



ACME
BASEBALL CONGRESS

2009 Handbook

Since 1961

A CREED FOR YOUTH

We believe that true and enduring happiness depends primarily upon close alliance with God. It is our privilege to share His thoughts for our spiritual nourishment and to have constant assurance of divine protection and guidance.

We believe in America and will defend her and the freedom She preserves for us. The price of freedom is service.

We believe that respect for our fellowman must come from The heart as a sincere recognition of his merits.

We believe that youth should accept the family as a unit to Which cooperation, participation and dedication are essential.

We believe that we should have a sense of responsibility in Fulfillment of our ambitions that we strive to develop our potential Talents.

We believe in facing the future with hope and perseverance, never overlooking the realistic side of life.

We believe that humility is the true recognition of our talents. Our Accomplishments will speak for themselves.

We believe that honesty indicates our integrity as individuals. It requires Courage and we can come to no compromise where honesty is concerned.

We believe in fair play, not only in games of sport, but more importantly, in the Game of life, where a good loser never loses.

We believe that our social behavior reveals our personal standards.

Above all, we believe that love of God is the greatest source of personal strength; Love begets acceptance; acceptance, understanding; and understanding, peace.

“I attest that the foregoing creed was prepared by the High School students of Ohio.”

**Signed: JAMES A. RHOADES
Governor, State of Ohio**

Adopted by the Ohio Youth Commission in 1964 and the ACME Baseball Congress in 1965 as it's creed for youth.

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ACME BASEBALL CONGRESS, INC

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 23RD, 2008

The ACME Handbook is to be used by every team that plays ACME Baseball and all rules that are not listed are followed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. However, the Board of Directors want you to have what we call "Points of Emphasis" which hopefully will give you notification of new rules and/or any clarification, and emphasis, that may be needed to particular rules.

New Rule Updates & Changes:

- Team membership fees will be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each team. This also means any late rosters after June 1st will be charged one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- All team rosters will again be posted to the website at www.acmebaseballcongress.org
- The forum message board on the ACME website was a very active tool that many coaches have acknowledged has been very helpful in many aspects of ACME baseball. Coaches can make use of this for scheduling, tournament listings, and ACME game scoring. Once again this will help all in the State to communicate with one another. Check it out at www.acmebaseballcongress.org
- Notice below the 2009 Hall of Fame Banquet will now be moved to October to alleviate spring baseball tournament conflicts in May.
- This years exciting news is with the changes to the Jr. ACME State Tournament. The Jr. ACME Districts will take place as usual. What will change is that the winners of those Districts will advance to a Regional Tournament either in the North (includes Districts #1,2,3,7) or in the South (includes Districts #4,5,6,8). The North Regional will be held in Bryan, Ohio and the South Regional being held in Greenville, Ohio. Both Regional dates will be held on July 10th-12th. The winner from each Regional (2) will advance to the Jr. ACME State Championship Finals held in Celina, Ohio. The Championship will be a best of three game format to crown the 2009 Champion. All changes have been made in the handbook for this change.
- Tournaments that may now be bid on each year to host will be Jr. ACME Regionals North & South and Finals. Along with the ACME State Championship Tournament. See Article XII Regional and State Tournament Guidelines.
- Jr. ACME District Tournament dates June 27th thru July 8th.
- Jr. ACME Regional North & South Tournament dates are July 10th thru 12th. held in (North) Bryan and (South) Greenville, Ohio.
- Jr. ACME State Tournament dates July 18th & 19th and held in Celina, Ohio
- ACME Sectional Tournament dates June 29th thru July 8th
- ACME District Tournament dates July 9th thru July 15th
- ACME State Tournament July 19th thru 26th will be held at Lima Shawnee, Lima, Ohio

ACME BASEBALL HALL OF FAME & Scholarship Recipient Award

2009 HoF Inductees will be announced at a later date on the website. The 5th annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2009, 7:00pm at the VFW Banquet Hall in Van Wert. Again this year we will be giving away three scholarships coming from District #6, #7, & #8. If you are interested in more information, please contact your District Commissioner and/or go to www.acmebaseballcongress.org for more information. Again the Hall of Fame will be open to the public with advanced tickets. Don't miss it if you're a baseball fan.

ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

- Sec. 1 This organization shall be known as "ACME Baseball Congress, Inc." and shall not be known as being affiliated with any other league or organization or youth movement in the United States by the same name or otherwise.
- Sec. 2 The purpose of this organization shall be to promote, govern and conduct non-professional baseball for high schools under the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.
- Sec. 3 The playing rules governing the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. shall be the same adopted by the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations. Any stated rule changes shall be so stipulated in this handbook.

ARTICLE II Officers

- Sec. 1 The officers of the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. shall be the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of Umpires.
- Sec. 2 The Commissioner is empowered to govern and rule, or veto, on all matters pertaining to the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. Commissioner will be responsible for notifying all officers and board members of all meetings. The Commissioners office shall be permanent and held until death or resignation. A replacement must have two-thirds majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.
- Sec. 3 The Assistant Commissioner shall assist the Commissioner in all duties and preside at all meetings in the absence of the Commissioner, Secretary/Treasurer. The office shall be held for a term of two years. They shall gain office by a two-thirds majority vote by the members of the board.
- Sec. 4 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings and records of the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. They shall be bonded within thirty days following their election and must show proof. They shall receive and bank all moneys and keep an accurate account of same along with all official business. They shall maintain record of all team rosters each year on file. They shall present a financial report at each meeting in writing to the Board of Directors. All funds shall be expended by check signed by the Secretary/Treasurer and countersigned by the Commissioner. No moneys shall be expended, or bills contracted, in the name of ACME Baseball Congress, Inc., by anyone without authorization, in writing, from the Board of Directors with the approval of the Commissioner. In case of their absence from any meeting, They are responsible for providing the Assistant Commissioner with their books and all reports. They shall gain office by a two-thirds majority vote by the members of the board.
- Sec. 5 The Director of Umpires shall be responsible for the interpretation of the baseball playing rules. They shall appoint umpires for the ACME State and Junior ACME State tournament with recommendations presented from each District Commissioner. The Director of Umpires office shall be permanent and held until death or resignation. A replacement will be appointed by the Commissioner with two-thirds majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

ARTICLE III Board of Directors

- Sec. 1 There shall be (8) eight Board of Directors to be appointed by the Commissioner and ratified by the remaining board members to serve a two-year term. Their duties will be to attend all regular and special meetings to promote the welfare and management of the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc.

- Sec. 2 The a-fore-said officers and Board of Directors shall be the ruling body for the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. They will be entitled to all ACME sponsored games or tournaments at no charge.
- Sec. 3 Any Officer or Board of Director may be relieved of his duties by filing a letter of resignation to the Commissioner. Also, any member may be relieved of their duties for failure to attend three consecutive meetings without notification to the Commissioner.
- Sec. 4 The Board of Directors shall rule on all matters of eligibility, grievances, suspensions and interpretation of rules and the board's decision shall be final.
- Sec.5 The Board of Directors will annually decide alignment of State Districts based upon number of teams, and/or expansion needs.

ARTICLE IV District Commissioners

- Sec. 1 District Commissioners shall be appointed by the Commissioner of ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. Their term shall be held for two years.
- Sec. 2 District Commissioner shall promote ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. in their respective district counties which are derived by ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. They shall also follow-up on all new contacts in their district that may be given them by ACME Baseball Congress, Inc.
- Sec. 3 District Commissioners shall conduct a district meeting each year prior to the June 1st season play date with team managers. This will be to promote the program and allow for scheduling and ACME handbook interpretation guidelines.
- Sec. 4 District Commissioners are responsible for regulating a ACME Sectional tournament, an ACME and Jr. ACME District tournament within their respective District accordingly to specified dates in Article VIII Sec. 6 & Article XI Sec. 5 by ACME Baseball Congress, Inc.
- Sec. 5 District Commissioners shall attend one meeting of ACME Baseball Congress in March of each year.
- Sec. 6 District Commissioner will provide to the Secretary/Treasurer a ACME District Team Form and a Jr. ACME District Team Form by June 1st of each given year. The form is available on the ACME Baseball Congress Website.
- Sec. 7 District Commissioner will provide to the ACME Baseball Commissioner a District Supply Order Form by February 1st of each given year. The form is available on the ACME Baseball Congress Website.
- Sec. 8 District Commissioner will provide the ACME Baseball Congress Commissioner with copies of Sectional and District Tournament Brackets by June 15th of each given year.
- Sec. 9 District Commissioner shall provide four OHSAA licensed umpire recommendations to the ACME Baseball Congress Director of Umpires for consideration at ACME State and Jr ACME State Tournaments. The forms are available on the ACME Baseball Congress Website.
- Sec.10 District Commissioner may be relieved of his duties by filing a letter of resignation to the Commissioner. They may also be relieved of their duties for failure to follow any and all guidelines of ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. or by promoting ACME Baseball in a defamatory manner.

