

## NE Regional 8 Year Old Tournament Rules

**Revised and effective 6-15-17**

**Minimum Roster Size of 12 Players, Maximum of 15 Players**

**Age Determination:** All players must be age level 8 year old according to 2017 Birth Chart on page 8 of the 2017 Babe Ruth Leagues Rule Book and be a rostered player on a local league team.

### Pitching:

- Kid Pitch
- Pitching distance 46 feet
- Pitchers may not pitch more than two innings in any one game AND a maximum of 50 pitches can be thrown per day. One pitch equals an inning – no thirds of an inning.
- **NOTE:** The Babe Ruth Leagues Pitch Count Rules for the required rest for pitchers is:

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
	DAILY MAX	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 day	2 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+

- 9 man defensive line up
- Walks will be called but will be capped at a maximum of 4 per inning, per pitcher. If a pitcher walks four batters in the same inning he must be removed as a pitcher for the remainder of that inning but he can re-enter as a pitcher in later innings if he has not been removed by rule (2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in same inning or has reached his maximum pitches per day).
- No intentional walks
- Continuous Batting Order
- Time Limit – No new inning starting after two hours from the time of first pitch of the game.
- 6 Innings with 10 Run Rule in effect
- Maximum of 5 Runs per inning for innings 1 through 5. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning is an all you can get inning.
- No Infield Fly Rule
- Bunting allowed but No Slash Bunting.
- Stealing is allowed but is limited to one base per play, no early leaves – see Rule Book! If runners are on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> base they are allowed to steal one base – if an attempt is made by the catcher to throw a runner out either at 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> runners are not allowed to advance further on an overthrow to either base. If there are runners on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, only 1<sup>st</sup> base runner can attempt to steal and the runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> remains locked down on an attempted throw down to 2<sup>nd</sup> by catcher.

- On catcher throwback to pitcher, with men on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> and no one on 3<sup>rd</sup>, the ball is live and runners may advance at their own risk. If there is a runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> he is still locked down on an overthrow to pitcher from catcher so a runner from 2<sup>nd</sup> cannot advance.
- No stealing home on passed ball. (Locked down)
- Free Substitutions
- When a ball hit to the outfield is returned to the infield, and infielder has possession, runners can no longer advance without peril. If in the umpire's judgement a runner is more than halfway to the next base that runner can continue to the next base at his/her own peril but if in the umpires judgement the runner is less than halfway the runner must go back to nearest base.
- Coaches will be in full uniforms including team affiliation and unique identifying numbers and have the Cal Ripken Division shoulder patch or uniform cap with the Cal Ripken Division emblem affixed to it.
- Four adult Coaches will be allowed on each team.
- Two Umpires per game
- Each team supplies two (2) baseballs per game and one (1) umpire fee (fee to be determined prior to tournament).
- Awards will be given to the Champion and Runner Up teams.