

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK



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It gives you essential information about the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

Rule 1 through Rule 17 are the basic rules of the AABC, and apply to all Divisions — Stan Musial (unlimited age), Connie Mack (18 and under), Mickey Mantle (16 and under), Sandy Koufax (14 and under), Pee Wee Reese (12 and under), Willie Mays (10 and under) and Roberto Clemente (8 and under).

Rule 18 through Rule 21 apply to the San Musial Division (unlimited age) only.

Rule 22 through Rule 25 apply to the Connie Mack Division (18 and under) only.

Rule 26 through Rule 30 apply to the Mickey Mantle Division (16 and under) only.

Rule 31 through Rule 36 apply to the Sandy Koufax Division (14 and under) only.

Rule 37 through Rule 43 apply to the Pee Wee Reese Division (12 and under) only.

Rule 44 through Rule 50 apply to the Willie Mays Division (10 and under) only.

Rule 51 through Rule 59 apply to the Roberto Clemente Division (8 and under) only.

DEADLINES

NOTE: Many Associations (states) have earlier deadlines. Check yours to be sure.

League and team registrations: June 15 (Koufax, Reese, Mays, Clemente), July 1 (Mantle, Mack, Musial).

Signing Players: June 15 for Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, Pee Wee Reese and Sandy Koufax; July 1 for Mickey Mantle, Connie Mack and Stan Musial.

Declaration of preference for tournament play by teams in more than one league: July 1.

Filing player rosters by league secretary with Association Executive: July 15.

Reinstatement of former professionals (Stan Musial only): July 1.

Deadline for insurance waiver: June 1.

Deadline for establishing residence: June 15.

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INTRODUCTION

The playing rules of the American Amateur Baseball Congress shall be the official rules of baseball, except as amended by the AABC. Member Associations shall be bound by these rules at all levels of AABC tournament competition — state, regional and national; but more stringent rules at local, state or regional levels shall have priority over national rules.

DEFINITIONS

“AABC” and “the Congress” are used throughout as an abbreviation for the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

ASSOCIATION — A group of leagues within a state or defined area recognized by AABC as operating under its own government, with its own elected officers and qualifying at least a champion for competition with other Association champions under these rules. Generally one state constitutes an Association, but adjoining states may be combined to form an Association.

LEAGUE — A minimum of three (3) or more teams with its own government playing a regular schedule of not less than six (6) games; except that some Associations may require leagues to embrace more than three (3) teams to qualify for membership, barring unforeseen circumstances, said nine-game schedule must be completed prior to post-season tournament competition.

ASSOCIATION COMPETITION — Competition above league levels, embracing leagues within an Association.

REGIONAL COMPETITION — Competition above Association levels, embracing Associations within a region or other Associations so assigned by the National Office.

NATIONAL COMPETITION — For all intents and purposes, within these rules, national competition shall be construed to be all competition above Association levels.

BASIC POLICIES OF AABC

The basic aims of the American Amateur Baseball Congress are to enlarge and advance the scope of amateur baseball by stimulating interest and competition, and to provide a sound, experienced organization to assist and educate local groups in obtaining the maximum health and citizenship values.

It conducts competition in eleven age groups; (1) **Stan Musial Division**, for players of unlimited age; (2) **Connie Mack Division**, for players 18 years old and under; (3) **Mickey Mantle Division**, for players 16 years old and under; (4) **Mickey Mantle 15's Division**, for players 15 years old and under; (5) **Sandy Koufax Division**, for players 14 years old and under; (6) **Sandy Koufax 13's Division**, for players 13 years old and under; (7) **Pee Wee Reese Division**, for players 12 years old and under; (8) **Pee Wee Reese 11's Division**, for players 11 years old and under; (9) **Willie Mays Division**, for players 10 years old and under; (10) **Willie Mays 9's Division**, for players 9 years old and under; and (11) **Roberto Clemente Division**, for players 8 years old and under.

Teams registering in Willie Mays 9's, Pee Wee Reese 11's, Sandy Koufax 13's or Mickey Mantle 15's have the option to register in one of two leagues (or both) as follows:

- (1) A league composed of teams with both age groups
- (2) A league composed of a single age group

NOTE: Players in leagues with interlocking schedules may be drafted from either league. All teams must be members of leagues of three (3) or more teams, playing a schedule of not less than six (6) games during the current season; said six (6) games to be played prior to AABC post-season tournament competition.

In AABC tournament play, the Playing Rules of Major League

Baseball will be used unless exception is noted within this Handbook and Tournament Guidelines.

Regional tournaments must be completed by Sunday prior to the day before the start of any World Series. In no way, may the tournament be extended. A tie breaker will determine the winning team.

NOTE: Tie Breaker:

- (1) Head to head competition
- (2) Least total number of runs given up
- (3) Most runs scored
- (4) Net runs
- (5) Draw or flip coin

The AABC permits limited reinstatement of former professionals in the **Stan Musial Division only**.

