

## 2024 District II Rules - Babe Ruth 14U Regular Season & Babe Ruth 16U Pre-Season Divisions

The Babe Ruth 14U & Babe Ruth 16U Pre-Season Divisions will utilize the 2024 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules (BRRB) 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 (page 22-23) are adopted:
  - a. 10 Run Rule
  - b. Time Limit will apply to ALL Saturday and Sunday games\*
  - c. Both the Continuous Batting Order and Extra Player Rules are adopted  
If a team chooses to use a continuous batting order, then the Extra Player provision cannot be used. 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. 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
13-16	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.

Managers shall verify the pitch counts at the end of each half inning. In the absence of verification, the home team scorebook shall govern.

**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.

3. There will be one balk warning per pitcher for the first half of the season through 5/12/24 for BR14U and 5/2/24 for BR16U Pre-Season.
4. 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 except if the vacated spot is due to injury.
  - 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 one umpire PLUS an additional game fee paid to the opposing team. If this cannot be provided at the field, the opposing team shall e-mail Jeff Van Scoy [jvanscoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvanscoy@sbcglobal.net) for follow-up.
5. We are playing slide or avoid at all bases.
6. Bats shall 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. If the umpire cannot discern the marking, the bat is illegal. Bamboo bats are illegal.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Each team is responsible for paying one umpire and providing two baseballs before the start of the game. The home 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.
10. All game results are to be e-mailed by both teams to Bob Wheway at [bob.brbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:bob.brbaseball@gmail.com)
11. Standings will be based upon a point system with 3 points for each win, 2 points for each tie, and 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 [Babe Ruth District 2](#)