



## **LOCAL RULES**

**REVISED 4-21-2008**

*Edited by Dave Unger*

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167	Fri 07/18/08	8:45 PM	Cantiague B	Main Event	Rebels
RAIN DATE	Sat 07/19/08	8:30 PM	POB POOL	TBA	TBA
RAIN DATE	Sun 07/20/08	8:30 PM	ALLEN	TBA	TBA
168	Tue 07/22/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Express	Indians
169	Thu 07/24/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Pumas	Giants
170	Fri 07/25/08	6:00 PM	Cantiague B	Night Moves	Firebirds
171	Fri 07/25/08	6:00 PM	POB POOL	Indians	Wailers
172	Fri 07/25/08	8:45 PM	Cantiague B	Naturals	Main Event
RAIN DATE	Sat 07/26/08	8:30 PM	POB POOL	TBA	TBA
RAIN DATE	Sun 07/27/08	8:30 PM	ALLEN	TBA	TBA
173	Mon 07/28/08	7:30 PM	POB POOL	Firebirds	Wailers
174	Tue 07/29/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Giants	Main Event
175	Thu 07/31/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Night Moves	Renegades
176	Fri 08/01/08	6:00 PM	Cantiague B	Giants	Naturals
177 - RC	Fri 08/01/08	6:00 PM	POB POOL	Indians	Rebels
178	Fri 08/01/08	8:45 PM	Cantiague B	Main Event	Express
RAIN DATE	Sat 08/02/08	8:30 PM	POB POOL	TBA	TBA
179	Tue 08/05/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Express	Giants
180	Thu 08/07/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Giants	Night Moves
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182	Fri 08/08/08	8:45 PM	Cantiague B	Renegades	Main Event
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183	Tue 08/12/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Naturals	Night Moves
RAIN DATE	Thu 08/14/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	TBA	TBA
184	Fri 08/15/08	6:00 PM	Cantiague B	Wailers	Pumas
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131	Tue 06/03/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Express	Pumas
132	Wed 06/04/08	8:00 PM	POB POOL	Giants	Indians
133	Thu 06/05/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Rebels	Renegades
134	Fri 06/06/08	6:00 PM	Cantiague B	Express	Naturals
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## LEAGUE RULES AND POLICIES

*All the effort and work put into the drafting and establishing of these rules is done with the league and its participant's best interests taken into consideration. The rules set forth are a combination of old rules and new rules and some modifications to other rules.*

*The league has become more competitive over the years and as a result rules and policies needed to change.*

*My hope is that the league continues to be the preferred choice for modified softball in our area of Long Island for players 35 years old and over.*

*The league reserves the right to review our local rules whenever it deems it necessary to do so in the best interest of the league.*

*Sincerely*

*Dave Unger*

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*POB Over 35er Commissioner*

*Scott Verbell*

*Assistant Commissioner*

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

## REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE 2008

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1. **MINIMUM AGE** *The minimum age is 35 years old by the end of the calendar year. Players must be prepared to show their drivers license to the umpire if requested. All new players to the league must provide a copy of their driver's license which will be submitted along with their team roster to the league.*
  
2. **MINIMUM ROSTER SIZE** *No fewer than 15 players on your team roster by opening day with a maximum of 21 players. Teams may add players to their roster up to and including May 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. If a player is not on your roster they are not covered by our insurance and cannot play or practice.*
  
3. **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED** *Managers are responsible to have a copy of your roster at all games & practices while using a permitted field provided by the league. Completed rosters must be submitted with your team fees and must include everyone's name, address, and phone number, date of birth and email address.*
  
4. **FEES & DUE DATE** *Completed rosters and the balance of all fees are due no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. The individual fee which every player on your roster is responsible for is \$245.00. This fee covers all of the expenses to run the league including field permits, softballs, and two umpires per game, insurance, ASA dues and any other expenses that the league deems necessary to properly run the league. The league will do its best to complete and play approximately a 32 game schedule weather permitting. League Fees are not refundable.*