The AABC is the largest amateur baseball organization in the United States for players above junior baseball age and the only amateur baseball program, which provides progressive and continuous organized competition — sub-teens through adults — at national levels. It is coordinated with other programs through USA Baseball and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

DUES

National dues are assessed on a per team basis, determined annually by the AABC Board of Directors. **Currently, national dues are twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per team.**

NOTE — National dues cover cost of annual subscription to the AMATEUR BASEBALL NEWS, official publication of the AABC, for all team managers and league officials; plus AABC officials at state, regional and national levels, based on annual subscription rate of five dollars (\$5.00).

Association and/or regional dues are determined by those groups, and vary, depending upon program and services adopted.

Deadline for payment of national dues is June 15 (Koufax, Reese, Mays, Clemente), July 1 (Mantle, Mack, Musial).

All umpires working in AABC Association (state), Regional or World Series Tournament must be registered with the AABC for the current year. The registration fee is \$20.00.

TOURNAMENT ALLOWANCES

ASSOCIATION: (state or area): At discretion of Association.

REGIONAL: Negotiated by Associations involved and may include housing, meal and/or travel allowances; but not mandatory.

NATIONAL: Vary within different Divisions of age competition, but include housing, a per diem meal allowance and limited travel.

NOTE — Consult AABC National Headquarters for more detailed information on tournament allowances.

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TOURNAMENT and PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

Rule 1 through Rule 14 are basic rules of the AABC, and apply to all Divisions — Stan Musial (unlimited age), Connie Mack (18 and under), Mickey Mantle (16 and under), Sandy Koufax (14 and under), Pee Wee Reese (12 and under), Willie Mays (10 and under) and Roberto Clemente (8 and under).

Residence Rule

Rule 1 (a). Unless otherwise prescribed by a more stringent AABC association ruling, a player must reside in the designated recruiting area of his league no later than June 15 of the current year. No team may be composed of more than ten (10) players who move after May 15 of current year. There is no restriction in Stan Musial.

(NOTE: Reside means bona fide continuous habitation and not merely establishment of a legal address or voting residence.)

(b). When a legally signed player establishes residence in another community prior to the last date of signing a contract, his original contract shall become invalid when he signs a contract with another team for which he is eligible to play.

(c). Any minor, whose residence is changed because of the relocation of his parents or legal guardian, shall be eligible immediately in any Division of the Congress, if his parents or legal guardian relocate on or before June 15 of the current year.

(d). Any player who is contracted to an AABC team may have his residency requirements extended if he finds himself still competing in high school sanctioned state championship tournament or if he is a junior college or four year college participant in a state, regional or national tournament. Those players so qualified will be permitted to report to their teams within a five (5) day period upon the conclusion of their play in the various tourna-

ments, but in no case later than July 1.

Amateur Standing

Rule 2 (a). A player, eligible for PLAYING competition in the Congress shall not receive monetary remuneration, directly or indirectly, for services to ANY baseball team, except as provided hereafter in these rules.

A player, otherwise eligible, shall not become ineligible upon signing a professional contract, whether or not a bonus is involved, until such contract has been promulgated by the professional baseball authority governing in his case and until the date upon which such a player reports for training or play.

NOTE — An accounting of all funds of any player, manager and/or coach or team, league or Association, may be requested by any member of the Executive Committee.

(b). Any baseball program, sanctioned as amateur by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Inter-Collegiate Athletics (NAIA) and/or National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) shall be recognized as amateur by the AABC.

Loss of Amateur Standing

(c). A player becomes ineligible immediately upon competing in a scheduled professional baseball game and remains ineligible unless and until reinstated for play in the Stan Musial Division ONLY.

Definition of Professional Player

(d). Any player who has ever been under contract to a Major League club or a club operating under the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues or an independent professional team is considered a professional player, under these rules, after the date upon which his contract has been promulgated and he reports for training or play.

(e). Any player who is compensated for services as a player also

is considered a professional player, under these rules. Accordingly, in addition to Major League clubs or a club operating under the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, or an independent professional team, a professional team is:

(1) One which is not specifically recognized as amateur, or which plays in a league not specifically recognized as amateur by the AABC; or

(2) One which plays for a stake, or in tournaments where there is a division of receipts or fees, other than for expenditures, depending upon the outcome of a game or games.

Playing Under Assumed Name

(f). Penalty for playing under an assumed name, either in or out of the AABC, while signed by a member team of the Congress, shall be suspension for not less than one (1) year, unless intent to use such assumed name is filed with and approved by the National Headquarters of the Congress prior to the use of such assumed name. A Board Committee, upon recommendation of the President, shall have authority to place such players on probation for any portion of the penalty after the year suspension is imposed.

Eligibility of High School and College Players

Rule 3. A member of a high school or college baseball team shall not be eligible to play in the Congress until after the playing season of the institution for which he is playing, unless such participation is approved by the high school or college authority governing.

