

**POB OVER 35ER 2009 AMMENDED RULES REVISE 4-25-2009**

**THE LOCAL RULES FROM THE BLUE AND WHITE BOOKLET STILL APPY. THE FOLLOWING RULES MODIFY THAT LOCAL RULE BOOK BY EITHER ADDING TO OR MODIFYING EXISTING RULES.**

- 1. THE PITCHER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME AS A PITCHER AFTER ONLY 2 ILLEGAL PITCHES BEING CALLED BY THE UMPIRE RATHER THAN 3 AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST .**
- 2. THE BAT DOWN RULE WILL NOW ALLOW A TEAM TO BAT DOWN TO 11 RATHER THAN 12.**
- 3. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE PLAYOFFS / CHAMPIONSHIP A PLAYER / PITCHER MUST PARTICIPATE IN 50 % OF THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES. TO QUALIFY AS A PITCHER ONLY YOU MUST PLAY IN AT LEAST 33 % OF THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES. A PITCHER THAT MEETS THE 33 % RULE MAY ALSO BAT IN THE PLAYOFFS / CHAMPIONSHIP. A PITCHER THAT MEETS THE 33 % RULE BUT NOT THE 50 % RULE CAN NOT PLAY A POSITION OTHER THAN AS PITCHER AND CAN ONLY BAT IF THEY ARE PITCHING.**
- 4. PARTICIPATION IN A GAME IS DEFINED AS ONE PLATE APPEARANCE OR ONE INNING IN THE FIELD.**
- 5. THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY " PASSES " ALLOWED DURING THE ENTIRE PLAYOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. THE " PASS " ALLOWED TEAMS TO RESCHEDULE GAMES.**
- 6. NEW RULE : THE MINIMUM BATTING ORDER WILL BE 11. IF A TEAM BATS LESS THAN 11, 10, 9 OR 8 THERE WILL BE ONE AUTOMATIC OUT AT BOTTOM OF THE ORDER. 7 IS NOT ALLOWED AND A FORFEIT IS DECLARED. THIS ABOVE RULE IS SIMILAR TO THE RULE WE HAVE BEEN USING IN THE POST SEASON. THE POST SEASON BATTING RULES REMAIN THE SAME THAT BEING 12 MINIMUM AND MULTIPLE OUTS RECORDED FOR ALL BATTERS BELOW 12.**
- 7. IF A TEAM USES A DESIGNATED PITCHER THERE WILL STILL NEED TO BE 11 OTHER PLAYERS IN THE BATTING ORDER IN THE PAST THIS NUMBER WAS 10.**
- 8. EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE RULE WILL BE IF BOTH TEAMS SHOW UP WITH LESS THAN 11 BATTERS THEN NEITHER TEAM WILL TAKE THE PENALTY OUT. HOWEVER IF ONE TEAM ONLY HAS 8 BATTERS THEY WILL TAKE 1 AUTOMATIC FOR MISSING THE 9 HITTER AS IN THE PAST.**
- 9. THE ABOVE NEW MINIMUM BATTING RULES WILL NOT APPLY FOR ANY 1<sup>ST</sup> GAME OF A DOUBLE HEADER OF A 6 PM TIME SLOT GAME. HOWEVER KEEP IN MIND THAT WE STILL HAVE A FORFEIT RULE IN PLACE REGARDLESS OF THE START TIME OF THE GAME. SEE FORFEIT RULE IN THE BLUE AND WHITE BOOKLET FOR MORE INFORMATION.**