



# BASEBALL REGULATIONS

## 1. Organization

- a. The Baseball Committee of the Maccabi Youth Games will be responsible for the Baseball competitions of the Maccabi Youth Games.
- b. The Baseball competitions will be conducted according to the Official Baseball Rules as published by Major League Baseball with certain modifications for the juniors' baseball competition of the Maccabi Youth Games. The attached modifications, IBA Rule 15, are considered part of these regulations.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any Junior athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the Maccabi Youth Games and is registered for the Baseball competitions.
- d. Each country may register several teams for the Junior girls' and boys' competitions (1/1/2002-31/12/2004) as long that each team consist of minimum 12 and up to 22 players.
- e. All players from countries that wish to participate at the tournament but has less than 12 players will all play together under MWU team or teams. The decision regarding the number of MWU teams and number of players in each team will decided by baseball committee of the Youth Maccabi Games and that decision will be final.
- f. Only players, coaches, and other authorized tournament officials are allowed on the field or in the bench areas.

## 2. Venues and times

The sport department of the Maccabi Youth Games will determine the venues and times of the Baseball competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.

## 3. Game ball and bats

- a. The official game ball for the competition will be "**AD STARR 600**".
- b. It can include BB-COR certified bats, which are the type of bats USA is using (although our bats are made of composite material, not straight aluminum per established amateur baseball rules in our country -5 and -3 are permitted for use.
- c. Wood like composite bats must be BBCOR certified. The certification will be stamped on the bat:
- D. The Baseball Committee is authorized to change the brand name and type of ball if necessary, and these decisions will be final.



#### 4. System of competition

##### **SYSTEM A: With the participation of 3 teams;**

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a double round robin.
- b. Teams will be ranked according to their victories.
- c. The teams ranked first and second following the round robin schedule will play a single game ("Final") to determine the title of "Maccabi Youth Games Champion."
- d. In the event of two teams tied, rank them as follows:
  - 1) Results of head-to-head competition. If that does not break the tie then:
  - 2) Run differential in head to head games between tied teams. If that does not break the tie then:
  - 3) Fewest runs allowed throughout the entire round robin. If that does not break the tie then:
  - 4) Coin toss.
- e. In the event of three teams tied, rank them as follows:
  - 5) Run differential in all games. This will produce the last place team.
  - 6) To decide between the two remaining teams, go to 4d.
- f. For the purpose of implementing regulations 4d and 4e above, the score of a forfeited game that has not been played shall be considered seven to zero against the team that forfeits with no innings played.

If a game is forfeited during play one run will be credited to the winning team for each inning (half inning of offense left to the other team) remaining up to 7 innings and the forfeiting team will have accrued the total amount of runs as runs given up.

*Example: Team A is home team and team B forfeits and cannot take the field in the bottom of the 5th inning. The score is 5 to 3 in favor of team A. Team A gets the win point and the score will be 8 to 3; team A receiving one run for innings 5, 6, and 7.*

#### 5. Home team

- a. During the round robin stage, home team will be determined by the schedule. Each team will be home team once and away team once against any other team.
- b. The home team in the Final will be the higher placed team from the round robin stage.

#### 6. Completion of Games

- a. A regulation game is 7 innings or 90 minutes + bottom of inning
- b. If the score is tied after seven complete innings plays shall continue until (1) the visiting team has scored more total runs than the home team at the end of a completed inning, or (2) the home team scores the winning run in an uncompleted inning. Extra innings are governed by rule 7 below.
- c. Mercy Rules  
10 runs after 4th inning or in each other inning



15 runs after 3rd inning

20 runs after 2nd inning

d. Games may be "called" for reasons of security. In such cases rule 7.01 (c) & (d) of the Official Baseball Rules shall be in effect. However, if it is called for security reasons while an inning is in progress and before the inning is completed, and the visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead, and the home team has not retaken the lead, it will be a suspended game.

e. A suspended game shall be continued and the continued game shall be scheduled by the Baseball Committee and such scheduling decision is final.

f. When a game is called before it becomes an official game, it will be called "No Game" and will be rescheduled in its entirety by the Baseball Committee and such scheduling will be final.

#### **7. Extra Inning Rule** (based on International Competition Rules)

If the game remains tied after the completion of seven innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

a. Each team will begin the 8th inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.

b. The line-up will continue from where it ended in the previous inning.

c. The last batter in the previous inning will be a runner on second base and the next to last batter on first base.

d. There is no change in the rules for substitutions.

For example, if a team ended the previous inning with the number 7 batter, they will start the extra inning with the number 8 batter at bat and with the number 7 batter as a runner on second base and the number 6 batter on first base.

#### **8. Batting order**

Teams are allowed to bat 12 players in the starting line-up

#### **9. Substitutions**

Free defensive substitutions all game every game at the start of an inning only.

A player in the original line-up who is removed for a substitute can later return to the line-up in his original spot in the batting order

#### **10. Courtesy runner**

Courtesy runner option for pitchers and catchers as last out or second to last out in order.

Players not in the original line-up may also be designated as courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher

#### **11. Slides at home plate**

No head first slides into home plate



## **12. Catchers**

Catchers may not block home plate without the ball

## **13. Lineup Cards**

- a. Teams must provide a courtesy lineup to the Technical Committee 20 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
- b. A team's lineup is not official until it is submitted to the Umpire in Chief at the pre-game meeting at home plate.
- c. Lineup cards shall consist of an original and three duplicates.
  - 1) Copy for the Umpire.
  - 2) Copy for the other team.
  - 3) Copy for the official scorekeeper.
  - 4) Team copy.

## **14. Officials**

The Baseball Committee will select the Technical Committee, which will select and schedule the umpires, scorekeepers and any other necessary officials. A two-person officiating system will be used for all game.

## **15. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete Maccabi Youth Games Regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures" provided by the Organizing Committee of the Maccabi Youth Games.
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the baseball regulations and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures," the baseball regulations will have priority and be binding.



16.Pitch Count

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAILY MAX PITCHES</u>	<u>REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)</u>					
		<u>0 DAYS</u>	<u>1 DAY</u>	<u>2 DAYS</u>	<u>3 DAYS</u>	<u>4 DAYS</u>	<u>5 DAYS</u>
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+