Playing With More Than One Team

Rule 4 (a). No player may play with more than one (1) AABC team unless his member Association or league has an AABC-approved rule permitting such play. **Responsibility for determining if such rule exists is that of the player.** In such case, if more than one (1) of the teams with which he plays qualifies for AABC tournament play, he must play with the team which first filed his contract with the Association's executive officer.

NOTE — This does not prohibit a player from playing with a

team in another approved program. HOWEVER, many Association and league rulings do NOT permit this. Check with your Association and/or league officer before committing an act which may make you ineligible.

(b). No player, under any circumstance, shall be permitted to play or retain membership on two (2) teams in AABC tournament competition, whether or not the tournaments are played at the same time, except as provided by Rule 7.

(c). A player who has once participated in any phase of AABC tournament competition **above the Association level** may not thereafter be selected by any other team as an extra player after the team with which he has earlier participated in AABC tournament play has been eliminated, except as provided in Rule 7.

(d). Under no circumstances, except in a qualifying tournament, may a player participate in more than one (1) AABC age division tournament unless the regional vice president has submitted a plan for such participation at the state level to the president who has approved the plan at least six (6) months before the tournament.

Teams in More Than One League

Rule 5. Teams shall be permitted to play in more than one league, upon proper registration in each league. Where a team plays in two (2) or more leagues, it must declare for which it will compete in AABC tournament play, in the event it qualifies from more than one. Such declaration must be made by a date to be established by the member Association to which it belongs, but in any event, not later than July 1.

NOTE — Some Associations and leagues prohibit this practice. Be sure it is permitted in your Association/league before your team joins a second league. Where teams play in non-AABC leagues, status of the league and legality of playing in such leagues without loss of eligibility should be cleared with your Association.

Contracts and Player Requirements

Rule 6 (a). Every league must establish some form of written individual player contract.

(b). To be eligible for AABC tournament competition, a player:

(1) Must have been under contract to his team continuously since not later than June 15 for Roberto Clemente, Willie Mays, Pee Wee Reese and Sandy Koufax; July 1 for Mickey Mantle, Connie Mack and Stan Musial;

(2) Must have played in at least three (3) regularly scheduled league games (post season playoffs and tournaments do not count on this total) except for any player who represents the AABC in the Tournament of Stars or the USA National Team. A player who represents the AABC in the Tournament of Stars or the USA National Team will be credited with the required three (3) games needed for eligibility for post season play.; or

(3) Qualify under Rule 7.

NOTE — No player under a contract to a Connie Mack Division or a Mickey Mantle Division team on June 15 may be signed by a Stan Musial Division team after that date without prior approval from AABC National Headquarters. The same restrictions shall be imposed on a player under contract to a Mickey Mantle Division team seeking to sign with a Connie Mack Division team. A player under contract to a Sandy Koufax Division team seeking to sign with a Mickey Mantle Division team, a player under contract to a Pee Wee Reese Division team seeking to sign with a Sandy Koufax Division team, and a player under contract to a Willie Mays Division team seeking to sign with a Pee Wee Reese Division team or a player under contract to a Roberto Clemente Division team seeking to sign with a Willie Mays Division team may not be signed to play in a higher age Division after June 1.

Servicemen

Servicemen who are actually separated from active duty, including terminal leave, may return to the team of their latest contract prior to enlistment, provided they have maintained their amateur status while in the Armed Services, but they shall not be eligible as extra players under Rule 7.

Extra Players for Tournament Play

Rule 7 (a). Each team in AABC tournament play may add to its roster three (3) extra players from other teams in its league. Where a league plays its regular season schedule in “divisions”, the division in which a team plays shall be interpreted as its “league” and extra players for tournament play must be selected from that division, unless the divisions play an interlocking regular season schedule, in which case the extra players for tournament play may be selected from all the divisions.

NOTE — Some Associations and leagues have more stringent rules governing extra players. Since their rules have priority over national rules, be familiar with the rules of your Association and league.

(b). In addition, ONLY teams representing leagues drawn from an area embracing a civil population averaging less than 20,000 per team (1990 census) may add two (2) additional players, or a total of five (5) for AABC Tournament play; said two (2) additional players to come from the league that team represents. Said approval must be granted in writing by the National Office.

NOTE — To qualify under this rule, (1) State Director must apply in writing to National Office and Regional Vice President no later than May 1 of the given year (application form will be provided) (2) Individual league must secure written permission from the State Director no later than June 1 of the given year. Such certification must be on file in the National Office no later than June 15 of the given year.

(c). Any team in AABC regional and/or national (World Series) tournament play may select their extra players under Rule 7 (a) and (b) after other teams from their league have been eliminated in tournaments played previously.

(d). Teams advancing to regional play may select two (2) extra players **from any team or league in its respective Association.** One or both of these selections may be deferred until completion of the regional tournament, but at that time the host team for the world series shall have priority of choice. **The addition of two (2)**

extra players may not exceed the total number of players allowed under Rule 9.

