

**BEDFORD BABE RUTH
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, INC.**

SPECIAL RULES

For

BASEBALL DIVISION

Bedford Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball, Inc.
Special Rules

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SPECIAL RULES FOR BEDFORD BABE RUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL, INC.

In general, the rules governing participating in the programs of Bedford Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball, Inc. (**BBRBS**) shall be those rules set forth by the Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc.

However, certain **SPECIAL RULES** have been adopted by the Board of Directors to better serve the purpose of **BBRBS**, which is to provide recreation in the sport of baseball for boys and girls from the ages of 6 to 18. At no point shall winning become more important than the participants themselves, and their instruction in the game of baseball. The Baseball/Softball Commission will be responsible for advising the Board of Directors as to the application of the following rules as they pertain to the purpose of **BBRBS**. The decision of the Board of Directors is final regarding the application of the following rules as they pertain to the purpose of **BBRBS**.

A six(6) through ten(10) year old baseball player's 'league age' will be determined by their age as of August 31. An eleven (11) through eighteen (18) year old baseball player's 'league age' will be determined by their age as of April 30.

I LATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The deadline for Registration shall be established by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis and shall be made known in the registration information communication made available from year to year.

The Board of Directors, after Registration occurs, shall establish a specified number of slots available for player participation at all levels of play. Any Registration which occurs after the deadline specified by the Board of Directors shall be placed on a waiting list. In the event that openings become available after the deadline, the procedure for establishing the priority for players on the waiting list shall be as follows:

- A. Players on the waiting list shall be placed in one of three categories, and within those categories in chronological order of registration:
 1. new to the town after Registration deadline;
 2. town resident prior to the deadline, but new to **BBRBS**;
 3. town resident prior to the deadline and a previous participant in **BBRBS**.
- B. In the event that a slot or slots become available, priority shall take place in the following order:
 1. new to the town after the Registration deadline;
 2. town resident prior to the deadline, but new to **BBRBS**;
 3. town resident prior to the deadline and a previous participant in **BBRBS**.

- C Within each category, the order of priority shall be determined by the earliest date of Registration and each category must be **totally vacant** before proceeding to the next category.
- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a returning American League player is on the waiting list, that player shall be allowed into the program only if:
 - 1. an opening on his/her previous American League team is available, **AND**,
 - 2. he/she is, or becomes, first on the waiting list.

II MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. Managers and coaches will be selected on their knowledge of baseball, coaching experience and ability to work with children.
- B. All managers shall be nominated annually by the Baseball/Softball Commission with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. Managers shall select two (2) coaches with the approval of the responsible American or National League Commissioner. If the manager is unable to select the two (2) coaches required, then the coaches shall be appointed by the responsible American or National League Commissioner. All selections will be approved by the Board of Directors. Applicants for manager must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- D. Managers and coaches shall adhere to the rules and regulations of **BBRBS** as adopted by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply will be grounds for removal.
- E. Managers and coaches may be removed only for failure to comply with rules and regulations or for conduct detrimental to the purpose of **BBRBS**. Removal shall require a two-thirds vote of those present at a scheduled or special Board of Director's meeting.
- F. Managers shall be responsible for any player who violates Headmaster Rule #19, (see Appendix A for latest revision), for knowing the league age of all their players, and for the proper maintenance and use of all equipment, including uniforms issued to their team.
- G. Cal Ripken National League Managers shall be required to prepare and maintain a defensive lineup sheet for each game, and be prepared to provide it to the commissioner upon request.
- H. Cal Ripken team composition will be 12 to 15 players as stated in the Babe Ruth League Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations Paragraph 0.05 Team Composition.
- I. Managers and coaches must attend mandatory training.

III PLAYER DRAFTING

- A. Pre-Draft Meeting – The Commissioners of the Cal Ripken American, National and Atlantic Leagues and the Babe Ruth Division will convene a pre-draft Managers meeting immediately following the conclusion of tryouts to discuss each player in the draft. The purpose of this meeting is for Managers to discuss the players recommended as selections in the first four rounds of the draft.

The Managers children shall be slotted in the round agreed to by all of the Managers at the pre-draft meeting. If Managers cannot agree on the appropriate round to slot the Managers children, the Commissioner for that particular league will assign the round and that decision will be binding.