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- Sec.11 Under the guidelines of ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. the District Commissioner shall create ACME sectional tournament brackets as follows.
Under the Ohio High School Athletic Association Divisional breakdown of each team:
Sectionals Tournaments to be set up as that Division 1 and Division 2 teams are playing together in one sectional. Division 3 and Division 4 teams to be playing in another sectional. If team availability does not allow for this, District Commissioner to receive ACME Commissioner approval.
- Sec.12 District Commissioners are required to obtain and keep up to date records of all pertinent data in regards to teams within their respective district.
- Sec.13 Any fighting or striking of, or by, an official, player, manager or coach will be penalized by the District Commissioner. Any umpire responsible for such action will be reported to the Director of Umpires in a written report by the District Commissioner.
- Sec.14 District Commissioner will be responsible for assigning Sectional and/or District Tournament Directors. These individuals report directly to the District Commissioner.
- Sec.15 District Commissioner will be responsible for providing OHSAA registered umpires, prior to tournament games, with ACME Baseball Congress general playing rules and tournament rules for those that may be unfamiliar with these.
- Sec.16 At the discretion of the District Commissioner, shall appoint a Assistant Commissioner. They will report directly to the District Commissioner.
- Sec.17 The District Commissioner will be responsible for appointing a Jr. ACME Commissioner. They will report directly to the District Commissioner.

ARTICLE V Team Membership

- Sec. 1 An annual membership fee of **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** shall be paid by each team affiliated with the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. These fees include all regular season play and tournament competition in its entirety. There shall be no other assessments from teams. These fees are to be paid to the Commissioner by June 1st of given year. If fee is not paid by June 1st of given year, the fee will be raised to \$100.00 and must be paid by State Tournament. If previous years fees are not paid, team will be ineligible the following year until all fees are collected. Team Managers are responsible for submitting application/roster, liability forms, and fee to the ACME Commissioner. All fees are non-refundable.
- Sec. 2 Each official team representative shall submit an official application/roster, liability forms and fee **sent to the ACME Commissioner no later than June 1st of each given year.** An official player's roster (Not to exceed 24 players) which they desire to have certified as members of this team. **This application/roster must be signed by a school principal or Athletic Director to be valid.** Failure to comply will result in the team being put on an ineligibility list, and all games played being forfeited until application/roster, liability forms, and fee are received by the Commissioner. No player rosters may be changed after the June 1st deadline for regular season play, tournament or otherwise without written permission of the Commissioner.

- (a) All submitted application/rosters may be verified by the ACME Board of Directors at any time.
- (b) Any team that falsifies player eligibility will forfeit any and all games that player participated.

Sec. 3 Each team is required to have a competent adult who shall be the manager and is responsible for the team and its activities. A manager may appoint any coach they so desire, so long as they uphold the respect and rules of ACME Baseball Congress. Managers must be at least 19 years of age and out of school.

Sec. 4 Each team is responsible for acquiring its own sponsor. Also each team is responsible for its own travel expense, equipment and no sponsor may use any ACME baseball team, players, coaches, for promotional purposes for alcoholic beverages or tobacco, either directly or indirectly.

Sec. 5 Failure of a team to complete a 12-game schedule will result in suspension for a period of from one to two years from participation in any tournament affiliated under the sanction of the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. A team using either a manager or player who is on suspension shall forfeit its affiliation to the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. for an indefinite period.

Sec. 6 Any team participating in ACME baseball cannot begin play until June 1st of each given year.

Sec. 7 Any school entering a Jr. ACME team and not have a correlating ACME team playing that given year may not have more than 4 incoming Juniors on the team. If so, they are considered an ACME team.

Sec. 8 Each team manager will be responsible for providing the ACME liability form and providing their own insurance.

ARTICLE VI Player Eligibility

Sec. 1 Any boy may play ACME or Jr. ACME baseball if he attends high school during the following year (See Article VI Sec. 6). Membership of each team shall be limited to bona fide residents of the school district that he attends. Player must play for the school he attends if it is out of his school district. Any boy may ask for special consideration as situation warrants, subject to Board of Directors approval on a yearly basis. The Board of Directors shall decide the eligibility and in-eligibility of all players. Home School, transfer students, and open enrollment students refer to The Ohio High School Athletic Association rule interpretation.