(e). **Only host teams in AABC national tournaments (World Series) may select their extra (bonus) players from any team in their respective region.**

(f). Personnel of teams certified for AABC tournament play may not be changed from the original certification, except where a player is inducted into active Armed Services Duty, including National Guard, or a player dies, or a player is signed to a Professional Baseball Contract by a Major League Organization; but any replacements must come from the team's league.

(g). Where a selected extra player submitted on the roster but **NOT YET CERTIFIED**, who has not yet actually played, fails to appear with the team, another player eligible under Rule 7 may be selected and substituted for him.

(h). At any level of tournament competition, a player refusing to play with a team when legally drafted, forfeits all rights to be drafted at any level.

Filing Contracts and Certifying Players

Rule 8 (a). **On or before July 15 of each year**, the secretary of each league affiliated with the AABC shall certify to the executive officer of his member Association, a certified list of contracts of all players under contract by teams, eligible for tournament competition. In addition, each Association shall submit to the National Office the complete constitution and by-laws and eligibility rules of his Association. Certified team rosters or contract shall also be sent to the proper tournament official with a copy to his regional executive. Each tournament official shall transmit the certified roster or contracts to the official at the next stage of competition. Penalty for failure to comply may be expulsion from tournament competition.

(b). No team shall be eligible for tournament play until its league's registration and dues are received in the National Office.

Deadline for receipt of league registrations and dues to the AABC is June 15 for Roberto Clemente, Willie Mays, Pee Wee Reese and Sandy Koufax. The registration deadline is July 1 for Mickey Mantle, Connie Mack and Stan Musial. National registration dues are twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per team, by league only. **GET THIS DONE!**

Player Limit

Rule 9. For AABC regional play and above, a team may have not more than twenty-one (21) players in Stan Musial; and not more than twenty (20) players in all other divisions.

NOTE — Association play is limited to twenty (20) players in Stan Musial; nineteen (19) players in Connie Mack, and eighteen (18) players in Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax, Pee Wee Reese, Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente.

Host Team

Rule 10. Where a host team is indicated for tournament play, it shall be selected at the discretion of the tournament sponsor subject to the approval of the State Officer and/or Regional Vice President, whomever is applicable, by a time stipulated by the State Officer and/or Regional Vice President, unless such play is national (World Series) competition, in which case approval must be by the National Office. **A team selected to play as a host team in Regional or World Series play may not play in a state tournament.**

National Tournament Representation

Rule 11 (a). AABC tournaments must be played in accordance and compliance with the approved AABC double-elimination bracket; and deviations shall not be permitted under any circumstances. The AABC approved method of pairings follow:

The tournament shall be conducted on a true double-elimination basis. Following the first three (3) rounds, pairings by draw may be necessary to comply with the following AABC rules:

(1) Where there is a bye in the schedule, all teams - undefeated and defeated - shall share in drawing for the bye except as provided in (3). No team may receive a second bye until every

other team alive shall have had a first bye. This will be adhered to even if it means two (2) teams must meet for the second time when there is a team alive they have not yet met. The bye has top priority over anything else and must be the first consideration. It is vital and essential that the bye be determined FIRST.

(2) No team will meet another team for the second time where there remains a different team left to play, UNLESS: a) it would violate (1) above, b) there are only three (3) teams left as provided in (3), or c) all possible combinations of games throw some pair of pairs of teams against each other for the second time will be selected and not drawn. If there is more than one equal possibility, the entire group of games will be selected by lot from those pairings with equal and fewest number of teams which must meet for the second time.

(3) When there are but three teams left in the tournament and each has received an equal number of byes or no team has received a bye and 1) one team has played the other two teams and the other two teams have not met, then the teams who have not met must play, and the other team will receive the bye in that round; or 2) one team has not met either of the other two teams, and the other two teams have met, then the team who has not played either of the other two teams will draw its opponent, and the other team will receive a bye in that round.

(4) Winners will play winners and losers will play losers UNLESS it would violate (1), (2) or (3) above.

NOTE - Associations which fail to register eight (8) teams or two (2) leagues with the AABC, whatever the age Division, may be denied regional tournament competition at the discretion of the respective Regional Vice President, except that Associations in their first year of membership in the AABC may be exempt from said provision. The decision of the respective Regional Vice President shall be final and may not be appealed. Notification of this decision must be made in writing by the Regional Vice president to the Association, the Divisional Vice president and the President of the AABC no later than June 20.

Pool Play

Rule 12 (a). Pool play as outlined by the AABC may be used in regional play if requested and approved in writing to the National

Office no later than May 15 of each year. In all cases, pool play must be followed by AABC double elimination. All AABC regulations will apply.

Qualifying Tournaments

Rule 13 (a). Qualifying tournaments may be played at the association (state) level with the winner advancing to regional play. Associations must apply to Regional Vice President for permission to conduct a qualifier in any division no later than March 1 of each year. There may not be more than one qualifying tournament per division in a given association. If a team wins a qualifier they may not participate in an association tournament. All AABC regulations will apply.

