



# Rule Changes Effective with the 2013 Season

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The International Board of Directors has approved the following rule changes beginning with the 2013 season. These changes are reflected in the 2013 Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations.

- **All Divisions (Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball)** -All umpires that work Babe Ruth League Tournament games (District, State, Regional and World Series) must be members, in good standing, of the Babe Ruth League National Umpires Association.
- **Cal Ripken Baseball Division (Only)** -An Extra Hitter "EH" has been approved for Cal Ripken Baseball tournament competition, which includes Cal Ripken Baseball District, State, and Regional competition, as well as the Cal Ripken 10-Year-Old World Series, Cal Ripken Major/60 World Series, and Cal Ripken Major/70 World Series. Prior to the beginning of each tournament game, the manager may elect to add a tenth hitter to the batting order. The player will be indicated in the line-up as the "EH." The "EH" **cannot** be added to the line-up once the game begins. The "EH" will be treated as any other starter, and cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. If a team starts with 10 players, the team must finish with 10 players. Penalty shall be a forfeit.

We value the opinion of our membership and base our future actions and any rule/policy changes on a group consensus.

Over the past few years, members of the National Umpires Association (NUA) have expressed concern that NUA members were not being used to work tournaments in their area. *You spoke and we listened.* For 2013 and beyond, any umpire that works a Babe Ruth League tournament game must be a member of the NUA.

The National Umpires Association is your association. We value your opinion and always welcome any suggestions you have to improve the quality of umpiring for all Babe Ruth League games.