Sec. 2 The maximum age limit is eighteen years old. No boy is eligible for ACME or Jr. ACME participation if he reaches the age of nineteen years before August 1. Any team using ineligible players must forfeit the games such ineligible players participated in; such teams will receive disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 No boy will be ineligible for participation in the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc., due to his race, color, creed or religion.

Sec. 4 Un-sportsmanlike conduct on the part of any player will not be tolerated. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their team. District Commissioner and/or ACME Commissioner will take immediate action as necessary.

Sec. 5 Incoming high school seniors are not eligible to play Jr. ACME.

Sec.6 All incoming Eighth graders, Freshman and Sophomores can play both Jr. and Sr. ACME League and Tournaments without any restrictions. Incoming seventh graders that turn the age of 13 on or before July 31st are eligible for Jr. Acme. Incoming Juniors can play on both rosters **unless they have played in four (4) or more Varsity games then they MUST stay on the Varsity roster. NO EXCEPTIONS**

ARTICLE VII General Playing Rules

Sec. 1 As stated in Article I Sec.3, The playing rules governing the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. shall be the same adopted by the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations. Any stated rule changes shall be so stipulated in this handbook.

Sec. 2 OHSAA Baseball adopted rules will apply with the following inclusions as set forth.

Sec. 3 Under no circumstances may a team change or modify any rule set forth by the ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. This also includes the written intent of the rule. If rule is not understood and needs clarification, coach or manager should contact their respective District Commissioner. If a team is found in violation, they shall be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

Sec. 4 The duties and basic responsibilities of those playing and administering the game shall follow the Code of Ethics for Baseball which has been adopted by the ACME Baseball Congress from the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. The Code of Ethics are printed in the beginning of this handbook.

Sec. 5 The official ball shall be any ball that meets the specifications prescribed by the rules of baseball. The home team is responsible for furnishing enough top grade balls to complete the game without any unnecessary delay.

Sec. 6 Although suggested, it is not a requirement that all members of a team wear the same color and style of uniform. However, each team playing in ACME Baseball must wear a uniform of a type designed for baseball.

Sec. 7 All team members, managers, coaches and batboys or batgirls shall be in the uniform of the team while on the playing field. A scorekeeper may be in dress clothes but must remain in the dugout.

Sec. 8 The home team is responsible for securing umpires for regular season games. The home team will also be responsible for providing umpires prior to games with ACME Baseball general playing rules for those that may be unfamiliar with these. The plate umpire must be a registered OHSAA umpire. A non-registered umpire may work the bases. **Only in an emergency may non registered umpires be used to officiate regular season games.** This pertains to when there is no registered umpire available. Both managers must then sign the score-book prior to the game to validate such an agreement. Suggested pay per umpire per game is \$45.00.

Sec. 9 No more than 2 games shall be played by any one team in any one day for any ACME Baseball games. No Exceptions. Penalty subject to Commissioner ruling.

Sec.10 Any team not reporting within fifteen minutes after a regularly scheduled time for a game shall forfeit the game to the team that has its full lineup on the field and ready to play.

Sec.11 Regular season games which are postponed shall be rescheduled at the earliest possible date by the two managers involved.

Sec.12 ACME Baseball Congress, Inc., shall have no inning start after 12:00 AM in the time zone in which the game is being played.

Sec.13 Pitching rule: Same as used by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. No player may pitch in more than 10 innings in a three day period. This regulation is mandatory. The limit is on a player as a pitcher. If he can pitch with either arm he is limited as a pitcher, not ten innings per arm. A player pitching in an eleventh inning in a three day period is considered an ineligible player. Any part of an inning is considered an inning as per pitching rule.

Sec.14 The use of profanity and/or any type of tobacco or drinking alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited at any ACME Baseball Congress affiliated games. There shall be no toleration of these infractions.

Sec.15 Any fighting or striking of, or by, an official, player, manager or coach will be penalized by the District Commissioner. Any umpire responsible for such action will be reported to the Director of Umpires in a written report by the District Commissioner.