If a Manager is unable to attend the pre-draft Managers meeting immediately following the tryout session, that Manager may designate an alternate to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions.

Specific procedures will be outlined by the Baseball/Softball Commission.

- B. Cal Ripken Draft Eligibility

1. Twelve (12), eleven (11) and ten (10) year old players may be drafted into the American League. Any remaining 12 and 11 year old players will be drafted into the Atlantic League and any remaining 10 year old players will be drafted into the Atlantic League or National League (if they are not drafted into Atlantic).

2. Nine (9) year old players must try out for Cal Ripken National League and may only be drafted into Cal Ripken National with exception of those 4th Grade 9 year olds who may be considered for the Atlantic League with approval of the Baseball Softball Commissioner.

3. In the event that a player has been identified as a safety concern at the discretion of the Baseball Softball Commissioner and/or President the 12, 11 or 10 year old may be assigned to the National League and the 9 year old may be assigned to the Farm League.

- C. In general, the following will hold true:

1. Babe Ruth (13-15), Cal Ripken American, Atlantic and National Leagues will be an open draft, and the teams will be reformed each year.

2. Farm League Teams will be assigned by the Farm Commissioner, and in general the following will hold true:

A) 7 year old and 8 year old players will be assigned to the Farm Division;

B) 6 year old players will be assigned to the T-Ball Division.

- D. Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken League draft order will be determined by the commissioner of each league by selecting team names or numbers out of a hat.
- E. In the Cal Ripken Atlantic and National Leagues, any sibling(s) of drafted player must be taken by that same team in the round agreed upon by all the managers or the commissioner of the league (provided that it is agreed that the sibling is deemed skill/age eligible for the particular league). Any concern will be addressed by the BBSBC.
- F. The Baseball/Softball Commission may provide guidance on the draft to resolve parental requests around siblings and any other sibling related issue.
- G. Number of teams per league will be proposed by the Baseball Softball Commissioner for board approval after registration has closed and no later than 7 days prior to first scheduled tryout. At this time the Baseball Softball Commissioner may also propose the elimination of the Atlantic League for that year if it is uncertain that registration numbers will be there to support.

IV CAL RIPKEN PLAYER REPLACEMENT

- A. If the roster of an American League team is permanently reduced to ten (10) due to the loss of players, the manager shall immediately notify the American League Commissioner. The American League Commissioner shall then select from the Atlantic League or the National League (in the case of no Atlantic League) the most qualified 10, 11 or 12 year old player based on ability and safety factors. Selection from Atlantic League or National League (in the case of no Atlantic League) teams shall be made uniformly, that is, no second player will be selected from a team until all Atlantic League teams have given up at least one player. The American League Commissioner will notify the Board of Directors of the player selected. The Board will order the permanent transfer of the player to the American League. Once the permanent transfer assignment has been made, that player is officially on the American League team and the player cannot play on another team.
- B. If the roster of an Atlantic League team is permanently reduced to ten (10) due to the loss of players, the manager shall immediately notify the Atlantic League Commissioner. The Atlantic League Commissioner shall then select from the National League the oldest and most qualified player based on ability and safety factors considered. Selection from National League teams shall be made uniformly with preference given to fifth grade ten (10) year old players. No second player will be selected from a team until all National League teams have given up at least one player. The Atlantic League Commissioner will notify the Board of Directors the player selected. The Board will order the permanent transfer of the player to the Atlantic League. Once the permanent transfer assignment has been made, that player is officially on the Atlantic League team and the player cannot play on another team.
- C. A manager, if not in agreement with the American or Atlantic League Commissioner's assignment, may appeal the decision at that time.

- D. The Board of Directors shall be the final arbitrators of the American or Atlantic League Commissioner's assignment if the manager appeals.

V PLAYER PARTICIPATION

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.

