

## **WHITE BOOK RULE CHANGES FOR 2012**

1. Rule 214 – Replace “National competition” with “Regional Tournament Play” in the first line.
2. Add to the NOTE “In WORLD SERIES, double elimination format (not in pool play), each game in the Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr, Sandy Koufax 13 and under, Pee Wee Reese and Gil Hodges Divisions, must complete at least 7 innings or 6 ½ innings (5 innings or 4 ½ innings under the Mercy Rule) if the Home Team is ahead; each game Robinson and Roberto Clemente Divisions, must complete 6 innings or 5 ½ innings (4 innings or 3 ½ innings under the Mercy Rule) if the Home Team is ahead. In other words, all games must complete the number of innings designated for their respective age divisions, there shall be no shortened games under Rule 4.12 of the Official Baseball Rules.
3. Rule 201 – Add (i) The only non-uniformed personnel permitted in the dugouts are certified trainers, other personnel listed on the team’s official tournament roster or an official stationed in the dugout at the direction of the Tournament Committee or Tournament Director.
4. Connie Mack may now have twenty- two (22) players on their roster.
5. Rule 105, Second Paragraph – Change to read: “All leagues must require that each of its teams complete an official AABC Roster, which is the ONLY roster form that can be utilized for National Tournaments. On or before 24 hours prior to the first game of all Regional and National Qualifying Tournaments, each team qualified for or entering the Regional or National Qualifying Tournament must submit an official AABC online roster at [www.aabc.us](http://www.aabc.us). Each Tournament Director must mark the online roster as certified once he has verified and confirmed said certification. These certified rosters will then be available online to the Tournament Director at the next stage of Tournament competition. Teams needing player contact information in order to add a player to their roster as an “Extra Player” under Rule 205, may contact the National Office for that information.”
6. Rule 221 (c) – “The use of NOCSAE approved protective headgear (hardhat) and a throat protector by the catcher or “hockey style” while catching is mandatory.”
7. Rule 221 (j) – Delete the whole rule.
8. Rule 221 (g) – Add to this rule “All bats must have the certification of BPF of 1.15 or less in 2012. In 2013, all bats must have an AABC logo.”
9. Rule 221 (e) – Change this rule to read: “In AABC Stan Musial, Connie Mack Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle and Ken Griffey Jr Division Tournaments, only wood, laminate or composite wood of similar material bats ( the only exception to the similar material is the Baum Bat) may be used. The bat must not exceed 42 inches in length and 2 ¾ inches in diameter.”
10. Rule 221 (b) Add to this rule: “In Stan Musial Division only, one flap helmets may be used.”
11. Rule 104 – Delete paragraph 5 and 6. Insurance waivers will no longer be issued for Regional or National Competition Tournaments. All teams must have K and K Insurance.
12. Rule 107 – Change the date from July 1 to July 15.
13. Page 5 in the 2011 AABC Handbook – League: Change from 6 games to 4 games to qualify for a league. You still need 6 teams in a league.