(b). The National Office may, with the approval of the AABC Board of Directors and the respective Host organizations for the World Series, establish and sanction World Series qualifying tournaments for selected age divisions. Eligible entrants include any team duly registered through a league with any association of the AABC and paying the National AABC dues as of the date of the qualifying tournament. Any qualifying tournament must have a minimum of sixteen (16) teams entered.

The winner of a World Series qualifying tournament may draft in accordance with AABC rules and regulations.

Sites hosting these World Series qualifying tournaments may charge entry fees of their determination, but must provide to the winning team travel and other expenses as are paid to other regional participants advancing to that particular World Series. These such funds shall be remitted to the National Office within seven (7) days of the completion of the qualifying tournament for reimbursement to the team upon their arrival at the designated World Series.

Terminated and Suspended Games

Rule 14 (a). In AABC tournament competition, any game NOT legally completed because of inclement weather or other unforeseen developments shall be a suspended game and play shall be resumed from the point of suspension; any game legally completed shall be subject to Rule 4.12 of the Official Baseball rules.

(b). A forfeit at any time in tournament play shall be treated as a win and not a bye.

NOTE — In AABC tournament competition, a game shall be legally completed after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead and after four and one-half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead in Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax and Pee Wee Reese. In Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente, a game shall be legally completed after four (4) innings if the visiting team is ahead and after three and one-half (3 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. In any suspended game, the pitcher's record for innings pitched shall be considered on a calendar day basis.

Suspensions and Protests

Rule 15 (a). The President of the Congress shall have the authority to suspend any player, manager, coach, sponsor or official for just cause.

(b). Suspensions imposed by any AABC member Association shall be upheld by all AABC member Associations.

(c). Such suspensions may be appealed to the National Headquarters of the Congress but only upon the grounds that the suspended person's constitutional rights have been violated or that he has not been given a proper hearing. Appeal must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and must be received by the AABC National Headquarters no later than seven (7) days following receipt of written notice by suspended person. Fee will be returned only if appeal is upheld.

(d). Protests resulting from competition between member Associations and in regional or national tournaments shall be decided by the governing Tournament Committee. An appeal may be filed with the designated Tournament Committee and/or President of the Congress but only if the appeal is made at the time of the original ruling and is based upon a matter of eligibility. Such appeal must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Fee will be returned only if appeal is upheld.

Equipment

Rule 16 (a). The use protective headgear (hardhat) while batting and running the bases is required and mandatory; and there shall be no exceptions. NOTE — Protective headgear with double-flap is required.

(b) The use of protective headgear (hardhat) and a throat protector by the catcher while catching is required and mandatory.

(c). Wood and non-wood bats, conforming to size, weight and

standard specifications, may be used in all Divisions of the AABC.

(d). Players and coaches must be in uniform at all regional and World Series play.

(e). Double-flap helmet by catcher is mandatory in Reese, Mays and Clemente.

(f). In AABC Stan Musial tournament play only wood, laminate or composite wood bats may be used and must not exceed 42 inches in length or 2 3/4 inches in diameter. In Connie Mack and Mickey Mantle tournament play, wood or non wood bats may not exceed minus three (-3) in differential between length and weight and may not be larger than 2 5/8 inches in diameter. For Sandy Koufax, Pee Wee Reese, Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente, bats may not be larger in diameter than 2 3/4 inches. There is no differential. **Beginning in 2005, the differential for Sandy Koufax will be minus 3 (-3).**

Game Limit

Rule 17. In tournament play, no team shall be permitted to play more than two (2) games in one calendar day without direct permission from national office.

STAN MUSIAL DIVISION (Unlimited age)

Rule 18 through Rule 21 apply to the Stan Musial Division (unlimited age) ONLY.

Game Length

Rule 18. In regional Stan Musial tournament play, each region may elect to have games either seven (7) or nine (9) innings in length. In the Stan Musial World Series, game length shall be seven (7) innings in first three rounds and nine (9) innings in remaining rounds. Mercy rule shall be enforced. Mercy rule will be eight (8) runs in seven inning game and ten (10) runs in nine inning game.

Limit on Reinstatements

Rule 19. No team in AABC tournament competition shall be allowed more than five (5) reinstated ex-professional players on its roster.

**Basis for Reinstatement
and**

Application for Reinstatement

Rule 20 (a). Applications for reinstatement of former professional players must be forwarded to the National Headquarters of the AABC for receipt on or before July 1 and must include a twenty dollar (\$20.00) reinstatement fee. The fee for this service for application post-marked after June 1 and before July 1 will be \$25.00.

(b). All applications shall be considered on the status of the applicant, as of date of application.

Limitation on Reinstatement Applications

(c). Not more than one (1) application for reinstatement may be filed by any player in the same year.

(d). A former professional player is eligible to apply for reinstatement only if:

- (1) He has been unconditionally released;
- (2) He has been placed on the voluntarily retired list;
- (3) He has been placed on the military list;
- (4) He has been placed on the restricted list AND PRESENTS WITH HIS APPLICATION WRITTEN PERMISSION TO PLAY AMATEUR BASEBALL FROM THE CLUB RESERVING HIM.

