multiple team berths.

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#### 2.9 Roster Structure and Limits

CABA World Series rules allow for any combination of select team compositions from a minimum roster of 12 players and a maximum roster of 25.

While CABA National Championship events permit rosters comprised of up to 25 players, the roster of the team participating in our National Championships must be composed of players that have participated on that team throughout regular season play. In addition, the team may add up to a maximum of three pickups from within the state or bordering states of the team's home field. Teams drawing from a national base or state based all star teams are not permitted to participate in CABA National Championships.

#### 2.10 A Player May Play In More Than One CABA Tournament.

If dates do not overlap, a player may play in more than one CABA tournament at the same time or at a different age level. However, a player may play with no more than one tournament team in any given CABA event. If a player is found to be on the roster of two teams in the same tournament, he will be assigned to the team with which he makes his first official appearance. For purposes of this rule, an official appearance occurs as soon as the first official pitch is thrown in a game that the player's name appears in the game lineup. The player will not be given the option of which team to play for once he has made an appearance. If he makes an appearance with two teams, all games he plays in with the second team will be forfeited and the player will be barred from participation in any CABA event for the remainder of the season.



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**3.1 CABA Tournament formats.**

CABA distinguishes between requirements for qualifying tournaments and CABA World Series and National Championship play. It is standard practice that all CABA tournaments have some component of round robin (pool) play. However, directors of qualifying tournaments have discretion to determine local tournament formats, providing the format and cost for participation are provided in tournament literature prior to the acceptance of funds for participation

**3.2 CABA Tournament Refund And Cancelation Policy:**

The CABA has no financial participation in World Series or National Championship qualifying tournaments, therefore all financial commitments, obligations, disclosures and guidelines will be the responsibility of the tournament host and the participating team. Participants must take the initiative to learn refund and participation clauses from the respective host prior to participation in the event they are not readily available to participants.

At the World Series and National Championship levels, if the team has submitted payment to the national office, there will be no refund of any fees paid where that refund request is made inside 30 days of the scheduled report date of the event. If request is made from 45 to 30 days prior to the scheduled start, 50% will be refunded. If the refund request is made 60 to 46 days prior 75% will be refunded. If a refund request is made 61 days or prior, the full amount will be refunded. There will be no refund of the team's national registration or at-large berth fee at any time.

If payment of the World Series or National Championship fee is made to the site, the CABA national office makes no guarantee of a refund and any refund will be in accordance with the site's refund policy, if any. Note that most sites have a no refund policy.

If a tournament is cancelled by the tournament director prior to the playing of any games, the full tournament entry fee shall be refunded if paid to the national office. If a tournament encounters conditions that require rescheduling of the event time line, a team dropping out prior to the start of a tournament or prior to tournament completion, there shall be no refund providing the tournament director has provided participants a schedule for completion that continues the tournament on successive "playable" days the host has use of facilities to complete the tournament.

The guiding principle of disclosure for CABA sanctioned tournaments is that hosts have the right to determine their tournament format and guidelines at the same time potential participants have the freedom to determine their interest in participating. Participants are expected to do their due diligence in the selection of tournaments in which they may choose to participate.

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If this information is made public by the tournament director and a team elects to participate, that team must accept responsibility for their choice if they are not satisfied. It is understood by reasonable people that time and clear weather are needed to properly prepare a field after a rain interruption. It is important that potential participants do their homework prior to registration in any tournament, not just CABA sanctioned events

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**3.3 Regional, State & Separate State Rules**

It is the belief of CABA that different regions of the country and different states and separate states within the regions play by such wide ranging rules that national rules will be kept at a bare minimum. CABA permits each region and each state or sub state to have rules that may conflict with CABA rules providing that regional winners play by national rules at CABA World Series and that state winners or separate state winners play by regional rules at CABA regional tournaments. Each regional director will have the authority to develop their own regional rules which also be kept at a bare minimum. Each state director and separate state director will have the authority to develop their own state or separate state rules.

**3.4 CABA Event Formats.**

**Pool Play leading to elimination brackets:**

CABA World Series formats and National Championship differ, dependent upon the level of play.

CABA World Series are played under a format that gives the greatest possible likelihood that the best team will be crowned champions. WEATHER PERMITTING, teams will play not less than 6 games in a combination of pool and elimination play.

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Hosts may elect a 5 game pool play format followed by double elimination championship and single elimination consolation play.

