

GENERAL RULES

for

BABR/OMGAA Babe Ruth Baseball Leagues

Babe Ruth Baseball Rules will be utilized. Exceptions to this rulebook are identified specifically in the rules below.

- A full roster batting order will be followed. Lineups will be exchanged prior to game.
 - If a player is injured or otherwise unable to bat, his spot in the batting order will be skipped, no out will be recorded. An injured player may return to the game.
- Open substitution on defense will be allowed with the exception of pitchers. Only the starting pitcher may return as a pitcher.
- Pitchers shall pitch no more than 7 innings in any one week (Monday through Sunday) per Babe Ruth rules. Coaches must report innings pitched along with game scores.
- All team members must play a minimum of three innings per game, except in the case of disciplinary action. Such cases must be communicated to the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
- Only the starting pitcher may return to the game as a pitcher.
- Failure of a team to field 7 eligible players within 5 minutes after the scheduled game time will result in a forfeit. The umpire's watch is to be considered the official time.
- Home team must provide one (1) new baseball and visiting team to provide one ball in good condition to be used as game balls.
- The catcher, batter, base runners, and the on-deck batter must wear helmets.
- Any player warming up a pitcher must be wearing a catcher's mask. All catchers must wear a protective cup, which will be verified by the umpire at the start of each game and during changes.
- Metal cleats are allowed.
- Bat rules:
 - 2-5/8 Dia. Max, no weight limits.
 - Composite barrel bats must be BBCOR .50.
- Only adults or coaches will be allowed to coach first and third bases.
- The home team is considered to be the official scorekeeper.
- It is the coach's responsibility to assure that all players' equipment is in proper condition. All players must wear full uniform, which includes: shirt, pants, hat, stirrups, and appropriate sport shoes.
- Coaches and players are not allowed directly behind the backstop during the game.
- In the interest of saving time during the change of sides between innings, the pitcher's warm-up throws must be completed within 90 seconds. It is the coach's responsibility to assure that the pitcher is properly warmed up.
- Courtesy runners are encouraged for the pitcher and catcher with 2 outs. The last player to make an out will be the courtesy runner.

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- All infield/outfield practice must be completed 5 minutes before the game. Scheduling of the desired practice is the responsibility of the coaches. However, the umpire is responsible for enforcing the starting plan.
- The 10 run rule will be in effect. Games will end if the losing team is down by 10 or more runs after batting in the 5th or later inning.
- No head-first slides going into a base. Headfirst sliding is allowed if going back to a base (ie – pickoff play or over-running a base).
- Curveballs –
 - 13U – No curveballs permitted.
 - 15U – Curveballs permitted.
- Balks –
 - 13U – 1 warning per pitcher per game for balks.
 - 15U – 1 warning per team per game.
- **Use of alcohol, tobacco or chewing tobacco products by players, fans or coaches will result in ejection from the game.**
- Physical violence in any form by participants or spectators will not be tolerated.
- **Rainouts**
 - **Maple Grove Fields** - In the event of inclement weather, the Maple Grove Park Board will decide the status of the day's games and publish it on www.omgaa.org by 4:00 p.m. The rain status is also available by calling 763-494-5959.
 - **Brooklyn Center Fields (Northport, West Palmer Lake, Cohen, Evergreen)** - Call 763-569-3442
 - **Brooklyn Park Fields (Edinbrook 1, 2, 3 & 4)** – Call 763-493-8181
- If the status of the game must be determined at the field, it is the responsibility of the umpire to determine if the game is to begin and/or continue to be played. Rained out games will be rescheduled by the responsible Baseball Coordinator or appropriate league director.