

BABE RUTH SOFTBALL DISTRICT 7
INTER-LEAGUE RULES- 12-UNDER DIVISION
Fall 2017

***PLEASE NOTE – The following rules are to be followed for all recreation play, regardless of where or who you are playing.

1. Playing time is no new inning after one hour 30 minutes (finish the inning).

*For games scheduled to be played on “**Week Nights**”, playing time is **one hour, 30 minutes Drop dead stop**. Week Nights is defined as M,T,W,TH,F **Drop dead should be discussed at the home plate meeting to ensure everyone is aware.**

2. No jewelry will be permitted to be worn during games. This includes any form of hard headbands or beads in the player's hair.
3. 6 innings or time limit shall be considered a complete game.
4. 4 run rule per inning applies.
5. There is free substitution.
6. The offensive team will bat entire line-up. You may field only 9 defensive players at any time during the game.
7. Pitching distance is 40 feet. Ball size is 12 inch official softball.
8. A courtesy runner may run for the pitcher and/or catcher every time they reach base. Each courtesy runner used must be a player who is not in the game at the time, or if none available, the last recorded out. Each courtesy runner may only pinch run once per inning. Using this rule in Catcher Speed Up situations, i.e. 2 outs or 4 runs scored, is encouraged to save time.
9. The catcher must wear protective headgear, chest protector, and shin guards.
10. All offensive players must wear helmets w/faceguard while on the playing field.
11. Catcher must wear mask during warm up. Any manager, coach or parent warming up a pitcher must also wear a catcher's mask regardless of on the field or on the side.
12. Pitching is limited to **3 Innings per game** Managers are strongly encouraged to focus on pitcher development and to take every opportunity to allow maximum participation in pitching.
13. Any player in the line up who must leave the field due to an injury will not result in an out if she misses her place in the batting order. She may return to the original place in the batting order when physically able. Any player leaving the field for any other reason will result in an out when her turn comes to bat and if she misses her turn at bat she may not re-enter the game.
14. Drop 3rd strike rule applies. Infield Fly rule applies.
15. **Each team may play game with 8 players. Teams may borrow players from other teams in the same age division, or lower, if properly registered in 1 (one) of the inter-league associations. The team may not borrow players in excess of a line up of 9 players (including any substitutions). Borrowed players will not pitch or catch and must bat at the end of the batting order.**