The host may elect multiple levels of pool play that equals or exceeds the 6 game outline, followed by a limited number of teams participating in a double elimination championship bracket.

Or the host may elect to schedule six games in pool play followed by a limited number of teams participating in a double elimination championship bracket. Participants should contact the tournament director for further details.

One specific guideline is that there will be 8,16 or 32 teams in the elimination bracket (determined by tournament size and number of pool play games) to insure the cleanest bracket possible. (Cleanest meaning the least possibility number of byes in a bracket.)

A 32 team championship bracket is rare, since it is believed that 5 or 6 games is sufficient for a team to prove they are championship bracket caliber.

**National Championships** May develop either a 3 game pool play schedule followed by a limited double elimination bracket (while giving the teams not qualifying for the championship additional games to get the 5 game guideline), OR to schedule 4 games in pool play, followed by a 4 or 8 team single elimination championship with the remaining teams getting an additional courtesy game.

**3.5 Elimination Bracket Seeding**

The CABA seeks a World Series format that will result in the best team being crowned champions. The structure of our tournaments makes pool play games meaningful and of course, the double elimination phase critical for those teams seeking to be World Series champions.

While considerable care is given to balance the pools competitively and geographically, there is likely to be disparity in competitiveness from one pool to the next, however, this format provides the best mathematical process for determining bracket seeding. Points needful for participants to understand are as follows:

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**Tie breaking method:**

Teams with the best records coming out of pool play are the higher seeds. In the event two teams have the same record at the conclusion of pool play, the head to head winner shall be the higher seed, (if those teams played in pool play).

Where tied teams did not meet in pool play or three or more teams have the same record, the following progression will be used **ONE SEED IS DETERMINED AT A TIME, THEN GOING BACK TO THE FIRST CRITERION AS EACH SEED IS DETERMINED INDIVIDUALLY.**

The following is that progression:

- (1) Head to head winner in games between tied teams that have played.
- (2) On an average per game played basis (forfeits not counted) the fewest runs allowed in that specific set of pool play games.
- (3) Average run differential in that specific set of pool play games (forfeits not counted).
- (4) Draw or coin toss. Again, as noted above, each seed is determined individually, revert back to criterion # 1 progressing through the same scenario to determine the next seed. As with the NCAA bracket, the overall number one and two seeds, for example, will be placed at opposite ends of the bracket.

The CABA insists upon championship brackets of 8, 16 or 32 teams, depending upon the number of teams participating in the World Series. This bracket eliminates confusing and sometimes unfair byes. If a consolation bracket is elected, there may well be an odd number of participants and a bracket with multiple byes may have to be utilized.

**(2) THE WORLD SERIES DIRECTOR HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE DOUBLE ELIMINATION CHAMPIONSHIP AND WHETHER A CONSOLATION BRACKET OR COURTESY GAMES (IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE GAME GUARANTEE) WILL BE IN PLACE.**

(3) If wild card spots are needed to create a balanced bracket, the same procedure as stated above will be used in determining those spots.

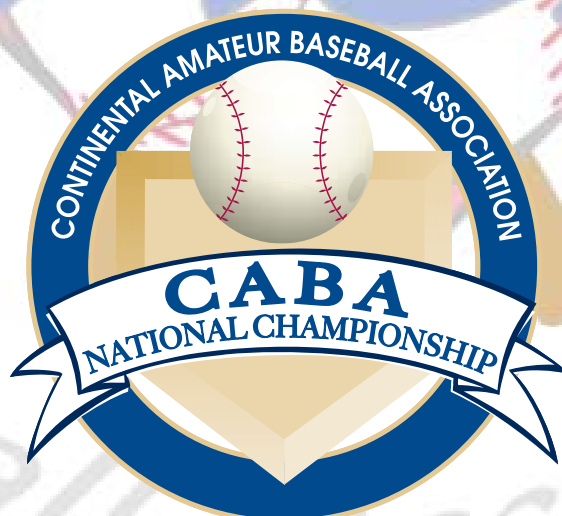
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**3.6 Special World Series (Consolation Bracket) Double Elimination Fee.**

A World Series MAY elect to charge teams a separate \$200 (cash only) fee to participate in (any consolation elimination). If a team does not show to play one of their games, that game would be a forfeit (not a bye) and the umpires would be paid from the \$200 fee with the balance of the fee being given to the team they were supposed to play. If the team still has a second game left, that game would also be a forfeit (not a bye), but the team they were scheduled to play would be notified ahead of time and would not receive any funds. It is permissible to leave early and to not play the double elimination tournament phase, but once the fee is paid and the schedule is set, a major disadvantage is created for some of the remaining teams. Because this problem, when it occurs, almost always happens in the consolation championship, almost all Tournaments charge this fee exclusively to teams in the consolation bracket.

