

Connie Mack Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT RULES

PLAYING RULE

RULE 201

- (a) The Official Rules of Baseball (“**Major League Rules**”) shall be in force unless an exception is noted in this Handbook.
- (b) Trips to the mound will follow the Major League Rules except that if a pitcher is removed as a pitcher, he may play another position. He may return as a pitcher if he was not removed because of trips to the mound.
- (c) The pitcher must be on the pitching rubber when he takes the signal from the catcher.
- (d) Players and coaches (first and third) must be in uniform. Shorts may be worn by coaches if they are similar to the team uniform and approved by the tournament director.
- (e) The home team will be determined by flip of a coin prior to the game, unless determined at a previously announced time.
- (f) Pregame warm-up rules will vary by tournament. Please consult your designated tournament director or the tournament committee for applicable pregame warm-up rules.
- (g) Dates, times, and sites of tournament games are subject to change at the discretion of the designated tournament director and/or tournament committee.
- (h) Three (3) outs shall constitute an inning; two (2) out, two thirds (2/3) inning; one (1) out, one third (1/3) inning. (However, when a pitcher throws one (1) pitch to a batter

SLIDING

RULE 218

Any runner is out when the runner does not slide legally or attempt to avoid a fielder who has possession of the ball and waiting to make a tag or is in the process of fielding the ball. The ball is dead and NO runners shall advance. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the game.

MERCY RULE

RULE 203

In AABC Tournament competition for the Stan Musial, Connie Mack, Don Mattingly, Mickey Mantle, Ken Griffey Jr., Sandy Koufax, Sandy Koufax 13s, Pee Wee Reese, and Gil Hodges Divisions, shall be legally completed after five (5) innings if the visiting team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs and after four and one-half (4½) innings if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs. In the Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, and Roberto Clemente Divisions, shall be legally completed after four (4) innings if the visiting team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs and after three and one-half (3½) innings if the home team is ahead by at least eight (8) runs.

DESIGNATED HITTER RULE

RULE 803

The designated hitter rule of the American League of Professional Baseball is permitted in Connie Mack.

- (b) The Designated Hitter Rule provides as follows:
- (1) A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the pitcher(s) in the game. A Designated Hitter for the pitcher, if any, must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup cards presented to the Umpire-in-Chief. If a manager lists 10 players in his team's lineup card, but fails to indicate one as the Designated Hitter, and an umpire or either manager (or designee of either manager who presents his team's lineup card) notices the error before the umpire-in-chief calls "Play" to start the game, the umpire-in-chief shall direct the manager who had made the omission to designate which of the nine players, other than the pitcher, will be the Designated Hitter.

Rule 6.10(b)(1) Comment: A correction of a failure to indicate a Designated Hitter when 10 players are listed in a batting order is an “obvious” error that may be corrected before a game starts. See Rule 4.01 Comment.

- (2) The Designated Hitter named in the starting lineup must come to bat at least one time, unless the opposing club changes pitchers.
- (3) It is not mandatory that a club designate a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a Designated Hitter for that club for that game.
- (4) Pinch-hitters for a Designated Hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for a Designated Hitter becomes the Designated Hitter. A replaced Designated Hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.
- (5) The Designated Hitter may be used on defense, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and the manager then must designate their spots in the batting order.
- (6) A runner may be substituted for the Designated Hitter and the runner assumes the role of Designated Hitter. A Designated Hitter may not pinch-run.
- (7) A Designated Hitter is “locked” into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the Designated Hitter.
- (8) Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to a position on defense, such move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for that club for the remainder of the game.
- (9) Once a pinch-hitter bats for any player in the batting order and then enters the game to pitch, such move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for that club for the remainder of the game.

- (10) Once the game pitcher bats for the Designated Hitter, such move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for that club for the remainder of the game. The game pitcher may pinch-hit only for the Designated Hitter.
- (11) If a manager lists 10 players in his team's lineup card, but fails to indicate one as the Designated Hitter, and the opposing manager brings the failure to list a Designated Hitter to the attention of the umpire-in-chief after the game starts, then
 - (i) the pitcher will be required to bat in the batting order in the place of the listed player who has not assumed a position on defense, if the team has taken the field on defense, or
 - (ii) if the team has not yet taken the field on defense, the pitcher will be placed in the batting order in place of any player, as chosen by the manager of that team.

In either case, the player whom the pitcher replaces in the batting order shall be considered to have been substituted for and is removed from the game and the Designated Hitter role for that club shall be terminated for the remainder of the game. Any play that occurred before the violation is brought to the attention of the umpire-in-chief shall count, subject to Rule 6.07 (Batting Out of Turn).

- (12) Once a Designated Hitter assumes a position on defense, such move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for that club for the remainder of the game.
- (13) A substitute for the Designated Hitter need not be announced until it is the Designated Hitter's turn to bat.
- (14) If a player on defense goes to the mound (i.e., replaces the pitcher), this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter's role for that club for the remainder of the game.
- (15) The Designated Hitter may not sit in the bullpen unless serving as a catcher in the bullpen.