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TBA	Mon 04/28/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague C	TBA	TBA
101	Tue 04/29/08	8:00 PM	POB POOL	Naturals	Giants
102	Tue 04/29/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	Express	Night Moves
103	Wed 04/30/08	8:00 PM	Pob Pool	Renegades	Rebels
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RAIN DATE	Thu 05/01/08	8:30 PM	Cantiague D	TBA	TBA
RAIN DATE	Fri 05/02/08	6:00 PM	Cantiague B	# 103	# 103
104	Fri 05/02/08	6:00 PM	Pob Pool	Pumas	Wailers
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5. **MEDICAL RELEASE** *Form from a doctor may be required for participation in this league if there is a known medical issue with any individual whose ability to participate is in question due to their medical or physical condition. It is understood that all participants play in this league at their own risk.*
  
6. **ATTENDANCE & GAME REPORTING** *A post card with pre-paid postage will be provided to all of the teams for purposes of reporting attendance / participation. The penalty for untimely or not reporting will result in players being excluded from the post season rosters. You will need to have these cards signed by the opposing team's manager or the assistant and then mail them to the league for review. In order to keep track of wins and losses each team is required to email the scores within 24 hours of the completion of their games to [pobover35er@aol.com](mailto:pobover35er@aol.com) Failure to meet the above requirements may result in forfeits.*

## **EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS & FEES**



1. **DOUBLE SAFETY BASE** *Will be used at first base. On fields where there is already a fixed base in place then a single base will be placed alongside to create a double safety base.*
2. **BATS** *Only ASA approved bats can be used. Our Umpires should have a list of the banned bats. Please see the ASA website for the current updated list of approved and banned bats. See [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) for more info.*
3. **CATCHERS GEAR** *Catchers must wear a catchers masks, the use of shin guards and chest protectors are optional.*
4. **SOFTBALLS** *The only softballs that can be used are the Clincher Gold which is supplied by the league. There will be three balls supplied for each individual game.*
5. **UNIFORMS** *All players must wear a team shirt with a unique number on it. Players not wearing a shirt will be considered to be out of uniform and will be subject to removal from the game.*
6. **WHAT TEAMS MUST HAVE AT ALL GAMES**  
*Softballs, score book, team roster, post cards, set of bases including a home plate with a black border, cash to pay the umpire fees which is \$90.00 per team \$180.00 in total covers two umpires also have a copy of the local rules with you. The umpire fees are the responsibility of the league.*

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7. **CANCELLED GAMES** *If a game is cancelled and proper notification is not given to the league and the umpires show to do a cancelled game the travel fee of \$20.00 per umpire will be the responsibility of the teams involved*
8. **ADDITIONAL GAMES NOT ON THE SCHEDULE** *If additional games are added to the schedule the teams involved will be required to pay for the additional costs involved as these expenses have not been factored into the original operating budget or the individual fees.*

## **RULES OF PLAY ON THE FIELD**

1. **THE ASA RULE BOOK** *The league and all of our teams are registered with ASA. This association requires us to use the ASA rule book. It is understood that we will also have our own in house or local rules governing how we will add to or modify the ASA rules.*
2. **PITCHING, POB OVER 35 MODIFIED** *This league is a modified pitching league. The umpires will have final say over a pitchers style as far as being in compliance with our revised modified rules which will be known as POB Over 35 Modified. This will include all pitchers needing to be certified by the league before they can pitch. All first time pitchers to this league will be required to come down for an evaluation for the purpose of being certified. Certified pitchers do not get carte blanche once the season starts. They will need to pitch within our guidelines at all times and pitch using the same style and ability level that was demonstrated at their evaluation. Returning pitchers from last and prior seasons will also need to be certified but will not be required to come down for an evaluation. Any Pitcher that doesn't meet certification can play other positions on the field. ( for additional information on pitching see PITCHING RULES PAGE )*
3. **BATTING ORDERS** *We will use a continuous batting order where everyone on your available bench will be in your batting order subject to certain limitations ( see bat down and opt out rules for further clarification items 4 – 16 ) The visiting team will submit their batting order first while going over the ground rules. By doing so they will have revealed to the other team who has opted out or batted down from their batting order. Then the home team will submit their lineup.*

## **POST SEASON SEEDING AND STRUCTURE**

### **We will use the following playoff structure**

*(Assuming 11 teams)*

- *Teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> qualify for the regular playoffs*
- *Teams finishing 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> qualify for the wild card round*
- *8<sup>th</sup> vs. 11<sup>th</sup> winner plays the winner from 9<sup>th</sup> vs. 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *The winner of the wild card round will become the 8<sup>th</sup> teams to qualify for the Regular playoffs.*