- A. In Babe Ruth (13-15) League, all players on the roster attending a game will bat at least once and must play in the field in all official games.
- B. In Babe Ruth or Cal Ripken League, any player listed as a pitcher with a school team, may not pitch or catch for a **BBRBS** Spring Season team until that school team's season ends.
- C. A Cal Ripken player who attends a game must play at least three (3) innings in the field. Any Cal Ripken player can be **defensively** withdrawn and reentered as many times as desired during the course of a game. Managers must make all best effort to ensure compliance with this rule. For record purposes, an absentee should be charged with six (6) innings of time or as many innings as are played that game.
- D. The Cal Ripken and Farm Leagues shall bat through the entire roster in a game, whether or not the batter is playing in the field at that time. The batting order may be adjusted from game to game to reflect the needs of the team and to assist in giving the players equal opportunity to hit over the total season. For record purposes, a player who is absent from a game should be credited with the average number of times at bat for that game.
- E. No inning during a game shall begin after two hours and thirty minutes of playing time has elapsed. The score at that time shall be the final score. No inning during a twilight game in the month of April and May is to be started after 7:30 p.m., whereas, twilight games in the month of June may not have an inning started after 8:00 PM. In the American, Atlantic, and National Leagues during the Spring Season, except during the playoffs, any game, even if tied, will end after six (6) innings.
- F. In the Cal Ripken League:
 - 1. A player may pitch a maximum of six (6) innings per calendar week, but in any one game, these innings must be pitched consecutively. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning, that pitcher shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched. The calendar week for Babe Ruth Baseball is Monday through and including Sunday.
 - 2. If a player pitches in less than four (4) innings, one (1) calendar day of rest is mandatory. If a player pitches in four (4) or more innings, three (3) calendar days of rest is mandatory.

3. If a game fails to reach the regulation minimum limit of 3 1/2 - 4 innings played, it is not a regulation game, BUT, pitching records, as described above, will be kept.
- G. In the Cal Ripken Leagues, if a player arrives after the lineups have been given to the umpire and before the first pitch of the top of the third inning, the player must be added to the lineup and will bat last in the batting order (i.e., if there were originally eleven players in the lineup, this player would bat twelfth).
- H. Player participation, suspensions and disciplinary actions:
1. Any participant failing to report for three (3) consecutively scheduled games shall be automatically suspended for the remainder of the season upon notification to the responsible American, Atlantic, or National League Commissioner, unless a valid reason is presented and accepted.
 2. For disciplinary reasons, managers are allowed to keep a player on the bench for a given game, if he first notifies and gets the approval of the Commissioner of Baseball/Softball or responsible American, Atlantic, or National League Commissioner beforehand.
 3. Any player ejected from a Spring Season game will be suspended for two (2) full games which will begin with the game immediately following the infraction. The player must be in uniform and on the team bench in order to fulfill the game suspension.
 4. A second offense calls for an automatic suspension and the player must appear before the Baseball/Softball Commission to determine the length of the suspension.
 5. A third offense calls for an automatic suspension from **BBRBS** for the remainder of the season. Because of the seriousness of this situation, the Board of Directors will review all the circumstances of each case before final action is taken. The Board will also review the case before reinstatement is allowed the following year.

VI TO ALL MANAGERS AND COACHES

A. PLAYING RULES:

All games shall be played according to the Official Baseball Rules 1.00 through 10.22, with the exceptions listed in the Special Rules of:

1. Cal Ripken Rule Book for the Cal Ripken Division;
2. Babe Ruth Rule Book for the Babe Ruth Division;

3. Bedford Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball, Inc.

B. COLLISION RULE:

A runner shall be called out when he/she does not slide, at any base other than first base or attempt to get around a fielder, at any base, when either the fielder has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, or the throw is on its way (umpires judgment controls) and the fielder is about to catch the ball for the purpose of making the tag. In any case, contact must be made for this rule to apply.

C. HIT BATSMAN:

If three (3) batters are hit in a game by the same pitcher, that pitcher ***MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME*** as a pitcher.

D. FIRST AID SUPPLIES AND ICE PACKS:

These items, as issued, are required as part of the game equipment. You are to notify your responsible Commissioner for replacement supplies as needed. Failure to have these items at the games when needed for application will result in a one game suspension of the manager.

E. BASE COACHES:

Any player who is a base coach ***MUST*** wear protective head gear. Base coaches must remain in the coaches' box and must not interfere with the play or use his/her privilege to confuse the opposition.

