



PWA 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 Minor League Baseball.
3. Do not keep score, this is an instructional division of play.
4. RBA will provide an Umpire for most PWA Division games. If there is no umpire, then coaches will act as the umpire.
5. Games are limited to 6 innings or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
6. All teams use a continuous batting order (allows every player to bat) and free defensive substitutions, except pitcher.
7. Play 10 players defensively in the field (4 outfielders).
8. Base runners are not permitted to leave the base until batter makes contact with the ball (no leading or stealing).
9. No bunting is allowed.
10. For innings 1, 2 & 3 the **Coaches will pitch** to the hitters:
 - Coaches pitch to their own team/hitters
 - Strikes & Outs called. No walks, the coach pitches until the batter puts the ball in play or strikes out.
 - Bat the entire lineup each half inning. If 3 outs are made, clear the bases and continue through the lineup.
 - The Defensive team will position a player on the mound, behind the coach that is pitching.
11. For innings 4, 5 & 6 the **Kids will pitch** to the hitters:
 - Kids must pitch from the pitcher's mound, 46 feet from the plate (recognize that not everyone is a pitcher).
 - Balls, Strikes & Outs called. No walks, after 4 balls a coach pitches until batter puts the ball in play or strikes out.
 - Each half inning ends after 9 batters or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
 - A pitcher must be removed if they hit 3 batters in one inning.
 - Pitchers are limited to 1 inning per game & will follow RBA "Local League Pitching Rules" for pitch count & rest.
12. Pitch Tracking Procedures:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - If there is a discrepancy, 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.
13. 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).
 - Playing time violations to be reported to RBA Lower Division Coordinator (for possible disciplinary action).
14. Catcher must be properly equipped (Cup, chest protector, shin guards & mask with dangling throat protector).

15. One manager and three coaches allowed in the dugout.
16. A coach must be at the bench at all times.
17. No person is allowed on the field except Players, Managers and Coaches.
18. Only players & coaches are allowed in the dugout (no batboys, batgirls, brothers, sisters, etc.).
19. Players must stay in dugout when not on the field. (If attending bathroom, have parent or coach supervise)
20. No on-deck batter allowed. No swinging of bats permitted unless the player is at bat.
21. Play game regardless of number of players. If needed, borrow players from opposing team to play the field only. Add late players to end of line-up.
22. 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.
23. After each game:
 - Each team is responsible for providing a small snack to their players (i.e., chips, drink)
 - Each team is responsible for ensuring litter is removed from field & stands.
 - Home team is responsible for dragging/raking the field.

Roxbury Baseball Association respects the rights of any individual to practice any religion they choose, or to choose not to practice a religion. The same principle applies to the recitation of a prayer or invocation before games or other League activities. In no event should any participant be required to take part in any religious ceremony, pledge or anthem, in connection with an RBA activity.

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