



## Majors 70 (Blue) Division Local Rules

1. Observe the Roxbury Baseball Association Safety Manual.
2. Unless stated otherwise within these local division rules, adhere to the Babe Ruth League Official Playing Rules for Cal Ripken 70 FT Major Division, including leading off base, stealing of any base, dropped third strike and balk rules. Metal cleats and large barrel bats are not allowed.
3. Regulation Game:
  - A regulation game shall consist of 6 innings.
  - A game is considered official after 4 complete innings.
  - If game is stopped when < 1 inning is completed, restart game from beginning. If stopped when  $\geq 1$  inning, but < 4 full innings completed, continue game at point where the game was stopped.
  - If game is stopped in the middle of an inning that is  $>4^{\text{th}}$  inning, revert back to last complete inning to determine winner. If a tie game in that last complete inning, game ends in a tie.
  - Timing for games played back-to-back on the same field: No inning may start within 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the next game (i.e., Game #1 will not start an inning past 1:45pm if Game # 2 is scheduled to start at 2:00pm).
  - Evening games must start no later than 7:45pm; no inning starts after 9:45pm; game must end at 10:00pm.
4. Mercy Rule: If either team is winning by 15 or more runs after 4 innings, or 12 or more runs after 5 innings, the game is over.
5. Pitching Regulations:
  - Each team must maintain a Pitching Eligibility Tracking Form, which must be presented before start of game.
  - Penalty for not presenting a properly maintained Pitching Eligibility Tracking Form:
    - First incident - Opposing team selects ineligible pitchers.
    - Second incident - Same as first and manager receives next game suspension.
    - Third incident - Same as second and possible season suspension for manager.
  - Pitchers will follow RBA "Local League Pitching Rules" for pitch count & rest.
  - Each team is responsible to maintain pitch counts (Pitch Counter can be a volunteer not in the dugout)
  - After each half inning reconcile team pitch counts.
  - Home team is the Official Pitch Count Keeper.
  - Official Pitch Counter's tally is final for any discrepancy between teams that can't be resolved.
  - Both Managers must validate and sign the Pitching Eligibility Tracking Form at end of game.
6. Intentional walks not permitted. Pitcher must throw pitches to walk batter, with catcher in crouched position.
7. Balk Penalty: The umpire shall provide a warning on the Pitcher's first balk violation of the game, with no penalty. However, the penalty will be enforced on any further balk violations committed by that pitcher during the game. The balk warning will be reset whenever a new pitcher enters the game.
8. Hit by Pitch Rule: A pitcher must be removed if they hit 3 batters in one inning or 4 batters in one game.
9. All teams use a continuous batting order (allows every player to bat) and free defensive substitutions, except pitcher.
10. Each player shall be given an opportunity to play at least 3 innings in the field (per 6 inn. Game).
11. Manager/Coach visits with the pitcher at the mound: Pitcher must be removed on 2<sup>nd</sup> visit of inning. Any defensive time-out to talk with a defensive player is a charged visit to the current pitcher.
12. Only 1 offensive time-out will be permitted each inning.
13. Pitcher may take up to 8 pitches or **1 Minute** to warm-up between innings.
14. Catcher must be properly equipped (Cup, chest protector, shin guards & mask with dangling throat protector).
15. Anyone warming up a pitcher AT HOME PLATE must wear a catchers helmet (pertains to players and coaches).

16. No pinch runners allowed, except if replacing an injured player.
17. No on-deck batter. Absolutely no swinging of bats, aside from the player that is currently at bat. Only the first batter of each half-inning will be permitted outside the dugout between half-innings, and they are not permitted to swing the bat until the umpire calls "play" to start the inning.
18. The baseball bat must meet Babe Ruth League Specifications.
19. Each team must have at least 8 players to start game. If needed, borrow one/two players from opposing team to play the field only. If players show later, borrowed players not needed. Add late players to end of line-up.
20. One Manager and three coaches allowed in the dugout. A coach must be at the bench at all times.
21. Players must stay in dugout when not on the field.
22. Only players & coaches are allowed in the dugout (no batboys, batgirls, brothers, sisters, etc.).
23. No person is allowed on the field except Players, Managers and Coaches.
24. Lightning - The fields must be cleared whenever lightning or thunder is seen or heard. Players must be taken to a safe area away from the field. **DO NOT STAY IN THE DUGOUTS.** Players may not retake the field until **30** minutes after the **LAST** thunderclap or sight of lightning (the clock restarts after each Lightning event). Suggested that Umpires cancel the game if lightning/thunder persists.
25. After each game:
  - Each team is responsible for ensuring litter is removed from field & stands.
  - Home team is responsible for dragging/raking the field.
26. Team Records and Division Standings will be recorded. Division winners will be determined in the following manner:
  - 1) Winning Percentage
  - 2) Results of head-to-head play
  - 3) Runs allowed per game
  - 4) Coin Flip
27. For each game, the winning Manager must report game results within 24 hours. Email results to the following:  
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Mario Poliviou . . . . . poliviou@ptonline.net  
Rob Henches . . . . . rll\_president@optonline.net

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<p><b>Roxbury Baseball Association Field Status Hotline</b> <b>(973)527-3069</b></p>
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