

DISTRICT #4'S "RUHLE OF THE WEEK"

This week's question:

I was told we can not have an "on deck batter." Why?

Answer:

Rule Book Safety Code #23

Little League banned the position of "on deck" 5 years ago for Division ages 12 and under. This means no player should handle a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time AT bat.

Do not allow any of your players to assume the position of "on deck."

This rule does not apply to Junior (13-14) and Senior(15-16yrs) Divisions.

"Ruhle of the Week" is named after District #4 Umpire-in-Chief Rob Ruhle. It is designed to increase overall knowledge for Players, Coaches and Parents alike. If you would like to see your question posted here please contact Rob at 608-243-1154.

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