BASEBALL REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

a. The Sports Department of the 22nd Maccabiah will be responsible for the Baseball competitions of the 22nd Maccabiah.
b. The Baseball competitions will be conducted according to the Official Baseball Rules published by Major League Baseball with certain modifications for the juniors' baseball competition of the 22nd Maccabiah. The attached modifications, IAB 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 22nd Maccabiah and has registered to the Baseball competitions.
d. Each country – except Israel – may enter two (2) teams for the Baseball U19 boys (2007-2010) competition.
e. Each team may consist of no less than 12 players and no more than 22 players + up to 4 coaches including a manager.
f. Only players, coaches, and up to 2 other authorized officials are allowed on the field or in the bench areas.

2. Venues and Times

The Sport Department of the 22nd Maccabiah 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 “Rawlings NFHS Official Baseballs”.
b. All bats used in the competition must be wood or wood like a composite.
    1. The wood bats must conform to OBR specifications, with the exception that the maximum length may not exceed 36 inches
    2. The wood like composite bats must be BBCOR certified as such, and the certification must be stamped on the bat.
c. The Sports Department 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 second and third following the round robin schedule will play a single game to determine who will play the first ranked team for the title of “22nd Maccabiah Champion.”

SYSTEM B: With the participation of 4 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 to determine the title of "22nd Maccabiah Champion".
d. The teams ranked third and fourth following the round robin schedule will play a single game for third place.

SYSTEM C: With the participation of 5 teams:

a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.
b. Teams will be classified according to their achievements.
c. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".
d. The teams ranked 3 and 4 in the league will compete for third place.

5. Tie Break

a. In the event of two or more teams being tied, rank them as follows:
   1) Results of head-to-head competition.
   2) Run differential in head-to-head games between tied teams.
   3) Few runs are allowed throughout the entire round robin.
   4) Coin toss.
b. For the purpose of implementing regulation 5a 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.
c. 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. In this situation, the actual innings played as defense or offense will be the number of innings accrued to both teams, which may not be the same for both teams. The score against the winning team will be the score as it is at the time of the forfeit.

   Example: Team A is a 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. Team A will have played 5 defensive half-innings, and 4 offensive half innings and team B will have played 4 defensive half-innings and 5 offensive half innings.

6. Home Team

a. During the round robin stage, the home team will be determined by the schedule with a draw for team letter. Each team will be the home team one away and away team once against any other team.
   The home team in the playoff round will be determined as follows by the higher placed team from the round robin part of the tournament.

7. Completion of Games

a. A regulation game is 7 innings, unless extended because of a tie score, or shortened (1) because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it, or (2) because the umpire calls the game.

b. If the score is tied after seven complete innings play 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. If there is a 12-run difference after five completed innings in favor of the visiting team, or after four and a half innings or four and a fraction half- innings in favor of the home team when the visiting team has completed five half-innings, then the game shall be called.

d. Games may be "called" for reasons of security. In such cases rule 4.10 (c) & (d) of the Official Baseball Rules shall be in effect.

e. A suspended game shall be continued, and the continued game shall be scheduled by the Sports Department and such a 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 Sports Department and such scheduling will be final.

8. 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. To begin the 8th inning, representatives from each team will meet at home plate and will indicate (at the same time) to the home plate umpire where the team wishes to begin the batting order. That is, the teams have the option of beginning the 8th inning anywhere in the existing batting order that was in effect when the 7th inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (just potentially a different order), and it may very well be the same lineup that ended in the 7th inning. The rationale for doing so is to ensure that both teams have an equal chance at having what they consider to be their best hitters and base runners in a position to score in the 8th inning.

For example, if the team decides to have the #1 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #8 hitter will be placed at 2B and the #9 hitter will be placed at 1B. Furthermore, if the team decides to have the #3 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #1 hitter would be at 2B and the #2 hitter would be at 1B.

Once those players/runners are determined for the 8th inning, the order of any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. That is, if the 8th inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the 9th inning begins with the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at 2B and the #6 hitter at first base.

c. With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other “Official Rules of Baseball” and this Baseball Regulations will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

d. No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.

e. The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning (if needed) will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

9. Lineup Cards

a. Teams must provide a courtesy lineup to the Technical Committee 30 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.

10. Officials

The Sports Department will select the Technical Committee, which will select and schedule the umpires, scorekeepers and any other necessary officials. A minimum of the two-person officiating system will be used for all games.

11. General

a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 22nd Maccabiah Regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, apply and be binding.