

2017 District 3 Babe Ruth Tournament Rules and Regulations

All tournaments will be played according to the official Baseball rules and Babe Ruth baseball rules and regulations. Failure to adhere to these rules may render your team ineligible to further participate in any Tournament game. The following is provided as a quick reminder to avoid any problems.

1. Host Site. The host site is responsible for providing an official score keeper and an official score pitch count statistician. Managers are encouraged to verify pitch counts at the end of each half inning.

The host site is also responsible for the scheduling of umpires and game cancellations due to weather. The host team will notify teams at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game.

Umpires must be Babe Ruth Certified

2. Protest Committee. A protest committee must be selected prior to the start of each game. The committee will be comprised of a person from each team and the Tournament Director. All protests will be settled on the field before play resumes. The decision of the protest committee is FINAL.
3. Documents. Tournament Books for each team must be submitted at the team's first scheduled game. All items required in the "State of Connecticut Babe Ruth Leagues Official Tournament Document Checklist" with the exception of the team photo must be included.
4. Team Photos. Team photo with names and uniform numbers will need to be included in the Tournament Book for the team that advances to the State Tournament.
5. Babe Ruth Patches. Patches are not required at the District level. They are required for States and above and will be provided by the District to each winner.
6. Managers/Coaches. Managers and coaches do not need to be in uniform during District play. They must dress appropriately. They should wear polo shirts with khaki pants or dress shorts. No jeans, cut off shorts or tank tops etc.
7. Home Team / Dugouts / Warmups. The team listed at the top of each bracket will be the home team and occupy the 1st base dugout. The visiting team will have use of the entire field for practice, for 10 minutes starting 30 minutes before the games scheduled start time. The home team will have use of the entire field for practice, for 10 minutes starting 20 minutes before the games scheduled start time.
8. Allowed in the Dugout. Only the players, manager and coaches listed on your tournament roster are allowed in the dugout. The only exception will be the team scorekeeper.
9. Scheduled Start Time. If a team does not have 9 players to start the game a 15 grace period will be given. If a team still cannot field a full team after the grace period has ended the game will be declared a forfeit. If both teams have 9 players present at game time the game must start on time.
10. Umpires. Each team is responsible for paying one umpire.
11. Baseballs. Baseballs will be provided to the host team by the District.

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12. Contact Rule. We are playing no malicious contact at all bases. This is an umpire's judgment call. If a player is called for malicious contact the player will be called out and ejected from the game.
13. Bats. All bats must conform to MLB rule 1.10 as modified by Babe Ruth baseball in the rule book. All marking on the bat MUST BE LEGIBLE. Any bat that cannot be identified as legal will be deemed illegal and removed from the game. See Bat regulations provided.
14. Balks. All balks per the Babe Ruth Rule Book.
15. Mercy Rule. If a team is winning by 10 or more runs at the completion of 5 innings 4 1/2 if the home team is winning the game will be determined official and ended.
16. Pitching Rules. There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch count limitations.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	MAXIMUM PITCHES IN A 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.
- B. All pitchers must adhere to the pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game.
- C. All players have full pitching eligibility beginning at each level of tournament competition. (District, State, Area, Regional, and World Series)
- D. If a game is forfeited before it becomes a regulation game, include no records. Report only the fact of the forfeit. This means the pitching eligibility in the Cal Ripken, 13-15 and 16-18 Baseball Divisions would be the same as it was prior to the forfeited game. The pitching eligibility for the next game would be the same as it was prior to the forfeited game.
- E. In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted, may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.
17. Extra Player. A team may choose to use the extra player in their line-up. The extra player is considered one of the starters and falls under all re-entry rules. If a team starts with 10 players in their line-up they must finish with 10 players or it will result in a forfeit.
18. Re-Entry. The re-entry of any of your starting players is allowed. See rule 11.05(9) on page 27 of rule book.

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19. Electronics. All electronic devices must be turned off in the dugout, with the exception of a tablet for score keeping purposes only. NO EXCEPTIONS.
20. Jewelry. No jewelry is allowed. Medical alert and religious bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. If worn they must be taped to the players body.
21. Tobacco. Babe Ruth League, Inc. prohibits the use of all tobacco products including smokeless tobacco for all players, coaches, manager or umpire during their participation in a game.
22. Line-ups. A line-up card must be given to the tournament director at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
23. All other rules will be covered under the 2017 Babe Ruth League Official Playing Rules.