**3.9 Financial Assistance**

In a limited number of cases, financial assistance will be provided by some hosts ONLY, to international participants from impoverished areas. Such assistance is provided by sites on an individual basis and teams seeking assistance MUST speak personally with the director of each specific event to determine possibilities and limits.



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Tournament Directors, tournament officials, and groups of managers and coaches at pre-tournament World Series meetings are **not** permitted to change or add to these rules. Rules **can only** be changed at the annual officer's meeting or at the annual meeting of the association. Rule change proposals by CABA Directors or league/tournament participants must be submitted to the Executive Director for consideration not later than August 1, of the year preceding the year the requested rule change would be implemented.

**4.0 General Statement**

Play will be governed by National Federation of High Schools rules as it specifically pertains to the playing of games (as opposed to administrative directives). Where there is an area of conflict from one state to the next, the rules of the state High School Association in which the tournament is played will have priority.

**4.1 Standard High School Rules Spelled Out**

- 1) The High School re-entry rule will apply. Starters may be removed and re-inserted back into the lineup at a later point in the game in their original batting spot. Once entering the game, substitutes subsequently removed may not re-enter. (Note how the courtesy runner is utilized relative to this rule in section 4.2 item 10)
- 2) A (one) designated hitter may be utilized for any position player, not specifically or just for the pitcher. If he later assumes a defensive position, the role of designated hitter is no longer in effect and nobody may assume that role at any later point in the game.
- 3) There may be three free defensive conferences at the mound during the entire course of a game without being required to remove the pitcher from the mound. Upon the fourth such conference of the game, and each subsequent conference, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. He/she may assume a defensive position however.
- 4) Any game suspended due to darkness or adverse weather conditions shall be picked up at the exact point of suspension, however, if such conditions exist, team managers, if agreed, may consider the game as completed with the existing score as official.
- 5) NOCSAE approved Batting helmets are required for any player in the field of play during a live ball period.

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- 6) Catchers are required to wear masks with a throat protector and a helmet with ear protection.
- 7) The High School base running contact rule requiring runners to avoid unnecessary contact and when sliding, to slide directly into the base will be enforced.
- 8) In the event a team elects to issue an intentional walk, the team making that election need only inform the umpire of that decision and the batter will be awarded first base without the throwing of a pitch.
- 9) At the pre-game meeting, both teams must list on their lineup card ALL players eligible for participation in that game in addition to the starting lineup. The player's last name and number must be listed. Where there are two players with the same last name, the full first name or initial (as long as they are different) must be on the card so as to be distinguishable. **Note:** Most states allow for the fact that there can be confusion about what number a player may be wearing in a given game on a given day and allow changes to numbers only, but participants should insure their knowledge of this detail at the pre-tournament meeting. Players not listed will not be eligible for participation in that specific game.

#### **4.2 Exceptions To NFHS Rules**

- 1) In ages 12 and under, metal spikes will not be permitted.
- 2) In the 8 year old division, there are various exceptions to standard CABA rules that will be made available to participating teams by World Series host upon their request.
- 3) In ages 15 and above, all legally and appropriately stamped BESR bats will be permitted. In ages 14 and under, there are no restrictions.  
(Note: Beginning the 2012 season, there will be significant changes made to CABA bat restrictions and therefore CABA advises those purchasing bats in the future take note of this certainty).
- 4) Ages 11 and under will play 6 inning games.
- 5) If playing on fields/in a facility with a severe weather warning system, teams will clear the playing field when the alarm sounds. When the all clear tone is sounded, play may resume at a time the site director determines the field is playable, without NFHS time constraints.

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**6)** A two hour time limit MAY be imposed by the tournament director (in pool play only) If time limits are in place the clock will start at the instant of the game's first pitch. The time for the next inning to begin will be upon recording the third out of an inning (example: the third out to end the 6<sup>th</sup> inning is recorded at 6:15. That is also the instant the 7<sup>th</sup> inning is reckoned to begin.) The clock will stop in the event of an injury not immediately dealt with or any stalling tactics the umpire detects. The umpire will be the sole determinant of the time clock and shall notify both teams of any stoppages as well as the resumption of the clock.