Rule 21 (a). If a professional player is inducted into the Armed Services and returns to the active list of Organized Baseball but is released after such return before playing the amount specified immediately above, his basis for reinstatement shall be the same as it was at the time of his induction.

NOTE — No “waiting period” is required for reinstatement of any professional player.

(b). Any ex-professional player who played professional baseball for one season or less shall be reclassified as an amateur. (Effective with 1992 applications, players previously classified Classman or Non-Classman, must reapply for change in status).

(c). Any reinstated ex-professional player who has not played professional baseball for three (3) or more years shall be reclassified as an Amateur. Said reclassification shall be automatic upon application. Original reinstatement may be checked with National Office.

(d). No player on the suspended or disqualified list of Organized Baseball shall be eligible for competition in the AABC, under any circumstances.

(e). Designated hitter, per American League rule, permitted in Stan Musial.

**CONNIE MACK DIVISION
(18 and Under)**

Rule 22 through Rule 25 apply to the Connie Mack Division (18 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 22 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1985 shall be eligible for the Connie Mack Division AABC competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b). Each player participating in Connie Mack Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born; or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the forgoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not accepted.

NOTE — Any Association and/or National Headquarters may, at its discretion, request a Statement of Residence Limits

and Population from any league upon receipt of said league's registration; and may , at its discretion, impose restrictions if circumstances warrant

Signing Professional Contract

Rule 23. A player who signed a professional contract, as described in Rule 2 (a), and who participated in professional baseball shall not be eligible for reinstatement in the Connie Mack Division but may, however, be reinstated in the Stan Musial Division.

Game Length

Rule 24. In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Connie Mack Division.

Limitation on Pitching

Rule 25 (a). No player may pitch more than a total of twelve (12) innings within a period of two consecutive days **UNLESS:**

(1) The games go into extra innings, in which case, he may continue to pitch until the conclusion of game or until relieved.

(2) A pitcher pitches no more than three (3) innings on either of the first two (2) days, he may pitch no more than three (3) innings on day three. (In this case, Rule 1 above does not apply.)

(b). When a pitcher "appears" on two (2) consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day, except as stated in Rule 25 (a), (2). (In Rule 25 (a), (2), said pitcher may not pitch on day four.)

NOTE — Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) outs, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one-third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each team has been officially notified of the pitching records (innings pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

(b). When a pitcher "appears" on two consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day. (**NOTE — The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.**)

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. (**Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher's allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play.**)

(d). Designated hitter per American League rule permitted in Connie Mack.

MICKEY MANTLE DIVISION (16 and Under)

Rule 26 through Rule 30 apply to the Mickey Mantle Division (16 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 26 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1987, shall be eligible for Mickey Mantle Division competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b). Each player participating in Mickey Mantle Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or a certificate of age by a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born; or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the foregoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal certificates are not accepted.

Team Composition

Rule 27. There shall be no restrictions on the number of 16-year olds permitted to play on a team in the Mickey Mantle Division.

Game Length

Rule 28. In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Mickey Mantle Division.

Limitation on Pitching

Rule 29 (a). No player may pitch more than a total of twelve (12) innings within a period of two (2) consecutive days, unless he is pitching at a time when the game goes into extra innings; in which case he may pitch until the conclusion of the game or until relieved.

NOTE — Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) outs, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one-third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each team has been officially notified of the pitching records (innings pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

(b). When a pitcher “appears” on two consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day. (**NOTE — The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.**)

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. (Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher’s allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play).

(d). Designated hitter per American league rule permitted in Mickey Mantle.

Re-entry

Rule 30 Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn, may not re-enter.

NOTE — No team may utilize both DH and Re-entry in the same game.

SANDY KOUFAX DIVISION (14 and Under)

Rule 31 through Rule 36 apply to the Sandy Koufax Division (14 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 31 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1989,

shall be eligible for the Sandy Koufax Division AABC competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b). Each player participating in Sandy Koufax Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or a certificate of age by a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the foregoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not accepted.

Team Composition

Rule 32. There shall be no restrictions on the number of 14-year olds permitted to play on a team in the Sandy Koufax Division.

Re-entry

Rule 33. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn, may not re-enter.

Game Length

Rule 34. In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Sandy Koufax Division.

Limitation on Pitching

Rule 35. (a). No player may pitch more than a total of ten (10) innings within a period of two (2) consecutive days, unless he is pitching at a time when the game goes into extra innings; in which case, he may pitch until the conclusion of the game or until relieved.

NOTE — Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) outs, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one-third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each team has been officially notified of the pitching records

(innings pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

(b). When a pitcher “appears” on two consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day. **(NOTE — The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.)**

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. **(Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher’s allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play).**

Bases and Pitching Distance

Rule 36. In AABC tournament play, distance between the bases shall be 80 feet; pitching distance shall be 54 feet. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they be not less than 250 feet down each foul line and not over 290 feet in straight center field.

NOTE — It is not mandatory to adhere to these specifications in league competition, although it is recommended.

