

JUNIOR DEPUTY BABE RUTH BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

BABE RUTH LEAGUE RULES

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I. TEAM COMPOSITION

A. ROSTER RULES

1. THE Babe Ruth League will consist of two divisions (major and minor) and will be composed of six organizations. Each organization will have a major and minor division. Each organization will have a General Manager who is responsible for all operations. All players must be registered, approved, with all fees paid or waived BEFORE the first game of the season or the player will not be allowed to play baseball. The Operations Board may impose other deadlines for the payments of fees for returning players.
2. The major team must have a minimum of 9 players and the minor team must have a minimum of 11 players (still need 21 on the roster). Teams must draft until either (1) they have a 21 person roster, or (2) all people who tried out are drafted (with the exception that if all Babe Ruth organizations agree that a person is "non-draft able, then that person does not have to be drafted.) If an organization does not begin the season with at least this minimum number of players on its rosters, all games will be played as scheduled, but all Major games will be recorded as a loss for the offending organization. In the event that there are not enough players trying out to fill the rosters to 21 players, it will be the discretion of the Babe Ruth commissioner to set the limit of players for each teams rosters, number of minimum players on the major and minor teas roster.
3. Rosters must be turned into the League Commissioner and the Junior Deputy Office within one week after the Spring Draft. Final organizational rosters must be completed on week prior to the season starting.
4. Organizations may NOT trade draft picks or players.

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5. The manager of an organization may release a player only with the permission of the League Commissioner and with consultation of the player's parent(s) or guardian. If the player is released the organization, then he may re-enter the draft.

6. A player who quits a team and goes to another team or league can return to the Babe Ruth League only if he returns to the organization that he left. He will not be permitted to go back through the draft and be drafted.
7. A brother of a roster player, or son of the organization's general manager, may join the same organization the discretion of the organizations' general manager and will not cost the organization a draft choice. The only exception to this rule is in a change in organization managers and the outgoing manager's son is still an active Babe Ruth player for that organization. When this happens, the new manager's son will be allowed to become a member of the organization, but will cost the team a draft pick to be determined by the other general managers.
8. There shall be no dual participation in Junior Deputy Babe Ruth Baseball from February 1st to the end of the regular season. If a player is playing baseball on another team outside Junior Deputy during the above stated time period, the player shall be advised of the rule prohibiting dual participation. If the player continues to play on another team, he will not be allowed to play on the Junior Deputy team until he ends his relationship with the other team. The only exception to this rule is a player who is 15 years old and in the 9th grade or a 14 year old who is in the 9th grade during the present school year may dual participate.

B. DRAFT RULES

1. Fall Draft: For the Fall Draft, the organizations will draft in the inverse order of the minor league record. That is, the organization whose minor team has the WORST record will draft first, the best will draft last, etc. When teams have the same record, the order of selection for the Fall Draft will be determined by a coin toss and will alternate each round between/among tied team.

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Spring Draft: For the Spring Draft, the organization will draft in the inverse order of their OVERALL record, adjusted as follows:

The organization with the three WORST records (i.e., those organizations who would normally select first, second, third in the draft) will have their order of selection determined by a random drawing. This random drawing will assign each of these three organizations either the first selection, second selection, or their selection in the spring

Draft. The organization with the fourth worst record will draft fourth, the organization with the first worst record will draft fifth, and so on.

For the purpose of the Spring Draft, the overall record will be determined by a point system. Points will be awarded to each team according to its place of finish in its division (1st place =1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, etc). Teams which tie in the standings will share the points for the place tied and the next highest place (i.e. two teams tied for 3rd would share 3 points and 4 points, with each receiving 3.5 points). In the case of a tie the order of selection will be determined by a coin toss and will alternate each round between/among the tied team.

2. Forfeits during the regular season counts as loses for the teams that forfeit. However when it comes to draft night, that forfeit (loss) is removed from the lost column and is counted as win. (i.e. A team finishes with 13 wins and 7 loses which include a forfeit. On draft night that team record is 14 and 6). The team that won by forfeit, that game still counts as a win.
3. All players that wish to be drafted MUST tryout in one of the two tryouts (Spring or Fall) held each year.
4. After completion of the Fall Draft, a list of eligible players not drafted will be compiled. Organizations will have until October 1st to draft additional players from that list. To draft a player under this provision, the organization will provide written notification to the League commissioner and the Junior Deputy Office.

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II. TEAM PLAY

A. GAME LENGTH

1. The game clock will begin when the first pitch is delivered to the batter.
2. Games will be seven (7) innings or until time expires (1 hour and 40 minutes for the minor league games and 1 hour and 50 minutes for major league games). No new inning may start after time expired except in tie games; tie games will be played to conclusion.

3. A team manager may suspend the game clock one time during a ball game. Upon notice to the umpire, the umpire will cause the game clock to stop and it will not resume running until the pitcher has begun his next pitch.
4. If a team is behind by 12 or more runs after its 4th at bat, or 10 runs or more after the 5th at bat, the game will be terminated and the leading team will be declared the winner.
5. Any games that ARE NOT official games, will be considered suspended games and will be continued from that point. The scorekeepers will note the remaining time, ball, strikes, out, count, and the batter in the official scorebook.
6. Suspended or postponed games will be made up on the first available date and starting times will be PRE-DETERMINED. Rainout games will be rescheduled in the same order as the original game schedule.

B. GAME PARTICIPATION

1. The home team will occupy the first base dugout and provide a scorekeeper. The visiting team will occupy the third base dugout and provide a scoreboard operator.
2. Each team will provide two new BRO approved baseballs per game.