**7)** Ties are permitted in pool play in determining standings. Each tournament director will notify teams at the managers meeting regarding any extra inning or time restrictions. In the event the game ends in a tie, both teams will receive 1/2 point credit in the standings. **TIES ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT PERMITTED IN THE ELIMINATION PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

**8)** For World Series and National Championship play, darkness will be equated to rain in that if participants in a 6 inning game have completed 4 or more innings (3 1/2 if the home team is winning) or 5 innings of a 7 inning game are completed (4 1/2 if the home team is winning) the game will be regarded as official. If the game is stopped in the middle of an inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning **IF OFFICIAL**. If the game is not official, play will resume from the point of suspension with the score and game situation in tact and be played to it's conclusion unless darkness or rain again results in the interruption of play, when the previously cited scenario would take effect.

**9)** In all age levels of CABA World Series and National Championship play, teams will be permitted the use of an extra player **UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ELIMINATED AT THE OPTION OF THE WORLD SERIES DIRECTOR** at the pre-series manager's meeting. The EP is an additional hitter inserted in the lineup in any batting position 1-10. This player is an interchangeable part in the lineup that may enter to play (for example) 2B in the second inning, when the 2B would become the EP. Theoretically, the EP could play a different position every inning with the person vacating their position then becoming the EP. Use of the EP, unless prohibited at a specific World Series or National Championship, is strictly at the option of each team. One team may elect to use it during the course of a game while another may not. Once the player appears on the lineup submitted at the pre-game meeting, the electing team must have a 10 person batting order or an out will be recorded each time the spot does not have a plate appearance.

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**10)** CABA permits a courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher of record at the conclusion of the previous half inning. The player utilized in this role must be someone that has not officially appeared in the game up to that point. No runner may be used as a courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher in any one specific inning, but may be utilized for either the pitcher or catcher in different innings. If this player is inserted into an offensive or defensive position in the lineup, their eligibility as a courtesy runner is lost, even if subsequently removed from the game.

**11)** Unlike NFHS rules, there is no monetary fine if a coach is ejected from a game, neither are they banned from the dugout or field the next game unless ejected after the conclusion of the game just completed. If ejected after the conclusion of a game, they must not appear in the dugout or on the field at any time during the playing of the subsequent game and if necessary, because of the coaches conduct, the umpire may elect to have this individual removed from the immediate field/park setting. If it appears the individual poses a threat or is making any verbal threats to an umpire or opposing team, they may be banned from participation the remainder of the World Series or national Championship at the sole discretion of the tournament director.

**12)** No team will be forced to play 4 games in one day. It is standard in CABA events to schedule 2 games per day. In the event weather conditions dictate adjustment, or in seeking to complete the event on schedule, the site director may elect the playing of three games in a day. No team can, however, be forced to play 4 games in one day.

**13) Forfeit Policy Due To Lack Of Players**

Teams are permitted a grace period of 10 minutes from the scheduled game start time to field a team of 9 able bodied players. If they cannot do so, a forfeit will be recorded. Teams causing this delay forfeit any right to infield/outfield practice time. Any team forfeiting a game due to lack of players will not be permitted to participate in the elimination phase of the event.

**14)** If at any time during the course of a game a team is unable to field a 9 member team, they may continue to play, but will suffer a recorded out each time that vacant spot is scheduled to appear at the plate.

**15)** Teams may elect to leave the tournament site at the conclusion of pool play. If they leave during pool play or at any point in the elimination, they will not be permitted to participate in a CABA World Series or National Championship the following year.

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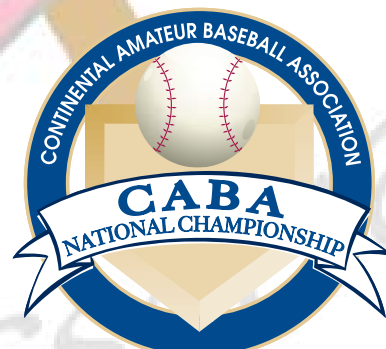
**16)** In the event it is learned that an opposing pitcher has reached the pitching limit, the inquiring manager is to report the perceived violation to the umpire. At that point, the umpire will examine the official record and if the pitcher has reached or exceeded his pitching limit, the umpire will inform the manager of the team of the pitcher that the limit has been reached or exceeded. If the manager immediately removes the pitcher from the mound there will be no further action. If the manager refuses to remove the pitcher from the mound, the game will be declared a forfeit. Note: This rule exists to protect the pitcher, not for a team to get a cheap win. There is no stoppage until a complaint is lodged even if the pitcher has far exceeded his limit. It is only upon the manager's refusal to remove the pitcher that action is taken. Teams are to communicate with the keeper of the official record to insure an accurate running total. Managers are expected to be fully aware of each of their pitcher's records and are subject to ejection from the game for flagrant violations.