PEE WEE REESE DIVISION (12 and Under)

Rule 37 through Rule 43 apply to the Pee Wee Reese Division (12 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 37 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1991, shall be eligible for Pee Wee Reese Division competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b). Each player participating in Pee Wee Reese Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or a certificate of age by a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the foregoing

can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not accepted.

Game Length

Rule 38. In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Pee Wee Reese Division.

Limitation on Pitching

Rule 39 (a). No player may pitch more than seven (7) innings in one (1) day or seven (7) innings in two (2) consecutive days.

NOTE — Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) outs, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one-third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each team has been officially notified of the pitching records (innings pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

(b). If a pitcher’s allowance expires (a) above — or he pitches any number of innings in two (2) consecutive days, he may not pitch at all the next day. (Note — The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.)

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. (Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher’s allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play.)

Base Stealing

Rule 40. Base stealing shall be permitted, in accordance with the Official Baseball Rules.

Equipment

Rule 41. Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

Bases and Pitching Distance

Rule 42. In AABC tournament play, distance between the bases shall be 70 feet; pitching distance shall be 50 feet, 6 inches. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they not exceed 260 feet. (New 1991)

NOTE — It is not mandatory to adhere to these specifications in league competition, although it is recommended.

Re-entry

Rule 43. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn, may not re-enter.

WILLIE MAYS DIVISION (10 and Under)

Rule 44 through Rule 50 apply to the Willie Mays Division (10 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 44 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1993, shall be eligible for Willie Mays Division competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b). Each player participating in Willie Mays Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or a certificate of age by a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born; or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the forgoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not accepted.

Game Length

Rule 45. In AABC tournament play, six (6) innings shall constitute a game in the Willie Mays Division.

Rule 46 (a). No player may pitch more than six (6) innings in one day or six (6) innings in two (2) consecutive days.

NOTE — Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) outs, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one-third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each

team has been officially notified of the pitching records (innings pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

(b). If a pitcher's allowance expires (a) above — or he pitches any number of innings in two (2) consecutive days, he may not pitch at all the next day. (Note — The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.)

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher's allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play.

Base Stealing

Rule 47. Base Stealing shall be permitted, in accordance with the Official Baseball Rules.

Equipment

Rule 48. Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

Bases and Pitching Distance

Rule 49. In AABC tournament play, distance between the bases shall be 65 feet; pitching distance shall be 46 feet. If outfield fences are utilized, it is recommended that they be not less than 175 feet down each foul line and not over 225 feet in straight center field.

NOTE — It is not mandatory to adhere to these specifications in league competition, although it is recommended.

Re-entry

Rule 50. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn, may not re-enter.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE DIVISION (8 and Under)

Rule 51 through Rule 59 apply to the Roberto Clemente Division (8 and under) ONLY.

Age Limit

Rule 51 (a). In 2004, players born on or after August 1, 1995, shall be eligible for Roberto Clemente Division competition, if otherwise eligible under these rules.

(b) Each player participating in Roberto Clemente Division AABC tournament play must be identified by a birth certificate, or a legible copy of same, of a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born, or a certificate of age by a bureau of vital statistics of the city, county or state in which born; or in the case of foreign born, a Department of Commerce certification upon first entry into the country or certification of same by the Department of Commerce. Where compliance with the foregoing can be shown to be impossible, eligibility shall be determined at the discretion of the governing Tournament Committee. Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not accepted

Game Length

Rule 52. In AABC tournament play, six (6) innings shall constitute a game in the Roberto Clemente Division.

Rule 53. A player may pitch no more than three (3) innings in one day. A player may pitch on two (2) consecutive days, with a maximum of three (3) innings per day. Any time a player pitches in two (2) straight days, he must rest on the third day.

NOTE: – Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) out, two-thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter beyond the pitching limitation, he is guilty of a violation and penalty shall be forfeiture of the game; provided each team has been officially notified of the pitching records (innings

pitched) of each pitcher, prior to the start of the game.

b). If a Pitcher's allowance expires (a) above - or he pitches any number of innings in two (2) consecutive days, he may not pitch at all the next day. (Note - The throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.)

(c). Penalty shall be forfeiture of game in which violation occurs. Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher's allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or a triple-play.

Base Stealing

Rule 54. Base stealing is not permitted in the Roberto Clemente Division. (a) Runners on base cannot advance when the pitcher is on the pitching rubber with the ball in possession and the catcher is set and ready to catch. (b) After the ball passes the home plate, the runner can advance on their risk. (c) If the runner tries to advance before the ball passes the home plate, the following rules apply: (1) If he arrives safe, he is returned to the original base. (2) If he is tagged before he arrives at the base, the runner is out. (3) If at the same time the batter hit, the runner is awarded with one base more than the batter. (d) No runner may advance from third to home unless he is batted home or forced by a base on balls. The runner on third cannot advance on a wild pitch or passed ball. (e) After a missed third strike, the batter cannot advance to first. (New 1991)

NOTE: – When a player hits the ball, all runners can advance and score and the play continues until the umpire calls time or the ball is dead.