Sec.16 Loose equipment such as bats, gloves, etc., of the team at bat shall not be left on the playing field. All equipment must be inside the dugout when not in use.

Sec.17 No protests allowed.

Sec.18 Under no condition shall any team member leave their position to protest a call. Penalty is prompt ejection from the game.

Sec.19 Teams will confine themselves at all times to their respective team bench, or dugout, unless actually participating in the game or preparing to enter play or coaching. No one except players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, batboys or batgirls will occupy the bench, or dugout during a game.

Sec.20 All substitutions shall be made by the manager only to the plate umpire who will notify the official scorer of the game.

Sec.21 Rainouts & Darkness – Refer directly to OHSAA rulings

Sec.22 Any player or coach or team member that is ejected from any game, will be penalized per Ohio High School Athletic Association current year adoption for ejection of any coach, player, or team member. **Ejection shall be reported by team manager immediately to ACME Baseball Congress Director of Umpires.**

ARTICLE VIII Sectional & District Tournament Play Rules (ACME)

The Following Rules are in addition to General Playing Rules

Sec.1 Tournament games shall have preference to regular season games. Any regular season game must be postponed if either team is scheduled to play in an ACME sanctioned tournament.

Sec.2 District Commissioners are responsible for regulating a ACME Sectional tournament, and ACME District tournament within his District. (Per Article IV Sec. 4)

(a) ACME Sectional winners and runners-up will advance to the District tournament.

(b) ACME District winners will advance to the State tournament.

Sec. 3 ACME District tournaments must be concluded prior to the State tournament.

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- (a) District Commissioners must submit within one (1) day after District finals are completed, verified and signed roster to the respective State Tournament officials.

Sec. 4 All tournaments **MUST** be Double Elimination. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Sec. 5 All Sectional Final Tournament games must be played out complete unless weather permitting or approved by the ACME Board of Directors. If this rule is not followed, the team will go into the District with a forfeit.

Sec. 6 All Sectional and District tournament games will use the following time frame to conduct their Sectional & District games.

NO EXCEPTIONS! Disqualification will occur for teams playing outside these parameters.

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All Sectional Tournament games to be played June 29th - July 8th, 2009

All District Tournament games to be played July 9th - 15th, 2009

You may charge for admission to any and all Sectional and District games. The recommended charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youth.

Sec. 7 If any team forfeits a Sectional, District game, the team will be automatically in-eligible for tournament play the following year. This rule will be strongly enforced by the District Commissioner and Board of Directors. A team can appeal this rule by attending a Board of Directors meeting. No Exceptions!

Sec.8 Amount of time for infield practice for both teams shall be eight minutes. The home team shall be designated by the flip of a coin and take their infield first. Teams will leave the field at once when called to do so by the Tournament Manager.

Sec.9 Sectional/District tournament managers are responsible for assigning two OHSAA registered umpires for each game in the Sectional and District tournaments. Each participating team shall pay the fees of one umpire for each game at game time.

Sec.10 Any player or coach or team member that is ejected from any tournament game, will be penalized per Ohio High School Athletic Association current year adoption for ejection of any coach, player, or team member. **Ejection shall be reported by team manager immediately to ACME Baseball Congress Director of Umpires.**

ARTICLE IX District Tournament Play Rules (Jr. ACME)

The Following Rules are in addition to General Playing Rules

Sec.1 Tournament games shall have preference to regular season games. Any regular season game must be postponed if either team is scheduled to play in a Jr. ACME sanctioned tournament.

Sec.2 District Commissioners are responsible for regulating a Jr. ACME District tournament within his District. (Per Article IV Sec. 4)

- (a) Jr. ACME District winners will advance to the Regional North or South tournament.

Sec. 3 Jr. ACME District tournaments must be concluded prior to the Regional State tournaments.

- (b) District Commissioners must submit within one (1) day after District finals are completed, verified and signed roster to the respective State Tournament officials.

Sec. 4 All tournaments **MUST** be Double Elimination. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Sec. 5 All District tournament games will use the following time frame to conduct their District games. **NO EXCEPTIONS! Disqualification will occur for teams playing outside these parameters.**

Jr. ACME

All District Tournament games to be played June 27th - July 8th, 2009

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Sec. 6 If any team forfeits a District game, the team will be automatically in-eligible for tournament play the following year. This rule will be strongly enforced by the District Commissioner and Board of Directors. A team can appeal this rule by attending a Board of Directors meeting. No Exceptions!