**17)** Any minor serving as a bat boy/girl must wear a protective NOCSAE certified batting helmet at all times during the course of a game. Anyone of any age serving as a bat boy/girl must wear protective headgear when entering or in the field of play. As with the NFHS rules, base coaches are not required to wear protective head gear as a standard policy EXCEPT as local ordinance requiring such protection is in place. If such is the case, their guidelines will be enforced.

**18)** Unruly conduct brought about by any condition or event (I e: abuse of alcohol or drugs or anger over an incident or call in a game) will not be tolerated and the violating individual/s will be removed from the general playing area or the entire facility by any means ranging from a simple non-violent request for compliance, any other non violent means (self defense excepted) determined to be appropriate up to removal by local authorities by whatever means are determined necessary.



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Field Dimensions	Division	Bases	Mound
	8 & Under	60 Feet	44 Feet
	9 & Under	65 Feet	44 Feet
	10 & Under	65 Feet	46 Feet
	11 & Under	70 Feet	50 Feet
	12 & Under	70 Feet	50 Feet
	13 & Under	80 Feet	54 Feet
	14 & Under	80 or 90 Feet	54 or 60.5 Feet (will be designated by host)
	15 & Older	90 Feet	60.5 Feet

Run Rule Chart.	Ages	Regulation	Start 8 run rule after	Start 12 run rule after
	8 – 11	6 Innings	4th inning	3rd inning
	12 – 18	7 Innings	5th inning	4th inning
	19 l.	9 innings	7th inning	5th inning

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**World Series Pitching limitation Table**

**Maximum Innings Pitched in:**

Division	2 Days Required	1 Day / No Rest	1 Day Rest	2 Days Rest	3 Days Rest
8 & U	6 / 7	0–1.0	1.1–2.0	2.1–3.0	Over 3.0
9 & U	6 / 7	0–1.0	1.1–2.0	2.1–3.0	Over 3.0
10 & U	6 / 7	0–2.0	2.1–3.0	3.1–4.0	Over 4.0
11 & U	6 / 7	0–2.0	2.1–3.0	3.1–4.0	Over 4.0
12 & U	7 / 8	0–2.0	2.1–3.0	3.1–4.0	Over 4.0
13 & U	7 / 8	0–3.0	3.1–4.0	4.1–5.0	Over 5.0
14 & U	7 / 8	0–3.0	3.1–4.0	4.1–5.0	Over 5.0
15 & U	7 / 8	0–3.0	3.1–4.0	4.1–6.0	Over 6.0
16 & U	7 / 9	0–3.0	3.1–4.0	4.1–6.0	Over 6.0

\* High School \*\*\*\*\* See Note Below \*\*\*\*\*

\* 18 & U \*\*\*\*\* See Note Below \*\*\*\*\*

**Note:** ) In the High School and 18 and under age levels, a pitcher is permitted to throw 10 innings in a three day period (as permitted in High School National Association rules). In ages 14 and under, no pitcher may pitch in more than 2 consecutive days and that within prescribed in the pitching limitation table above. In ages 15 and above, as an additional rule, no pitcher is permitted to pitch four consecutive days.

## **Lead Offs, Base Stealing & Balks.**

Regular baseball leadoffs and base stealing are permitted in all age divisions. Regular balks will be used except in the 8- 12 year age divisions. In the 8 and under division the Tournament Director has the option of using leadoffs, stealing, bunting, balks and infield fly rule. If balks are used in the 8 and under age division, the CABA balk rules for 9-12 year age divisions applies. In the 8-12 age divisions the hidden ball trick will not be permitted. The hidden ball trick means that the defensive team simulates the start of a play when someone other than the pitcher has the ball. Any play that begins with the ball in the pitcher possession and the pitcher is at or near the pitcher's plate is not considered to be a hidden ball trick.