### **1st regular playoff round structure**

*1<sup>st</sup> vs. 8<sup>th</sup>*

*2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 7<sup>th</sup>*

*3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup>*

*4<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup>*

**2nd regular playoff round structure** *All 4 winning teams from the first round will be reseeded and follow the same format as above*

### **Championship round**

*The two winners from the second round playoffs*

**MINIMUM BATTING ORDER** All though we have OPT OUT and BAT DOWN rules if a team in any post season game at any time for any reason has less than 12 in their batting order then there will be automatic outs recorded for the duration of the game when those spots come up in the order, one out for each man short of 12 will be recorded throughout the entire game.

**PLAYERS ON SUSPENSION** Anyone serving a suspension left over from the regular season must finish serving suspension before they can play in post season games.

4. **DESIGNATED PITCHER** Pitchers are no longer required to have a spot in the batting order it is optional and they can either bat or not bat at their team's discretion . Each subsequent pitcher that enters the game in relief need to make an election either to bat or not. If they are not already in the batting order and will be batting then they must go to the last spot in the order.
5. **BENCH PLAYER** Players on your bench that are not in your initial batting order due to the bat down rule can enter the game at any time in the field as long as they are placed in your batting order in the last spot. It is also understood that a player added from your bench into the field may or may or may not make a plate appearance before the game reaches completion.
6. **BAT DOWN RULE** If at game time one of the two teams have more players available then the other team, then the team with more players available at their discretion can match the opposing team's lineup by removing players from the batting order and can do this so that their lineup is now equal to their opponent's lineup in number. This will be known as "batting down "These players left out of the batting order then become part of your available bench.
7. **BAT DOWN RULE LIMITATION 1** The lowest number you can BAT DOWN to will be 12 even if the other team has less than 12 available at game time.
8. **BAT DOWN RULE LIMITATION 2** You cannot utilize the BAT DOWN & OPT OUT RULE during the same game if you voluntarily go below your opponents batting order all of your bench players will now be classified as having OPTED OUT.

## **POST SEASON RULES**

9. **BAT DOWN RULE LIMITATION 3** *If you have batted down and you lose players involuntarily you will need to add players from your bench in order to maintain the initial size of your batting order assuming you still have players on your bench.*
10. **BAT DOWN RULE LIMITATION 4** *You must bat a minimum of 10 players in order to use a designated pitcher rule. If you only have 9 and your pitcher makes 10 then the pitcher must bat.*
11. **OPT OUT RULE** *If either team elects to bat fewer players than the other team, resulting in having players left out, then these players will be classified as having OPTED OUT and will be ineligible to enter the game at any time for any reason.*
12. **OPT OUT RULE EXCEPTION** *Designated pitchers are not subject to the OPT OUT rule since they are not required to be in the batter order and can enter the game at any time with or without electing to bat.*
13. **LATE ARRIVING PLAYERS** *Can enter the game and be placed in the last spot in the batting order. OPT OUT players can not arrive late and be added. It is understood that a late arriving player that enters the game in the field may or may not have a plate appearance before the game reaches completion.*
14. **DESIGNATED FIELDER** *There is no designated fielder therefore everyone in the field other than a DESIGNATED PITCHER must have a spot in your batting order.*

**FIRST PLAYOFF ROUND SERIES** *Best of 3 games*

**SECOND PLAYOFF ROUND SERIES** *Best of 3 games*

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES** *Best of 5 games*

**WILD CARD GAME** *1 single nine inning game*

**RESUMED GAME** *Will be played till they reach OFFICIAL GAME status.*

**OFFICIAL GAME** *All games must be played at least 7 innings to be official 6 and a half if the home team leads except if mercy rule applies or 9 innings for a wild card game.*

**MERCY RULE** *The mercy rule applies in the post season*

**SEEDING** *Teams are all reseeded after each round where the highest seed always plays the lowest seed*

**HOME TEAM** *The higher seeded teams get home team advantage for the first game of each series and then alternate each game there is no coin flip required.*

