

## UPDATED BASEBALL RULES FOR 2010

**Regulation VI – PITCHERS in the Baseball Rule Book** has been amended to read, in part:

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. *Exception: Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.*

**Summary and Implementation:** Beginning immediately, this prohibits a player – who has played the position of catcher in any part of four innings in a game – from being used as a pitcher at any time on that calendar day. This applies to all baseball divisions, and will apply to the International Tournament as well.

**Regulation IX – SPECIAL GAMES in the Baseball and Softball Rule Books** has been amended to read, in part:

(f) Tournament teams may participate in Special Games only *after June 15th.*

**Summary and Implementation:** Beginning this season, this allows Tournament teams to participate in Special Games after June 15. It is important to note that any Special Games must first be approved in writing by the District Administrator and Regional Director before they are played. The date of announcement of tryouts and practices remains June 15. (Exception for 9-10 and 10-11 Tournament teams – The tryout/practice date is June 15 or two weeks before the first game, whichever is earlier.)

**Regulation VI (k) in the Baseball Rule Book** has been amended to read:

(k) Pitching in more than one game in a day:

Minor League and Little League – A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day;

Junior League and Senior League – *A player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.*

*(Exception: If the player pitched 31 or more pitches in the first game, that player may not pitch in the second game on that day);*

Big League - A player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.

**Summary and Implementation:** Beginning immediately, this permits a player on a Junior League Baseball or Senior League Baseball team to pitch in two games in one day, provided the player does not deliver 31 or more pitches in the first game. The Big League regulation remains unchanged. This also will apply during the International Tournament in the Junior League Baseball and Senior League Baseball divisions.