Sec.7 Amount of time for infield practice for both teams shall be eight minutes. The home team shall be designated by the flip of a coin and take their infield first. Teams will leave the field at once when called to do so by the Tournament Manager.

Sec.8 District tournament managers are responsible for assigning two OHSAA registered umpires for each game in the Sectional and District tournaments. Each participating team shall pay the fees of one umpire for each game at game time.

Sec.9 Any player or coach or team member that is ejected from any tournament game, will be penalized as per Ohio High School Athletic Association current year adoption for ejection of any coach, player, or team member. **Ejection shall be reported by team manager immediately to ACME Baseball Congress Director of Umpires.**

ARTICLE X State Tournament Play Rules – Additional (ACME)

ACME State Tournament will begin on July 18th - July 25th, 2009

Sec. 1 If any team forfeits a State Tournament game, the team will be automatically in-eligible for tournament play the following year. This rule will be strongly enforced by the District Commissioner and Board of Directors. A team can appeal this rule by attending a Board of Directors meeting. No Exceptions!

Sec.2 Amount of time for infield practice for both teams shall be eight minutes. The home team shall be designated by the flip of a coin and take their infield first. Teams will leave the field at once when called to do so by the Tournament Manager.

Sec.3 Starting line-ups must be in the hands of the official scorekeeper twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of any State tournament games.

Sec.4 Once Starting Lineups are delivered to the home plate umpire at pre-game conference, players are considered starters.

Sec.5 Umpires are assigned for the ACME State tournament by the Director of Umpires. Their fees are paid from the tournament receipts. The Director of Umpires will contact and schedule all umpires. The Director of Umpires will notify the Tournament host site for ACME State Tournament with names, phone numbers and game assignments. The cost will be \$50.00 per umpire per game.

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Sec.6 Financial arrangements for State tournaments will be voted each year through the Commissioner and Board of Directors of ACME Baseball Congress Inc.

ARTICLE XI Regional & State Tournament Play Rules – Additional (Jr ACME)

Jr. ACME Regional Tournament will be July 10th - 12th, 2009

Jr. ACME State Tournament will be July 18th - July 19th, 2009

Sec. 1 If any team forfeits a Jr ACME Regional or State Tournament game, the team will be automatically ineligible for tournament play the following year. This rule will be strongly enforced by the District Commissioner and Board of Directors. A team can appeal this rule by attending a Board of Directors meeting. No Exceptions!

Sec.2 Amount of time for infield practice for both teams shall be eight minutes. The home team shall be designated by the flip of a coin and take their infield first. Teams will leave the field at once when called to do so by the Tournament Manager.

Sec.3 Starting line-ups must be in the hands of the official scorekeeper twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of any State tournament games.

Sec.4 Once Starting Lineups are delivered to the home plate umpire at pre-game conference, players are considered starters.

Sec.5 Umpires are assigned for the Jr ACME Regional & State tournament by the Director of Umpires. Their fees are paid from the tournament receipts. The Director of Umpires will contact and schedule all umpires. The Director of Umpires will notify the Tournament host site for Jr ACME State Tournament with names, phone numbers and game assignments. The cost will be \$50.00 per umpire per game.

Sec.6 Financial arrangements for Regional & State tournaments will be voted each year through the Commissioner and Board of Directors of ACME Baseball Congress Inc.

Article XII Regional and State Tournament Guidelines

Sec. 1 Any baseball organization may apply in writing to the Commissioner of ACME Baseball their bid to host a ACME State or Jr ACME Regional and/or State Tournament by a February 1st deadline of each year. Tournament bids will be reviewed and voted upon by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Host sites will be notified by the Commissioner of the decision by February 28th of each given year.

Sec. 2 ACME Board of Directors will determine the brackets and District pairings to be used for all Regional or State tournament play. Dates will be voted upon by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis. A copy of the tournament brackets for both ACME and Jr. ACME will be placed in the handbook yearly. Any changes that a host site makes to the times and dates, must notify the Commissioner, Secretary and Director of Umpires immediately.

Sec. 3 All tournament officials of the current year host site, may be invited to a meeting of the Board of Directors to review and discuss all tournament information relevant to that host site.

Sec. 4 The following financial rules are to be followed by each host site for the 2009 ACME State and Jr. ACME Regional & State tournament.

