TOOELE COUNTY BABE RUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



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Cal Ripken (American, National, and Player Pitch) Rules and Guidelines

- 1. The tournament is a double elimination bracket. Two losses and you are out.
- 2. The tournament is played under Babe Ruth Tournament Rules, which can be found in your official rule book. Each team will play nine players in the field and bat nine players. If at game time you cannot field nine players you will forfeit the game. You must have nine players to start and finish the game.
- 3. All teams with 10 players or more shall use an extra player (EP). The EP is a 10th batter and is treated just like any other starter in the lineup. The EP will be indicated on the lineup.
- 4. Be at the game at least 30 minutes before your game is scheduled to start. A coin flip will determine home and visitors at that time. The coin flip will be conducted by a league official or designee, and will only be attended by team coaches. Any rules questions will be discussed at that time.
- 5. You must turn in your lineup to the opposing team, scorekeeper, and umpire. All lineup changes will be through the umpire with the scorekeeper. The Home team shall provide the official scorekeeper and the Visitor team shall provide a person to run the scoreboard.
- 6. All scorekeeping will take place in the provided tournament score books. The scorekeeper must record the number of innings each pitcher has pitched during the game. A coach for each team must review the book and sign for innings pitched at the end of the game.
- 7. All games are played under the League time limit rule, no new inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes unless the game is identified on the bracket as a no time limit game (NTL).
- 8. The ten run rule is in effect in all games after 3 ¹/₂ innings.
- 9. Each player is required to play at least one inning in the field and get one at bat in each game. The only exception is if a player gets to play an inning in the field but does not get an at bat due to the game ending early due to the ten run rule. In this case the player must start the next tournament game. The penalty for failing to meet this rule is a forfeit and the coaches will have to meet with the League Executives. The EP will satisfy the requirement for an at bat but does not satisfy the requirement to play one inning in the field.
- 10. There is no free substitution during tournament play. Refer to the Re-entry Rule on page 11 and page 20 of the rule book.
- 11. Know the tournament pitching rules (11.05 4.) page 25 of the rule book. No pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in more than six (6) innings in any two (2) successive tournament games.