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE** *Players must play in a minimum of one third of their teams completed schedule to qualify for post season play. Ex: 32 team games played then the number to qualify would be 11 games.*

## **PITCHING RULES PENALTIES**

1. *The first illegal pitch called will result in no penalty only a warning and an explanation given.*
2. *The second illegal pitch called will constitute a penalty of the pitch being called a ball and all runners move up one base.*
3. *The third illegal pitch will result the same as above but in addition to that the pitcher will also be removed from pitching for the remainder of that game.*
4. *If the above scenario is repeated in another game with a different umpire and the pitcher gets to the point where three illegal pitches have been called not only will the pitcher be removed from the game but the pitcher will also lose certification to pitch in the league for the remainder of the current season. If a pitcher is removed from a game due to illegal pitching then this must be reported to the league along with your game results.*
5. *If a pitcher begins his motion and then stops his motion and doesn't release the ball – No illegal pitch will be called. It is simply a dead ball.*
6. *New pitchers to the league that had been certified to pitch and later on during the season exhibit styles and or ability levels that are significantly different than what their tryout – evaluation had revealed will be subject to dismissal from the league.*

15. **WHO IS IN THE BATTING ORDER** *It is encouraged that everyone on your bench be in your batting order even if they are not playing the field. However players can OPT OUT and just sit on the bench. An OPT OUT player will be ineligible to play in that game. Only players that conform to the Bat down rule or pitchers and late arrivals will be eligible to enter the game after it has started.*
16. **PITCHERS vs. FIELDERS AND BATTING** *If your starting pitcher is not batting and moves to play a regular position he now must be placed into the batting order. If he now skips his turn in the batting order then he will be removed from the game and cannot return even as a pitcher. If a position player is moved to pitch in relief he must remain in the batting order. If he skips his turn in the batting order he will be removed from the game and cannot return to play any position.*
17. **PLAYERS LEAVING VOLUNTARILY** *Players can leave the game at anytime for any reason without penalty we will just skip their turn in the batting order. Once a player leaves they cannot return to the game in the field or batting order.*
18. **PINCH HITTING** *There is no pinch hitting*
19. **BUNTING & STEALING** *There is no bunting or stealing of bases*
20. **PINCH RUNNER-COURTESY RUNNER** *Courtesy runners or pinch runners are allowed for the purpose of relieving someone that physically cannot run or prefers not to risk injury while running the bases. The purpose is not to install a speedster to run for all of the slower runners. Players*

*that can run are encouraged to run. The pinch runner will be the last batted out assuming that player can run.*

21. **SUBSTITUTIONS** *Unlimited substitutions are allowed in the field, everyone in the field other than designated pitchers must be in the batting order.*
22. **PETE ROSE RULE** *The Pete Rose rule means that at all bases including home plate the runners cannot collide with the fielder and must give themselves up by avoiding contact. Sliding is recommended but not required. A clean slide resulting in contact with a fielder will not constitute a Pete Rose Violation. Violating this rule is ejection from the game and an automatic out in that players vacated spot in the batting order one time only thru the order.*
23. **HOME vs. VISITING TEAM** *Will be decided by a coin flip for the first half of double header and reverses for the second half.*
24. **BASE RUNNERS** *A runner can leave the base on the pitchers release to home and is at risk of being forced out at all bases if a pickoff is attempted the fielder does not need to tag the runner to record an out. Once a pickoff is attempted any and all runners can advance at their own risk provided they tagged up before advancing.*
25. **MERCY RULE 7 INNING Game** *We have a 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings 4 and a half if the home team is in the lead. The home team must get their last at bat if they are trailing*

## **PITCHING RULES REQUIREMENTS**

1. *This is a modified league as described at the beginning of this document only league certified pitcher will be allowed to pitch.*
2. *The basic motion is described as a bowling type motion*
3. *We will be using a pitching plate on the mound to insure proper foot work*
4. *The pitcher first motion must be forward*
5. *Rocking is not allowed*
6. *The pitcher must start with both feet in contact with the pitching plate*
7. *Windmill pitching is not allowed*
8. *Sling Pitching is not allowed*
9. *Crossing over and throwing across you the body is not allowed*
10. *The pitchers front foot cannot point towards one of the corner bases on delivery*
11. *The pitchers shoulders must be squared up with home plate on release of the ball*
12. *It is understood that the above requirements are not a complete list of the proper way to throw a modified pitch but they are some of the key components.*