F. OFFICIAL GAMES:

Regular season games which are shortened by either rain or darkness, shall have the score revert back to the last inning and declared official if at least 3 1/2 innings (Cal Ripken) or 4 1/2 innings (Babe Ruth) have been played with the home team ahead, or 4 innings (Cal Ripken) or 5 innings (Babe Ruth) if the visiting team is ahead. The only exception to this rule will be in the event that the home team ties or takes the lead in the bottom half of the inning which is not completed. In this case (where each team has had an equal number of times at bat) the score shall not revert back to the last complete inning, but instead shall stand as played.

G. RAINED OUT OR POSTPONED GAMES:

The President, his designate or the Umpire in Chief (of **BBRBS** or the game) shall be the judge as to whether a game shall be started because of unsuitable weather conditions or the unfit condition of the playing field. A game, once started where at least one inning has been completed and which is then called or postponed, will be continued from that

point in the game when it was suspended. The home team will be responsible for documenting the point in the game when the suspension occurred, including the number of outs, runners on base at each of the bases, the batter scheduled to receive the next pitch and the count on the batter, if any. Line ups of both teams will remain in tact from the point of suspension.

H. MAKE-UP GAMES:

Rained out or postponed games must be made up within seven (7) days as directed by the responsible Commissioner of that league, unless the responsible Commissioner determines that a later date is in the best interest of **BBRBS**. Automatic forfeits will be issued to teams failing to comply.

I. UNIFORMS:

All players must be in complete uniform to play.

J. WARM-UP:

Thirty minutes prior to the start of the game the VISITING TEAM will have the playing field for fifteen (15) minutes for warm-up, followed by the HOME TEAM for fifteen (15) minutes. Home team occupies the first base dugout (bench).

*****PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF LIABILITY COVERAGE, ONLY TEAM MEMBERS AND THE COACHING STAFF ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT OR ON THE TEAM BENCH.**

K. GAME TIME:

All games must start on time. A team not having nine (9) players at game time will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to field nine (9) players. Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit.

Home team provides the baseballs and two (2) bases, first and second base. The visiting team provides third base.

L. PROTESTS:

BR 0.08 protest must be filed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours to the responsible Commissioner of that league or the Commissioner of Baseball/Softball. These items must be satisfied when filing a protest:

1. the umpires must be notified at the time of the protest;
2. cite the rule;
3. head umpire must sign the score book acknowledging the protest.

M. EJECTION OF MANAGER OR COACH:

Any manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for one full game, which will be the game immediately following the infraction, and the manager or coach will be required to appear before the Baseball/Softball Commission to explain his/her actions. Any manager or coach ejected from a second game will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- N. National League – In a 3 league format for the first half of the season runners on third base may NOT steal home, advance to home on a passed ball, or attempt same on an overthrow to the pitcher from the catcher. Runners at first and second may advance —at their own risk— to an open base AFTER a pitch has crossed home plate.

VII T-BALL LEAGUE RULES

T-Ball games nights are divided between instruction and games. Players are expected to arrive by 5:30 pm at which time they will warm up. At 5:45 pm, instruction will and this will go to 6:30 pm. The game shall consist of 45 minutes and follow the below format. The format for instruction will have managers and coaches conducting drills utilizing multiple stations for the players and they will rotate through the stations. Recommendations for the drills will be made during the coaches training.

A. BATTING:

1. All batters will hit the ball from a batting tee. The tee should be adjusted to the height best suited for the batter so that he/she can **swing level**.
2. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively during that inning or not.
3. There is no bunting.
4. The pitcher should be in contact with the rubber and make a pitching motion before the batter swings the bat.
5. An inning is over when all players have batted or three (3) outs are made, whichever comes first.
6. Batting helmets must be worn by the batter and the base runners.
7. When the ball is hit, it must go at least 25 feet, which is shown by an arc drawn from foul line to foul line.
8. If a batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber tee, it is a fair ball if it goes past the 25 foot arc. If it does not go beyond the arc, it is a foul ball.
9. No stealing or leading off is permitted.

10. No advance on over throws unless the ball goes out of play (beyond the line of the corner of the backstop along the benches to the outfield), then one base (1) only.