- (a) Daily Gate receipts will be kept for each day of the tournament.
- (b) Gate prices are: Adults \$4.00
 Youth \$2.00
- (c) The Financial responsibility of host site will be as follows:

ACME State

- 1a) **ACME** receives **50%** of total gate receipts **minus 50%** of umpire fees.
- 1b) **Host Site** receives **50%** of total gate receipts **minus 50%** of umpire fees.

Jr. ACME Regional

- 2a) **ACME** receives **0%** of total gate receipts **minus 100%** of umpire fees.
- 2b) **Host Site** receives **100%** of total gate receipts.
- 2c) **ACME** to receive **\$250.00** from **Host Site prior to tournament.**

Jr. ACME State

- 3a) **ACME** receives **0%** of total gate receipts.
- 3b) **Host Site** receives **100%** of total gate receipts plus 100% of umpire fees.
- 3c) **ACME** to receive **\$250.00** from **Host Site prior to tournament.**

(d) Any other monies generated from the tournament will remain with the Host site.

Sec. 5 Within one week of the conclusion of tournament, the host sites will provide a complete and accurate financial report to be accompanied by a check for the financial portion to ACME Baseball Congress Inc.

Sec. 6 Responsibilities of Host Site:

- (a) Host site is responsible for supervising the playing field and keeping it in good playing Condition and must provide lighted regulation baseball field.
- (b) Host site is responsible for the policing and welfare of the park. Host site is strongly Encouraged to provide security for the duration of the tournament.
- (c) In case of inclement weather host site shall notify the Commissioner, Director of Umpires, Managers of participating teams, local newspapers and radio station when games shall be cancelled.
- (d) Host Site must be able to facilitate gate admission entrances.

Sec. 7 ACME Baseball Congress will provide all baseballs, trophies, awards, and tournament form packet for Regional & State tournaments.

Sec. 8 Regional & State Tournament Director will bring together both head coaches prior to game for the official coin toss to determine home or visiting team, home team will occupy 3rd base dugout.

Sec. 9 All players listed on Jr. ACME Roster will be eligible for Varsity State ACME tournament play only, so long as player is eligible under Article VI Sec. 1.

Article XIII Trophies, Awards, Baseballs

Sec. 1 Trophies will be awarded to the winners in the District tournaments.

- Sec. 2 Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in the Regional tournaments.
- Sec. 3 Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in the State tournaments.
- Sec. 4 Trophies will be awarded to State Tournament All Tournament Team Players.
- Sec. 5 Participation Awards will be given to each team member at Regional & State Tournament.
- Sec. 6 ACME Baseball Congress will provide baseballs for the following tournaments.
All ACME and Jr. ACME District Tournament Games.
All ACME and Jr. ACME Regional and State Tournaments.

Article XIV ACME Baseball Congress Scholarship

- Sec.1 ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. will provide scholarships to past players of the organization on a yearly basis. The ACME Board of Directors will decide the amount and number of scholarships on a yearly basis.
- Sec.2 Scholarships are given based upon recommendations from the District Commissioners and Coaches of the organization. District Commissioners will present recommendations to the Board of Directors. Various criteria will be considered for these scholarships. The ACME Board of Directors will make all final decisions.
- Sec. 3 Scholarships are given to those players that have played at least one year of ACME baseball on a varsity level.
- Sec.4 The recipient will be awarded and recognized for their scholarship the evening of the ACME Baseball Congress Hall of Fame Banquet. This banquet will be held in the Fall of each year.

Article XV ACME Baseball Congress Hall of Fame

- Sec.1 ACME Baseball Congress, Inc. will accept nominations each year for individuals to be considered for acceptance into the ACME Baseball Congress Hall of Fame. Nomination forms will be available on the ACME Baseball Congress Website or any ACME Baseball Congress Officer or Board of Director. Forms must be received by February 1st of each given year and mailed to the ACME Baseball Commissioner.
- Sec.2 Individuals considered for the Hall of Fame will be former players, coaches, managers, or individuals that may have shown extraordinary service to ACME Baseball. Individuals must have been inactive in the past 10 years.
- Sec.3 The ACME Baseball Commissioner will present all nomination forms to the ACME Board of Directors and officers at a regular scheduled meeting. Nominations will be decided by vote.
- Sec.4 The recipient will be inducted and recognized into the ACME Baseball Hall of Fame on the evening of the ACME Baseball Congress Hall of Fame Banquet. This banquet will be held in the Fall of each year.

