

2025 Seymour Babe Ruth Tournament Rules

Format: 3 games guaranteed. 2 pools of 3 teams of round robin pool play. Top 2 seeds from each pool will move on to bracket play. 3rd place teams will play each other for 3rd game. Winners in bracket play will play for championship. Higher seed will be the home team in bracket play. If same seed in championship the home team will be decided by coin flip.

Tournament Rules: WIAA Rules will apply for any rules not described, or not satisfied by this document.

Run Limit: 15 runs after 3rd
10 runs after 4th
8 runs after 5th

If the home team is ahead after the top of the inning they are declared the winner and will not bat the bottom of the inning.

Pitching Rules: A pitcher may pitch in any and all games; however, a pitcher will be limited to 4 innings in any 1 game. The delivery of one or more pitches in an inning will constitute an inning pitched. Once removed from the mound, a pitcher may not return to the mound during the remainder of that game. A maximum of 12 innings per tournament allowed. Pitchers are allowed 8 warm up pitches when starting or entering the game and 5 pitches between innings thereafter. Each team is allowed one conference with each pitcher (not one conference per inning). Upon second conference the pitcher shall be replaced. Balks **WILL** be called. Each team (NOT each pitcher) will be allowed 1 balk warning per game with no penalty. After the 1st warning any balk called by the umpire would result in enforcement of the penalty.

Bat Restrictions: Bats shall not exceed (-5) weight differential with USA / USSSA stamp or BBCOR certified. Bat barrels shall be no larger than 2 ¾" in diameter.

Games / Time Limit: Games are 7 innings long. 4 innings or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead, constitutes a complete game. No new inning will start after 1 hour 40 minutes (except for the championship game). Coaches and home plate umpire should note the start time of the game with both teams. Throwing the ball "around the horn" is not permitted due to time limitations. Teams are encouraged to hustle at all times to keep the games moving.

Tie Games: Pool play will end with a tie after 7 innings or time limit. No time limit or ties in championship game. Run rule still applies for championship game. After 7 innings of bracket play/championship/bracket games each team will start each extra inning with the last out from the previous inning as the runner on second base. All extra innings will start with one out.

Roster Limits: There is no roster limit, but only 13 awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place. Each team is limited to 3 adults in the dugout during the game.

Scorebook: Home team is determined by a coin flip for pool play. Higher seed will be home team in bracket/championship games. pool play. Higher seed is home team for bracket play. If both teams are same seed for championship, it will be determined by coin flip. The home team is the official scorekeeper for the game and is responsible for any game discrepancies.

Intentional Walk: No pitches are required. Notify home plate umpire of intentional walk.

Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers at coaches' discretion, runner must not be in active line-up.

Sliding: All runners must slide when a play is being made or attempted on them. The umpire shall call a runner out if they fail to slide or veer out of the base path. (Umpires Discretion) Metal spikes are allowed.

Lineup: Only 9 players will bat and a DH is allowed. Exception - A coach may choose to bat the entire roster. If batting entire roster, you must inform the opposing coach of your decision prior to the start of the game. That decision must then be adhered to throughout the game. They must re-enter in the same position in the batting order.

Protests: There are no protests. The umpires' decisions are final. If runners miss touching a base the umpire shall call them out at the end of the play. No appeals are allowed.

Ineligible Player: If an ineligible player (example - age or too many innings pitched) is discovered, his team shall forfeit the game or games in which he participated illegally.

Infield Fly: This rule is in effect for the tournament.

Pool Play Tie Breaker: (1) W-L record (2) Head-to-Head (3) Least runs allowed (4) Most runs scored (5) Coin Flip

Sportsmanship: Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, players, or fans will not be tolerated. The use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the playing field and bench areas. Please NO CARRY-INS. As coaches, you all know concession sales are the primary sources of funding for our programs. Please encourage your parents to observe this rule.