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3. Each team must start the game with nine (9) players. However Junior Deputy Babe Ruth utilized the "extra hitter" rule, which is described below. The extra hitter rule is optional for either team. It requires a team to start the game with ten (10) players naming one of the players the "extra hitter" or if you choose not to use the "extra hitter" you may start with 9. If a team starts a game with 9 (9) or ten (10) players, and a player is forced to leave the game because of injury or illness, the team can continue to play without penalty of an out. However, if a player is ejected or leaves for any other reason (other than injury or illness), an out will be called when his position in the batting order comes up. The game will be declared a forfeit if a team fails to field a team with at least nine (9) approved players at the scheduled starting time. A team may finish a game with only eight (8) players, but it must take an out when the missing player position in the batting order comes up.

4. Extra Hitter: Each team will have a tenth hitter in the batting order during minor league games. This player will be indicated in the lineup at the "EH". The "EH" will be treated as any other starter. If one of the teams in a game has only nine (9) players present at the start of the game, the opposing team may elect to not utilize the "EH" in that game.
5. A team may play a minor division player up in a major division game in order to have nine (9) players for the game and a void a forfeit, or, at the manager's discretion, bring a minor player up to have exactly ten (10) players for the game. A team may play a major division player down in a minor division game in order to have exactly nine (9) for the game. A major division player may play down a maximum of three (3) games per year. No more than two (2) players per game may play down. A major division player may not pitch or catch in a minor division game. The major division player must bat at the bottom of the order and play outfield.
6. A minor division player may play up a total of eight (8) major games. If the player plays in a ninth (9) major game, that player will become a major division player.

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7. There will be a fifteen (15) minute intermission between games on the same day. Each team will have seven (7) minutes to take infield practice. The visiting team will take infield practice first. If a team fails to take infield at the scheduled time, they forfeit infield practice.
8. If in the judgment of an umpire a player attempts to injure another player, the offending player will be ejected from the game. Players should have no contact with each other unless sliding into a base or home plate.
9. In order to speed up play, players must keep one foot in the batter's box to receive signals or call time.
10. PROTEST: Any protest must be registered by the manager or head coach with the Chief Umpire at the time of the alleged infraction. The Chief Umpire will then inform the scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest and have the time and circumstances noted in the scorebook.
11. The written protest must be submitted by the organization to the League Commissioner through the Junior Deputy Office within 24 hours after the completion of the game. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. The protest will be heard and ruled upon by at least three (3) members of the Operations Board within 5 days after the protest is filed.

12. A player ejected from two (2) games in a season will be suspended from the team's next game. A third ejection for the player during the season will result in the automatic suspension of the player until reviewed by at least three (3) members of the Operations Board and with the player, the players' coach, and the players parent (s) or guardian. The player is under suspension until at least 3 members of the Operations Board reinstates the individual.
13. Any coach or manager who is ejected from the game two (2) times in one season will be suspended until reviewed by at least three (3) members of the Operations Board. After the review, the coach or manager may or may not be reinstated.

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14. If any team forfeits more than two (2) games in a season, the Operations Board will review the manager of the team for possible removal as manager.
15. Persons who accept coaching positions in the Junior Deputy Babe Ruth Baseball Booster Club, Inc. program must agree not to coach or manage other baseball teams outside the program, or be involved in the administration of other baseball programs, during the season in which they are coaching or managing at Junior Deputy. Further, should they decide to coach or manage a team outside of the program, they must resign their position and agree not to recruit players from Junior Deputy.
16. Defensive substitutions can be freely made during a game, except for the pitcher. This rule is intended to allow coaches to change the position of players in the field, and to move players in and out of the field at will. This rule is not intended to allow a team to manipulate their batting order, or to change the rules regarding pitchers and changing of pitchers.

C. PLAYING DISTANCES

1. All minor games will be played with 80' bases and 54' pitching distances. All major games will be played with regulation distances.

D. PITCHING

1. Pitching rules will follow the guidelines in the BABE RUTH Supplement Rules, with the following exceptions:
 - a. When a team plays three (3) games in a week, a pitcher will be allowed three (3) additional innings in the third game. If a team plays four (4) games in a week, a pitcher will be allowed three (3) additional innings in the fourth game. A week is defined as from Monday to Sunday.

- b. A two day rest period between pitching appearances is Not required.
- c. A 15 year old is not allowed to pitch in a minor game.

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III. TOURNAMENT PLAY

A. COACHING SELECTION

- 1. The organizational Manager of the major team that is in first place after 12 games of play will choose which team his organization wishes to manage, then the second place manager, etc (until all of the teams have coaches.) Managers and coaches are subject to approval by the Operations Board.

B. ALL STAR SELECTIONS

- 1. Each organization will vote for nine (9) players for each team. The rest of the team will be selected by the team manager. The all-star selection will be by closed ballot and the team manager may not vote for their own players.

Managers will nominate players from their respective teams that will be able to participate and will be available to practice for the all-star tournaments in each age division. Ties will be voted on until a roster of nine (9) players is agreed upon. The manager has the discretion to carry more players if he chooses.
- 2. The same method of selection will apply to each team at every age level.
- 3. There will be two weeks between nomination and selection to give the managers every opportunity to evaluate the players nominated.
- 4. All managers and coaches will read and sign the "Code of Conduct" before they allowed managing or coaching. These forms must be turned in to the league Commissioner.
- 5. Prior to All-Star selection, all coaches who intend to be eligible for All-Star competition must be certified by BABE RUTH Organization. Certifications can be obtained by taking and passing the on-line test given by BABE RUTH Organization at its website www.baberuthleague.org. The cost of this will be at the expense of the managers and coaches.

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