Equipment

Rule 55. Metal spikes shall not be permitted.

Bases and Pitching Distance

Rule 56. In AABC tournament play, distance between bases shall be 50 feet; pitching distance shall be 40 feet. If outfield fences are utilized they shall not exceed 140 feet down each foul line and 150 feet in straight centerfield.

Pitching Circle

Rule 57. An eighteen foot circle (diameter from mound) shall be marked on each diamond. (a) Pitcher can go down to edge of circle to take throw from catcher. (b) Runner cannot advance if pitcher has ball in circle except when the ball is returned after hit and no time is called.

Rule 58. The balk rule does not apply in this division.

Re-entry

Rule 59. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn, may not re-enter.

2004 AABC AMATEUR WORLD SERIES

Stan Musial (Unlimited age) - August 12 – 15 - Battle Creek, Michigan
 Connie Mack (18 and under) - August 6 – 12 - Farmington, New Mexico
 Mickey Mantle (16 and under) - August 4 – 8 - McKinney, Texas
 Mickey Mantle 15's (15 and under) - July 30 – August 3 - Edmund, Oklahoma
 Sandy Koufax (14 and under) - July 29 – August 1 - Rockford, Illinois
 Sandy Koufax 13's (13 and under) - July 29 – August 1 - Troy, Michigan
 Pee Wee Reese (12 and under) - August 5 – 8 - Toa Baja, Puerto Rico
 Pee Wee Reese 11's (11 and under) - August 5 – 8 - Brooklyn, New York
 Willie Mays (10 and under) - July 29 – August 1 - Catano, Puerto Rico
 Willie Mays 9's (9 and under) - July 31 – August 4 - Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Roberto Clemente (8 and under) - July 22 – 25 - McDonough, Georgia

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS — 2004

Insurance required only at regional and national tournament play. Cost for each division is as follows: (\$1,000,000.00 liability and \$100.00 deductible with exception of Musial):

Roberto Clemente	\$86.00
Willie Mays	\$88.00

Pee Wee Reece	\$96.00
Sandy Koufax	\$137.00
Mickey Mantle	\$154.00
Connie Mack	\$158.00
Stan Musial	\$250.00 deductible \$171.00

Teams desiring a waiver of this insurance must submit a copy of the insurance policy for both hospital/accident and liability and a check for \$8.00 to National Office before June 1, 2004. Proper application form must be included.

All teams in regional and national tournament play must have a copy of policy or waiver with them at tournament to be eligible to participate.

Be sure to check the limits of your policy when applying for a waiver. Your limits must be comparable to those of AABC.

BASIC AABC TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1) Unless otherwise prescribed, the Official Baseball Rules shall be in force.

a) The designated hitter (DH) for the pitcher, as utilized by the American League, is permitted in the Stan Musial, Connie Mack and Mickey Mantle Divisions only.

2) **Terminated and suspended games:** Any game not legally completed because of inclement weather or other unforeseen developments shall be a suspended game and play shall be resumed from the point of suspension; and game legally completed shall be subject to rule 4.12 (a) of the Official Baseball Rules.

3) In regional Stan Musial tournament play, each region may elect to have games either seven or nine innings in length. In the Stan Musial World Series, game length shall be seven innings in the first three rounds and nine innings in the remaining rounds. "Mercy Rule" shall be in effect in all games except where the champion could be decided. "Mercy Rule" shall be 8 runs after 5 innings in a 7 inning game and 10 runs after 7 innings in a 9 inning game.). In all Connie Mack, Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax and Pee Wee Reese games,

games are scheduled for seven innings, but will be terminated after five innings if a team has an eight run lead. All Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente games are scheduled for six innings, but will be terminated after four innings if a team has an eight run lead.

a) The only exception is in a game where the championship could be determined.

4) Trips to the mound will follow the Major League rule except that if a pitcher is removed as a pitcher he may play another position. He may return as a pitcher if he was not removed because of trips to the mound.

5) The pitcher must be on the pitching rubber when he takes the signal from the catcher.

6) The batter must wear protective headgear, with double-flaps both while at bat and while running the bases; and the catcher must wear protective headgear and throat protector while catching. Double flap helmet by catcher is mandatory in Reese, Mays and Clemente (New 1993). The umpires have been instructed to rigidly enforce these requirements, without exception, and deviation will NOT be permitted.

7) Players and coaches (first and/or third) must be in uniform. Deviations may be made by the tournament manager. Shorts may be worn by coaches if they are similar to the team uniform.

8) The home team will be determined by flip of a coin prior to the game, unless determined at a previously announced time.

9) **Batting practice:** Regulations will differ at various tournaments; consult your designated tournament director or the tournament committee.

10) Dates, time and /or sites of tournament games are subject to change at the discretion of the designated tournament committee and/or the sponsor.

11) In tournament play, no team shall be permitted to play more than two (2) games in one calendar day without direct permission from the national office.

12) In all Regional and World Series games, the official AABC Diamond Baseball must be used.

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