**PAST CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP
ACME STATE TOURNAMENTS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>RUNNER - UP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>RUNNER - UP</u>
1961	Coldwater	Bettsville	1985	Coldwater	Lima Bath
1962	Lincolnview	Coldwater	1986	National Trail	Bryan
1963	Ohio City	Coldwater	1987	Defiance	Coldwater
1964	New Bremen	Coldwater	1988	Celina	Piqua
1965	Lima Central Catholic	St. Mary's	1989	Defiance	Coldwater
1966	Lima Bath	Celina	1990	Coldwater	Kenton Ridge
1967	Lima Bath	Van Wert Bills	1991	Coldwater	Piqua
1968	Van Wert Bills	Wapakoneta	1992	Defiance	Elida
1969	Findlay	Kenton	1993	Wauseon	Defiance
1970	Findlay	Van Wert Panthers	1994	Coldwater	Maumee
1971	Elida	Anna	1995	Kenton Ridge	Fairview
1972	Shawnee	Elida	1996	Bryan	Toledo Whitmer
1973	Elida	Paulding	1997	Defiance	Toledo Whitmer
1974	Findlay	Benjamin Logan	1998	Perrysburg	Toledo St. Francis
1975	Paulding	Coldwater	1999	Toledo Start	Vandalia Butler
1976	Coldwater	Bryan	2001	Toledo Start	Defiance
1977	Greenville	Coldwater	2000	Toledo Start	Defiance
1978	Archbold	Greenville	2002	Bellefontaine	Fairview
1979	Greenville	Urbana	2003	Lima Bath	Defiance
1980	Urbana	Ottawa-Glandorf	2004	Bellefontaine	Patrick Henry
1981	Urbana	Elida	2005	Bellefontaine	Coldwater
1982	Coldwater	Urbana	2006	Defiance	Coldwater
1983	Coldwater	Urbana	2007	Defiance	Lima Shawnee
1984	Celina	Lima Senior	2008	Northmont	Coldwater

**PAST CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP
JR. ACME STATE TOURNAMENTS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>RUNNER - UP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>RUNNER - UP</u>
1997	Bryan	Vandalia	2003	Patrick Henry	Northmont
1998	Toledo Start	Bowling Green	2004	Toledo St. John	Defiance
1999	Coldwater	Defiance	2005	Anthony Wayne	Patrick Henry
2000	Middletown	Toledo St. Francis	2006	Miamisburg	Kenton Ridge
2001	Lebanon	Whitmer	2007	Bryan	Eastwood
2002	Patrick Henry	Lebanon	2008	Vandalia Butler	Perrysburg

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR BASEBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES

If benefits are to be derived from the ACME Baseball Congress summer baseball program, the Highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship must be at all times maintained. The ethics and sportsmanship of the players, coaches, officials and others associated with the game must be exemplary and beyond reproach. Everyone participating must conduct himself so that he is a credit to his sport and community.

The following Code of Ethics for Baseball has been adopted by the ACME Baseball Congress from the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, which prescribes the duties and basic responsibilities of those playing and administering the game.

- ◆ Coaches and players should comply with the meaning and the spirit of the playing rules. Purposely ignoring or willfully violating rules is intolerable. Those who break the rules degrade not only themselves but the game, the team, and community.**
- ◆ Coaches and players should show respect for the decisions of umpires and the efforts of their opponents and they must conduct themselves so as to dignify the game.**
- ◆ Coaches should motivate players so they will control themselves at all times, thereby preventing any unsportsmanship act to opponents, officials or spectators.**
- ◆ Coaches should refrain from heckling game officials and from challenging judgment decisions of the umpires. Discussing an occasional rule interpretation is permissible if it is done with dignity and sincerity.**
- ◆ Coaches with an ethical approach will not tolerate actions by players which are physically dangerous to opponents, such as a pitcher purposely throwing at a batter or a base runner deliberately trying to injure an opponent during a double play.**
- ◆ Coaches, players, and umpires should cooperate in eliminating game delays and stalling tactics.**
- ◆ Coaches in coaches boxes are expected to direct their remarks to their teammates and not use their position in attempting to upset the opposing pitcher.**
- ◆ A dedicated coach will instill in his players the habit of properly respecting opponents and game officials. Players must not direct unbecoming language or personal remarks to opponents.**

**Board of Directors
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