



JBO 2012 RULE PROPOSALS

Final Results

PROPOSAL "A" **FAILED**

Number of Teams	A	B
1		1
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	2	2
5	2	3
6	2	4
7	2	5
8	3	5
9	3	6
10	4	6

"A" is competitive division

"B" is recreational

PROPOSAL "B" **PASSED**

3. Senior Division

- A. Bases are to be eighty (80) feet apart for National and **ninety (90) feet apart for American and Federal skill levels.**
- B. Pitching distance is fifty-five (55) feet for National and **sixty (60) feet six (6) inches for American skill and Federal skill levels.**

PROPOSAL "C" PASSED

- A. Minimum number of players on each team roster must be twelve (12). In addition, teams entering JBO Tournament play must bring a roster with 12 eligible players **that have played 50% of the league games** or provide the appropriate "Player/Team Waiver Form" (see Section I and V for additional information). All Federal teams will have a legal 12-player roster. There will be no waivers for less than a 12-player roster given at the Federal level of play.

PROPOSAL "D" PASSED

VII Game Playing Regulations

- G. If a **Defensive** player is injured, is removed from the game and misses a turn at bat, she/he cannot return to the lineup in that game. The injured player's name will be removed from the batting order and the field. All other players continue to bat in the same order.
- I. If a player is injured while running the bases, she/he must be replaced by the player furthest from batting that is not on base. This substitute runner returns to their place in the batting order ceasing the pinch running duties. The injured **players name is immediately removed from the batting order and the field.**

PROPOSAL "E" PASSED

(NOTE, THESE ARE NEW RULES)

X. Post Season Play

6. JBO Tournament Locations, Brackets & Pre-JBO Playoff games

- D. **Alternate Team Designated for Tournament Bracket – If a District fails to produce a qualified/eligible team to the Championship Bracket, the JBO, Inc. Board will invite the next qualified team from the District with the largest number of teams at that Age/Skill Level. The District must inform the JBO Board of their failure to produce a team by no later than the Sunday prior to the start of the Championship Tournament Play-in game(s).**
- E. **The Higher Seeded Team shall be the Home Team for their first game of the Championship Bracket. The team in the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout unless the opposing team is already in that space as a result of the tournament bracket/field schedule.**

PROPOSAL "F" PASSED

Current Rule:

- m. For the National skill level, a runner may not steal home and may only advance as a result of a hit ball, walk, pickoff attempt, rundown, or penalty. A base runner will be called out if he reaches home plate except as specified above. Examples are as follows:

Proposed Rule, ADD Example:

- f) **Play 6: If an attempt is made on other runners (a) either attempting to advance or in a (b) pick-off of runners on other bases. Ruling: (a) & (b) A runner at 3rd may advance at their own risk. If ball goes out of play, the ball is dead and the runner(s) advance according to the standard penalty.**

PROPOSAL "G" PASSED

II. Player Eligibility

- G. A player's Association of residence is determined by his/her **legal** home street address.

PROPOSAL "H" PASSED

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. **Association(s)** - Are local areas having an administrative body and whose boundaries have been defined and approved at the **JBO, Inc.** level. Association boundaries/definition will be filed with **their approved Application to Participate. Any request from new organizations and/or Boundary changes from existing Associations, the recognition shall be made by the JBO, Inc. board of directors. JBO, Inc. board of directors has sole authority to place requesting (new) Associations in the District as determined by the JBO, Inc.**

PROPOSAL "I" PASSED

VII. Game Playing Regulations

- M. The High School rule requiring an 18 inch circle on the bat is waived.
- N. Any High School restriction on weight-to-length-of-bat and maximum bat diameter will be disregarded.

Proposed Rule:

N. Beginning January 1, 2012, all baseball bats for JBO which are -3 (weight to length differential) will meet the BBCOR certification. The National Federation of State High School Associations rules for baseball bats will apply. Umpires are required to perform a pre-game inspection of all equipment, especially bats, to ensure proper certification.

Beginning January 1, 2013, all baseball bats in JBO, Inc. will be BPF 1.15 certified. Umpires are required to perform a pre-game inspection of all equipment, especially bats, to ensure proper certification.

Use of an illegal/altered bat shall be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and the player and Head Coach shall be ejected from the game. Both the ejected player & coach may be subject to further disciplinary action by the District and JBO, Inc. Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL “J” FAILED

“Open Teams / Premier Division”

This proposal was voted down by the JBO board via an email vote, 12/12/2011

PROPOSAL K PASSED

X. Post Season Play

If a district chooses to hold post season District Tournaments to determine selection of teams to the JBO tournament, they will be in accordance with JBO Tournaments rules. **The exception to this rule will be that each District can establish their own rules to determine home team.** The District Commissioner or designee, prior to the start of the team’s first game in the tournament must approve all team rosters.