



Minors 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 60 FT Major Division.
3. Regulation Game:
 - A regulation game shall consist of 6 innings, or maximum 2 hours in duration, whichever comes first.
 - No inning can be started after 2 hours of play. An inning starts the moment the third out is made completing the preceding inning, or when 5-run rule is in effect (see rule #3), the moment the 5th run scores. Stalling between innings to take advantage of the time limit will not be tolerated.
 - 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 >= 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 >4th inning, revert back to last complete inning to determine winner. If a tie game in that last complete inning, game ends in a tie.
 - Evening games must start no later than 7:45pm; no inning starts after 9:45pm; game must end at 10:00pm.
4. A maximum of 5 runs can be scored in an inning except the 6th inning and only 6th inning. This is for the opportunity to win the game in the 6th inning.
5. Mercy Rule: If either team is winning by 12 or more runs after 5 innings, the game is over.
6. Base runners may steal 3rd base only, with the following conditions:
 - No leading allowed, runner may not leave base until the pitch has reached home plate
 - Runner cannot advance beyond third base on any overthrows by the defense on a steal play.
7. 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.
8. Intentional walks not permitted. Pitcher must throw pitches to walk batter, with catcher in crouched position.
9. Hit by Pitch Rule: A pitcher must be removed if they hit 3 batters in one inning or 4 batters in one game.
10. All teams use a continuous batting order (allows every player to bat) and free defensive substitutions, except pitcher.
11. Defensive playing time requirements for the players::
 - Each player shall be given an opportunity to play at least 3 innings in the field (per 6 inn. game).
 - A player shall not be required to sit on the bench for consecutive innings
 - Each player shall be given an opportunity to play an infield position for at least 1 inning (per 6 inn. game).
 - No protesting of the game is allowed if there is a violation of playing time requirements. Violation is to be reported to the RBA Upper Division Coordinator & will be reviewed for possible disciplinary action.
12. Manager/Coach visits with the pitcher at the mound: Pitcher must be removed on 2nd visit of inning. Any defensive time-out to talk with a defensive player is a charged visit to the current pitcher.

13. Only 1 offensive time-out will be permitted each inning.
14. Pitcher may take up to 8 pitches or **1 Minute** to warm-up between innings.
15. Catcher must be properly equipped (Cup, chest protector, shin guards & mask with dangling throat protector).
16. Anyone warming up a pitcher AT HOME PLATE must wear a catchers helmet (pertains to players and coaches).
17. No pinch runners allowed, except if replacing an injured player.
18. 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.
19. Each team must have at least 7 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. The baseball bat must meet Babe Ruth League Specifications.
22. Players must stay in dugout when not on the field. (If attending bathroom, have parent or coach supervise).
23. Only players & coaches are allowed in the dugout (no batboys, batgirls, brothers, sisters, etc.).
24. No person is allowed on the field except Players, Managers and Coaches.
25. 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 Managers cancel the game if lightning/thunder persists.
26. After each game:
 - Each team is responsible for ensuring litter is removed from field & stands.
 - Home team is responsible for dragging/raking the field.
27. 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
28. For each game, the winning Manager must report game results within 24 hours. Email results to the following:

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