B. FIELDING:

1. Nine (9) players are on the field at any one time, including the catcher, who will be positioned **against the backstop away from the batter!**
2. Each player present must play a minimum of two (2) innings defensively; however, the object of the T-Ball League is to teach. **It is required that all players on the team play an equal number of innings by the end of the season.**
3. The coaches should be positioned to instruct the defensive team from the field of play as best suited to the team.

C. GAME:

1. Each T-Ball scheduled game will consist of 45 minutes of pre-game instruction followed immediately by an abbreviated game.
2. Home team supplies the balls and two (2) bases.
3. Keeping the defensive line-up sheet is required.
4. The ball is dead and play stops once the catcher is in control of the ball. Runners will return to the base they have achieved.

VIII FARM LEAGUE RULES:

A. BATTING:

1. All rostered players present for the game shall bat in order, whether playing defensively during that inning or not.
2. There is no bunting.
3. An inning is over when all rostered players present have batted or three (3) outs are made, whichever occurs first.

4. Batting helmets must be worn by the batter, base runners, and any players acting as base coaches.
5. A manager or coach of the offensive team will be the pitcher. He/she will pitch overhand from the pitcher's rubber and will not act as a fielder. At the discretion of the managers at each game, eight (8) year old players on the defensive team shall be allowed to pitch three (3) consecutive pitches per batter to eight (8) year players on the offensive teams. If the offensive player has not put the ball in play within the first three (3) by a qualifying defensive player, the manager or coach of the offensive team will pitch to the batter. Managers of each team must discuss prior to the start of the game players who will be allowed to pitch and consider any potential safety concerns.
6. Each batter will receive a maximum of six (6) hittable pitches per at bat as determined by the pitcher. If the batter does not hit in the six (6) pitches or has three (3) swinging strikes, the batter is out.
7. No stealing or leading off bases is permitted.
8. No advance of overthrows unless the ball goes out of play (beyond the line from the corner of the backstop along the benches/dugout to the outfield) then one (1) base only.

B. FIELDING:

1. The defensive team may consist of nine (9) players at any one time along with two **BBRBS** approved managers or coach. The player playing the pitcher position will stand behind and to the left of the designated coach/manager pitcher from the offensive team. One manager or coach from the defensive team may be positioned in the field.
2. Players shall catch. All catchers shall wear the appropriate **BBRBS** provided catcher's gear. **All males will be required to wear a protective cup.**
3. All players present must play a minimum of two (2) innings defensively; however, players may enter and be withdrawn from the game as the manager or coach deems necessary. **It is required that all players on the team play an equal number of innings by the end of the season.** The object of the Farm League is to teach.

C. GAME:

1. A regulation game is six (6) innings.
2. A called game is complete if three and one half (3 1/2) innings (home team ahead) or four (4) innings are completed.

3. Home team supplies the baseballs and two (2) bases.
4. Keeping the defensive line-up sheet is required.
5. The ball is dead and the play stops once the ball is back to the pitchers mound and a player is in control of the ball. Runners will return to the base they have achieved.

IX PLAYOFF FORMAT:

- A. All teams in the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Leagues will be eligible to participate in the playoffs.
- B. Playoffs shall be of the double elimination format.
- C. First round positions shall be determined by the overall standings at the end of the season. In an eight (8) team league, the first (1st) place team will open against the eighth (8th) place team, second (2nd) place against the seventh (7th) place, etc.
- D. Standings will be determined by the total number of points a team has at the end of the season. Total points shall be computed as follows:
 1. Win - Two (2) points
 2. Tie - One (1) point
 3. Loss - No points
- E. Teams will be kept apprised of the standings by the responsible Commissioner of that league, or his representative, at regular periods.
- F. Actual playoff organization may vary dependent upon the number of teams in a league. The Commissioner of Baseball/Softball and/or the President will determine the arrangement by league.
- G. The following two way tie breakers shall be used to determine the final standings:
 1. head-to-head competition;
 2. least runs allowed head-to-head;
 3. run spread (runs scored minus runs allowed) head-to-head;
 4. most runs scored head-to-head;
 5. random selection by the President or his representative.