### **Special balk rule for the 8-12 year age divisions**

**only.** Minor violations, such as going to the mouth followed by going to the ball while on the mound, dropping the ball while on the mound and losing balance or swaying because of the weather should be ignored if they do not affect the game by putting an offensive player out. The hidden ball trick is not permitted in the 8-12 year old age divisions, hence the associated balk rule will not be called in these age divisions. The following six simplified balk rules will be used in the 8-12 year old age divisions. These rules should be strictly enforced so the offensive team is not put at a disadvantage. Runners should not be called out if these rules are violated.

### **A violation of any of the following six pitching rules should be the only reason to call a balk in the 8- 12 year old age divisions.**

- 1.** The pitcher, while touching his plate, makes any motion naturally associated with his pitch and fails to make such delivery.
- 2.** When a pitcher steps on the rubber before the set position, one hand must be at his/her side with the other hand free. The ball can be either in the bare hand or in the glove.
- 3.** While in the set position, before going to home plate, pitchers must hold the ball in both hands in front of his her body and come to a complete and discernible stop with both feet on the ground. A complete stop shall not be construed as occurring because of a change in direction of the hands and arms. However, the pitcher may throw to any base before or after the stop. The stop is necessary only before throwing to home plate.
- 4.** While in the set position, a pitcher must step, with the foot that is not directly in contact with the rubber, directly to the base that he/she is throwing to.
- 5.** While in the windup position, the pitcher must step back off the rubber with the foot in contact with the rubber, not free foot, before attempting to pick a runner off base.
- 6.** While on the rubber, the pitcher fakes a throw to first base and does not complete the throw.

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**2011 CABA World Series Sites & Dates**

Division	Location	Date
8 Alum Bat 44x65	Sylvania, OH	July 23-29/11
9 Alum Bat 44x65	Woodstock, IL	July 22-29/11
10 Alum Bat 46x65	Westfield, IN	July 15-24/11
11 Alum Bat 50x70	McHenry/Johnsburg, IL	July 23-31/11
12 Alum Bat 50x70	Sylvania, OH	July 23-29/11
13 Alum Bat 54x80	Westfield IN	July 15-24/11
14 Alum Bat 60/90	Lebanon, TN	July 15-24/11
15 Alum Bat 60/90	Northern IL	July 22-31/11
15 Wood Bat 60/90	Charleston, SC	July 16-23/11
16 Alum Bat 60/90	East Cobb, GA	July 23-Aug. 3/11
17U/HSAlum Bat 60/90	Euclid, OH	July 21-29/11
17U/HSWood Bat 60/90	Charleston, SC	July 16-23/11
18 Wood Bat 60/90	Charleston, SC	July 23-Aug. 1/11
18 Alum Bat 60/90	Struthers, OH	July 17-25/11

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**2011 National Championship Sites and Dates**

Division	Location	Dates
<b>Great Lakes</b>		
9 Alum Bat 44x65	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 07-13/11
10 Alum Bat 46x65	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 14-20/11
11 Alum Bat 50x70	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 07-13/11
12 Alum Bat 50x70	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 14-20/11
13 Alum Bat 54x80	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 07-13/11
14 Alum Bat 60x90	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 14-20/11
15 Wood Bat 60x90	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 14-20/11
16 Wood Bat 60x90	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 14-20/11
17 Wood Bat 60x90	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 07-13/11
18 Wood Bat 60x90	St. Clair Shores, Michigan	July 07-13/11
<b>Ohio Valley</b>		
15 Alum Bat 60x90	Springboro, Ohio	July 07-12/11
<b>Midwest</b>		
8 Alum Bat 44x65	Noblesville, Indiana	July 13-17/11
9 Alum Bat 44x65	Noblesville, Indiana	July 13-17/11
11 Alum Bat 50x70	Noblesville, Indiana	July 13-17/11
12 Alum Bat 50x70	Noblesville, Indiana	July 13-17/11
15 Alum Bat 60x90	Noblesville, Indiana	July 06-10/11
16 Alum Bat 60x90	Noblesville, Indiana	July 13-17/11
<b>Southeast</b>		
13 Alum Bat 60X90	Louisville, Kentucky	July 07-10/11
<b>West</b>		
13 Wood Bat 60x90	Reno Nevada	July 22-30/11
14 Wood Bat 60x90	Reno Nevada	July 22-30/11
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