

**2018 Fall District III Rules - Babe Ruth 14 Division**

**The Babe Ruth 14 Division will utilize the 2018 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules (Babe Ruth Rule Book) for the regular season. The following rules will supersede the Babe Ruth Rule Book.**

1. The following Local League Options from the Babe Ruth Rule Book are adopted:
  - a. 10 Run Rule
  - b. Re-Entry of Used Players
  - c. 2 hour time limit will apply to ALL Saturday and Sunday games in Milford & Hamden
  - d. Extra Player
  - e. Continuous Batting Order is Optional for each team. If used and a player is ejected, an out shall be recorded each time the ejected players at bat comes up.
2. Speed up rule with 2 outs for the catcher only is optional for each team and must be determined prior to the start of the game and used throughout. Last batted out shall be used as the runner for the catcher.
3. Pitching - There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a game subject to the following pitch count limitations.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	MAXIMUM PITCHES IN A DAY	REST PERIOD		
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+

If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

- a) **Intentional Walk Rule** – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award.
4. There will be one balk warning per pitcher. All other pitching rules are per the regular season section in the Babe Ruth Rule Book
5. All games can be started with 8 players. There is NO automatic out when the 9th slot comes up to bat. If a team is short players they can borrow players from another to team to get the game in. Please check with the manager of the team you are borrowing players from to see the availability of those players especially for pitching. The intent of the rule is NOT to pull the best players but to get enough (10 max) to field a team and play the game.
6. We are playing slide or avoid for all games.
7. NO jewelry is allowed.
8. Bats will conform to MLB Rule 1.10 as modified by Babe Ruth Baseball (reference rule 1.10 in the Babe Ruth Rule Book on page 36). All markings on the bat must be legible. FYI – Bamboo bats are illegal.

9. Home team is responsible for scheduling umpires and calling games due to weather. Please inform the opposing coach at least 2 hours before the start of the game.
10. For NON-weather related cancellations, the opposing team must be notified a minimum of 24 hours before the games scheduled start time, otherwise the game will be forfeited. Managers are encouraged to confirm game dates, times and locations with each other at least 2 days prior to each game.
11. Each team is responsible for paying one umpire and providing two baseballs before the start of the game. Home team supplies baseballs for the remainder of the game. Should only one umpire be provided, the home team is responsible for full payment of one umpire and the visiting team will be responsible for a half fee payment to the same umpire.
12. All game results are to be e-mailed by both teams to Bob Wheway at [rwheway@optonline.net](mailto:rwheway@optonline.net)
13. Standings will be based upon a point system with 3 points for each win, 2 points for each tie, 1 point for each loss, and 0 points for a forfeit. For the purpose of the point system, any game which is started and does not reach regulation length **OR** a game in which the visiting team has tied or taken the lead in their top half of an inning after reaching regulation length and the home team has not completed their half of the inning, **OR** a game that is tie when called after reaching regulation length, shall be considered a tie. Games which have not reached regulation length for any reason will not be made up.

All coaches' information and the entire schedule will be available on the web site at <http://jml.org/InfoBabeRuthDistrict3/Default.aspx>