

## Tournament Rules

(a) AABC Tournaments must be completed in compliance with the approved AABC double-elimination bracket; deviations from the approved brackets are not permitted other than in pool play. The AABC approved method of pairings mandates that the Tournament be conducted on a true double-elimination basis. Following the first three (3) or four (4) rounds of a Tournament, pairings may need to be adjusted to comply with the following rules.

(b) Where there is a bye in the schedule, all teams – undefeated and defeated – shall share in drawing for the bye except as provided below in (d). 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.

(c) No team will meet another team for the second time where there remains a different team left to play, UNLESS: i) it would violate (b) above, ii) there are only three (3) teams left as provided below in (d), or iii) all possible combinations of games seeds some pair or pairs of teams against each other for the second time. If there is only one possible group of pairings with the fewest number of teams meeting for the second time, then that group of pairings shall be used. If there is more than one equal possibility, the entire group of games will be selected by lot from those pairings with the fewest number of teams which must meet for the second time.

(d) When there are only three (3) teams left in the Tournament and each has received an equal number of byes or no team has received a bye and i) 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 ii) 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.

(e) Winners will play winners and losers will play losers UNLESS it would violate (b), (c) or (d) above.

DON MATTINGLY July 26 - 30 Tempe, AZ Ron Benham Aug 25 602-369-6744

MICKEY MANTLE - July 27 - 30 Dallas, TX Richard Holt 972-315-2829 [richard@texas.aabc](mailto:richard@texas.aabc)

KEN GRIFFEY JR Aug 2 - 7 Owasso, OK Larry Turner Aug 1 918-740-5500

## TOURNAMENT RULES

### PLAYING RULE

#### RULE 201

- (a) The Official Rules of Baseball ("Major League Rules") shall be in force unless an exception is noted in this Handbook.
- (b) Trips to the mound will follow the Major League Rules 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.
- (c) The pitcher must be on the pitching rubber when he takes the signal from the catcher.
- (d) Players and coaches (first and third) must be in uniform. Shorts may be worn by coaches if they are similar to the team uniform and approved by the tournament director.
- (e) The home team will be determined by flip of a coin prior to the game, unless determined at a previously announced time.
- (f) Pregame warm-up rules will vary by tournament. Please consult you designated tournament director or the tournament committee for applicable pregame warm-up rules.
- (g) Dates, times, and sites of tournament games are subject to change at the discretion of the designated tournament director and/or tournament committee.
- (h) Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) out, twothirds (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. Penalty will not be imposed if a pitcher's allowance is exceeded because of a double-play or triple-play.

## TERMINATED AND SUSPENDED GAMES

### RULE 214

(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 resume from the point of suspension. Any game legally completed shall be subject to Rule 4.12 of the Official Baseball Rules. In any suspended game, the pitcher's record for innings pitched shall be considered on a calendar day basis.

NOTE: In National 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, Ken Griffey Jr., Sandy Koufax, Sandy Koufax 13s, Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges. In Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson 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.

### RULE 203

In AABC Tournament competition for the Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr., Sandy Koufax, Sandy Koufax 13s, Pee Wee Reese, and Gil Hodges Divisions, shall be legally completed after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs and after four and one-half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs. In the Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, and Roberto Clemente Divisions, shall be legally completed after four (4) innings if the visiting

team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs and after three and one-half (32) innings if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs.

#### RULE 205

(a) Each team in AABC Tournament play may after regular season play add to its roster three (3) extra players from other teams in its League. No players may be dropped from the certified Roster except rule 105 (a). 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 any of the divisions.

c) In addition to the extra players permitted in Rules 205 (a) and 205 (b), teams advancing to National Competition may select up to two (2) extra players from any team in its respective Association. One or both of these selections may be deferred until completion of the Regional Competition, but the host team for the AABC World Series shall have priority of choice within their region.

#### SLIDING

##### RULE 218

Any runner is out when the runner does not slide legally or attempt to avoid a fielder who has possession of the ball and waiting to make a tag or is in the process of fielding the ball. The ball is dead and NO runners shall advance. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the game.

24

#### PROTESTS

##### RULE 219

Protests resulting from Tournament competition shall be decided by the governing Tournament committee. An appeal may be filed with the designated Tournament committee and/or the President of the AABC, 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). If the appeal is upheld, the \$100 fee will be returned. A protest filed on a game ending play must be filed within 30 minutes of the official ending time of the game.

#### RULE 804

(a) For the safety and well being of the players, 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 continue to pitch until the conclusion of the game or until relieved.

(b) When a pitcher "appears" on two (2) consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day, UNLESS he pitched no more than three (3) innings on each of the first two (2) days; in which case he may pitch no more than three (3) innings on day three. Please note that (i) a pitcher may not pitch any number of pitches past three (3) innings in any of the three days, and (ii) the throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.

(c) A pitcher relying upon Rule 804 (b) may not pitch on day four.

(d) Please see Rule 201 (h), page 16 for calculation of innings and penalties for violation of this rule.

29

MICKEY MANTLE and KEN GRIFFEY JR.

GAME LENGTH

RULE 901

In AABC tournament play, seven (7) innings shall constitute a game in the Mickey Mantle Division. The Mercy Rule 203, which is set forth in the Basic AABC Tournament Rules and Regulations on page 17, shall be enforced.

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE

RULE 902

The designated hitter rule of the American League of Professional Baseball is permitted in Mickey Mantle.

LIMITATION ON PITCHING

RULE 903

(a) For the safety and well-being of the players, 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 continue to pitch until the conclusion of the game or until relieved.

(b) When a pitcher "appears" on two (2) consecutive days as a pitcher, he may not pitch on the third consecutive day, UNLESS he pitched no more than three (3) innings on each of the first two (2) days; in which case he may pitch no more than three (3) innings on day three. Please note that (i) a pitcher may not pitch any number of pitches past three (3) innings in any of the three days, and (ii) the throwing of one pitch constitutes an appearance.

(c) A pitcher relying upon Rule 903 (b) may not pitch on day four.

(d) Please see Rule 201 (h) page 16 for calculation of innings and penalties for violation of this rule.

30