## **CURFEW EXTENSION RULES**

### **FOR PERMITS WHERE WE HAVE BOTH THE EARLY & LATE TIME SLOTS**

1. **NO INNING CAN BE STARTED** later than 15 minutes within the start time of the next scheduled game. An example of this would be at Cantiague B where we have back to back times slots starting at 6 pm – 8:45 pm & 8:45 pm – 11:45 pm. So the latest the top half of an inning could start in the early slot would be 8:30 pm. This curfew doesn't apply if there is no game scheduled in the late time slot.
2. **EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE RULE** If by the time 8:31 pm comes and only one more inning is need for the game to reach official status is needed we will allow that last inning to be started and completed. Remember 4 innings is an official game 3 and ½ if the home team is in the lead. This curfew does not apply if there is no game scheduled in the late time slot.
3. **THE START TIME OF AN INNING** The very moment that the last out is recorded in any inning it is understood that simultaneously the next inning has begun regardless of how long it take for the defensive team to take their positions in the field.

26. **MERCY RULE 9 INNING Game** We have A 10 run mercy rule after 7 innings 6 and a half if the home team is in the lead. The home team must get their last at bat if they are trailing
27. **FIGHTING** Any player removed for fighting will serve a 4 game minimum suspension and also may be subject to removal from the league. There will also be an automatic out in the batting order in the vacated spot one time only thru the order. There could also be other sanctions as determined by the league.
28. **EJECTION** A player ejected from a game for reasons other than fighting will serve a 1 game suspension.
29. **OFFICIAL GAME** A regular season game is official after 4 complete innings or 3 and a half if the home team is in the lead. In a 9 inning game 5 innings is official.
30. **SUSPENDED GAME** A regular season game that is suspended and has to be resumed will be resumed from where it was halted and will be played till completion and or once it reaches official status. In resumed games new players that were not in the original batting order go to the end of the batting order.
31. **SCORE KEEPING-ATTENDANCE** Teams must keep an accurate score book and also keep track of individual attendance for purposes of post season eligibility. The attendance & scores must be reported within 24 hours of your games. An OPT OUT player is not in attendance.

32. **BATTER VIOLATION** *Batters stepping into the batter's box with a banned bat will be an automatic out and the batter will be ejected from the game.*

33. **THE SCHEDULE** *Teams are expected to adhere to the schedule provided. Only rain outs will be rescheduled if you don't adhere to the schedule your team will forfeit those games.*

34. **OPENING DAY-SEASON** *If the season cannot start on time due to the fees not being paid by the deadline then the offending team/teams will take forfeits for any games missed. The anticipated start date is April 28<sup>th</sup> 2008.*

35. **END OF THE SEASON** *The end of the regular season is approximately the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. The post season will start once the regular season is over*

36. **EXTRA INNINGS** *In the first half of a double header only one extra inning will be allowed. No inning limit when playing a single game or a post season game.*

37. **INJURY** *An injured player can leave the game without penalty but cannot reenter that game.*

38. **PROTESTS** *A protest must be filled in writing with 24 hours of the game in question, the umpires and teams involved must all be notified and the score books must be signed by the umpires and notations made to keep an accurate account of what had transpired. If these conditions are not met the protest will be invalid. You cannot protest an umpires judgment you can only protest a rules violation. If the protest is upheld and the game is scheduled to be resumed the teams involved will share the expense for the umpires equally and the league will find a field to play the game at the leagues expense if required.*

39. **FORFEITED GAMES** *20 minute waiting period per game from the scheduled start time before a forfeit will be called. You must have a minimum of 9 players to start the game without penalty. You can also start the game with 8 but will be penalized in your batting order every time the 9<sup>th</sup> spot comes up in the order with an automatic out. Late arriving player can be added and at such time once you have 9 in your batting order the penalty will no longer apply. You cannot start or play the game with only 7 players under any circumstances. If by 40 minutes after the scheduled start time you still don't have 8 or more to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of a doubleheader than a double forfeit will be declared. The umpires are paid in full for all forfeited games unless cancelation occurred with proper notification.*