

SECTION 1-TOURNAMENT RULES GENERAL

1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1 The PABA is the ultimate authority for the Rules and Regulations concerning all tournaments conducted in the Philippines under the auspices of the PABA.
- 1.2 In case of a dispute on the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, the PABA Executive is the final Authority. During a Tournaments, the Authority of the PABA Executive shall be vested in the Tournament Director, appointed b the PABA Executive.
- 1.3 All Tournamentscovered by these Regulations will be conducted under the director of the PABA Technical Committee in conjunction with the PSC.

2.0 FORMAT

2.1 Tournament Format shall be as follows.

2.1.1 Six or less teams:

Preliminary Round : One or Double Round Robin

Semi-final Round : 1 vs. 4 : 2 vs 3

Final Round : Gold/Silver Medal = Winners of Semi finals

Bronze Medal = Losers of Semi finals.

2.1.2 Seven to eleven teams :

Preliminary Round : Two groups, Round Robin in each

Round Two : The two highest finishers in each group play in a cross over.

Semi-Final Round : GA1 vs. GB2 : GB1 vs. GA2

Final Round : Gold/Silver Medal = Winners of Semi finals

Bronze Medal = Losers of Semi finals.

3.0 TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

3.1 Philippine National Games (16 years old and above)

3.2 The Competitor should be born on 1999 or earlier.

3.3 Applied this Tournament (Rule of Succession)

3.4 Maximum 20 Players in One Team, 2 Coaches, 1 Team Manager – Are allowed to stay in the Dugout.

3.5 Seven innings should be played for each game.

3.6 Nine innings should be played on the Championship game.

4.0 SUSPENDED GAMES

4.1 In case a game is stopped because of weather, curfew of other reason, the following

conditions apply:

- 4.2 Where a game is stopped before it become a regulation game as per the rules of baseball, the game is ruled not a game and shall be resumed from the point of interruption.
- 4.3 Where a game is stopped after it becomes a regulation game as per the rules of baseball, it shall be ruled a complete game.
- 4.4 Where a game is tied after it becomes a regulation game, it shall be ruled a "suspended" game and shall be resumed at the exact point of suspended and played to a completion.
 - The scheduling of a "suspended" game shall be given priority by the Technical Committee in order to complete it as soon as possible.
- 4.5 All suspended, tied or game not played shall be re-scheduled by the Tournament Technical Committee and the Organizing Committee.

5.0 TIE BREAKING

A ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order)

- 5.1 The ranking of the teams after the round robin shall be according to the win-loss record of all the games played. All ties after the 1st round, 2nd round and finals shall be settled in the order of the following list. That is, if criteria (a) does not break the tie, then it is no longer considered the criteria capable of breaking the tie. And the next criteria (b) will be used. This logic continues through the list. In order, until the tie is broken:
 - 5.1.1 The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
 - 5.1.2 The team that has the best Team's Quality Balance (TQB).
 - 5.1.3 The team that has the best Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
 - 5.1.4 Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
 - 5.1.5 A coin flip.

6.0 RUN DIFFERENCE RULE (Mercy rule)

- 6.1 If a team is losing by 10 or more runs after having batted at least in five innings, the game is ended at that point.

7.0 PROTESTS DURING GAMES

- 7.1 When a protest is made by a manager over a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of official baseball rules, it shall be made to the home plate umpire according to the official Rules of Baseball. When such a protest is made, the chief umpire shall inform the content of the protest to the manager of the opposing team, the audience and PABA Technical Committee member present.

- 7.2 The protest shall be submitted in written form within 60 minutes of the end of the game indicating the number of the baseball rule and accompanied by a deposit of 2000 pesos in cash to the Technical Delegate(s) assigned to work that game.
- 7.3 Any decision of the Technical Committee regarding the playing rules is final and not subject to appeal.

8.0 EJECTION

8.1 ASSAULT ON ANY UMPIRE OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

- In case any tournament participant is charged with any kind of conduct that requires stronger sanction than ejection from the game, a hearing must be held and charges must be present him. After the evidence has been heard, the PABA Technical Committee may impose any penalty they might feel proper and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the jury of Appeals which will make the final decision.

9.0 EXTRA- INNING RULE

9.1 (For competitions of Senior and AAA(18U) If the game remains tied after the completion of seven (7) innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 8th inning,(and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- To begin the 8th inning, representatives from each team will meet at home plate and will indicate (at the same time) to the home plate umpire where the team wishes to begin the batting order. That is, the teams have the option of beginning the 8th inning anywhere in the existing batting order that was in effect when the 7th inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (just potentially a different order), and it may very well be the same lineup that ended the 7th inning.

The rationale for doing so is to ensure that both teams have an equal chance at having what they consider to be their best hitter and base runners in a position to score in the 8th inning.

- For example, if the team decides to have the #1 hitter in the lineup hit first. Then the #8 hitter will be placed at 2B and the #9 hitter will be placed at 1B. Furthermore. If the team decides to have the #3 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #1 hitter would be at 2B and the #2 hitter would be at 1B.
- No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!