

2023 Fall District II Rules - Babe Ruth 13 & 15 Divisions

All Babe Ruth Division will utilize the 2023 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*
- d. Continuous Batting Order or Extra Player (both optional)

If a team chooses to use a continuous batting order, then the Extra Player provision cannot be used. If used and a player is ejected, an out shall be recorded each time the ejected players at bat comes up.

If a team chooses not to use a continuous batting order, then the Extra Player provision may be used.

- * For games where there is no game immediately following, managers may agree at ground rules to play the full game. Both managers must be in agreement otherwise the time limit will remain in effect.

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 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.

- a. If 9 players are used to start a game and then drop down to 8 players, an out shall be recorded each time the vacated spot comes to bat.
 - b. If the "Extra Player" is used to start the game and then drops down to 9 or 8 players, an out shall be recorded each vacated spot when it comes to bat.
 - c. Should a game not be started due a lack of players, it shall be considered a forfeit with the forfeiting team being responsible for paying the full umpire fee(s). If this cannot be provided at the field, the opposing team shall e-mail Jeff Van Scoy jvanscoy@sbcglobal.net for follow-up.
6. We are playing slide or avoid for all games.
7. 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 38). All markings on the bat must be legible. FYI – Bamboo bats are illegal.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Each team is responsible for paying one-half of the umpire fee and providing two baseballs before the start of the game. The home team is responsible for supplying any additional baseballs that may be required. 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.
11. All game results are to be e-mailed by both teams to Bob Wheway at bob.brbbaseball@gmail.com
12. 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.
 - a. A game which is called because of a time limit will be considered a regulation game regardless of the number of innings played.

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