H. Three Way Ties:

1. As soon as a three way tie is broken, the remaining teams will immediately start at the top of the two way breaker. If two teams are eliminated on the same tie breaker, the remaining team is the winner. It is the intent of this rule to eliminate the bottom team, that is, the tie is broken from the losers standpoint.
2. Least runs allowed in games between tied teams;
3. Run spread in games between tied teams;
4. Most runs scored in games between tied teams;
5. Three or more way ties will be determined by random selection by the President or his representative.

I. Playoff Rules

1. Home Team – The higher seeded team will be the home team for each game throughout the playoffs with the exception of the championship game where the team from the winners' bracket will be the home team.
2. 10 Run Rule – The playoff game may be terminated immediately once becoming regulation (3 ½ innings if home team is leading and 4 innings if visitor) if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and have had equal times at bat or the home team is winning.
3. Ties – No playoff game shall end in a tie. Games will continue until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Game – If a game is suspended at any point that game will be picked up at the point of suspension. (Unless it is an official game; 3 1/2 or 4 innings.) (Please keep accurate books; outs, count on batter, runners on base, etc.)
5. Pitching – No pitcher will be allowed to pitch in more than 6 innings in any two successive games. All pitchers have full eligibility at the start of the play-offs. For avoidance of doubt, as in the regular season, if a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
6. Protests – Protests will be handled in accordance with the 2013 BBRBS Baseball Special Rules with exception of a Championship Game where the commissioner of each league will assemble a protest committee consisting of himself/herself and two other members to be present at the championship game to resolve any protests immediately.

X ALL-STAR GAMES (IN TOWN):

- A. The All-Star managers shall be the managers of the first and second place teams, and they may choose any individuals in **BBRBS** to be their coaches. If a manager declines the position, the responsible Commissioner of that league, with the approval of the President, shall select the manager.
- B. In a six (6) team league, the teams will be comprised of players from the first, fourth and fifth place teams who will play against a team comprised of players from the second, third and sixth place teams. In a four team league, teams will be comprised of six (6) players each from the first and fourth place teams and will play a team comprised of six (6) players each from the second and third place teams.
- C. The teams comprised of players from three (3) teams will be selected in the following manner: three players from each team will be selected by their respective managers, and the All-Star manager will then select three (3) additional players from the remaining player rosters.

XI SUMMER TRAVEL LEAGUE:

- A. The managers of the Summer Travel Teams shall be appointed by the Board of Directors which shall also confirm the coaches as selected by those managers.
- B. The Travel Team manager may invite any league players to try out.
- C. All players selected for the teams must present the manager with a Release Form signed by his/her parent(s) and a birth certificate.
- D. The Travel Teams shall be approved by the Board of Directors before the teams compete in any tournaments or leagues.
- E. The Travel Team manager shall inform the President or his representative in advance of any conflict in scheduling that would cause the Travel Team to not play in any game or tournament that the team is scheduled to play.

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APPENDIX - A

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COUNCIL - RULE 19

(This rule applies only on days when school is in session.)

- I A student may practice or play only once in any one day. A non-school team is deemed to be a team, if it has two or more of the following: (1) coach, (2) schedule of contests, (3) schedule of practices, or (4) uniforms. A student who practices or competes with the school team may not participate with a non-school team on the same day.
- II Softball or baseball batting practice may be held at an alternative site if (1) no opportunity exists at the game field for batting practice, and (2) batting practice immediately precedes the game or departure to the game site.
- III Any player who violates this rule for the first time shall be declared ineligible for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic events or two (2) weeks of a season in which the player is a participant, whichever is greater. The penalty is effective from the date of his/her last participation in a High School sport. Any student who violates this rule a second or subsequent time shall be declared ineligible for participation in any high school sport for forty-five (45) days from the date of his/her last participation in a high school sport.
- IV For the purpose of this rule, a “day” shall include the time from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM.

THE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGES OF THE REVISED RULE ARE:

- I Dual participation on a school team, and also on a non-school team, is allowed at the time, provided there is no conflict. This applies to all sports, contact and non-contact, for both girls and boys, and at all levels, varsity, junior varsity and ninth grade.
- II The rule is simpler. The complex exceptions have been removed and replaced by a simple positive statement.
- III The penalty is less severe, yet it is stringent enough to be effective. It penalizes only the individuals who violate the rule and not the other members of the team who observe the rule.