Adopted Rule Defining Permitted and Prohibited Duties of a Baseball Bat Girl or Bat Boy.

- (a) Authority. Section 434 of title 21 allows children under the age of 16 to be employed to perform sports-attending services at professional baseball games. The statute directed the commissioner to establish, by rule, permissible duties of a baseball bat girl or bat boy.
- (b) **Permissible Duties**. A baseball bat girl or bat boy may:
- (1) perform pre- and post-game or practice setup of balls, items and equipment;
- (2) supply and retrieve balls, items and equipment during baseball games or practice;
 - (3) clear the field of debris, moisture, etc. during play;
 - (4) provide ice, drinks, towels, etc., to players during play;
- (5) run errands for trainers, managers, coaches, and players before, during, and after the baseball game;
- (6) return and/or store balls, items and equipment in club house or locker room after the game.
- (c) **Prohibited Duties**. Duties shall not include:
- (1) grounds or field maintenance such as grass mowing, spreading or rolling tarpaulins used to cover playing areas, etc.;
 - (2) cleaning and repairing equipment;
- (3) cleaning locker rooms, showers, lavatories, rest rooms, team vehicles, club houses, dugouts or similar facilities;
- (4) loading and unloading balls, items, and equipment from team vehicles before and after a game;
 - (5) doing laundry;
- (6) working in concession stands or other selling and promotional activities.
- (d) Interpretation. This rule shall be interpreted to be consistent with federal child labor laws relating to duties of sports attendants. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 570.35. [32 FR 15478, Nov. 8, 1967. Redesignated and amended at 36 FR 25156, Dec. 29, 1971; 37 FR 5246, Mar. 11, 1972; 60 FR 19339, Apr. 17, 1995]