

## **BABE RUTH RULES SUMMARY**

EACH TEAM WILL BE CHARTERED UNDER THEIR OWN LOCAL LEAGUES.

All play will follow the official babe ruth rule unless documented below:

### **RULES**

- Home coach declares the game 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start. Coaches should then communicate with players and families using texts or group messaging apps.
- BBCOR or USA bats may be used. USSA bats not allowed. Recommended bat ratio: 7th grade -5, 8th grade -3.
- Metal cleats are allowed in Babe Ruth.
- Teams are allowed to start the game with 8 players. No game should start with 7 players. Teams may “borrow” a player from the opposing team under the forfeit rule.
- The Designated Hitter has been replaced with an Extra Player “EP” for the local league and tournament competition. If a team starts with 10 players, the team must finish with no more than 10 players in the lineup.
- When batting 9 players, every player must get one at bat and two innings on defense.
- Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed during league play to compliment the mandatory play rule.
- Run Rule: a game will be finished when after 4 innings complete a team is up by 10 runs
- Game length will be 7 innings or 1:45 during the school year or double headers. An inning starts when the 3rd out is made. No new inning shall start after 1:45 (please note exact game start time so this can be determined).
- There must be a league approved adult in the dugout at all times and kids need to stay in the dugout at all times unless they are warming up.
- The league championship tournament seedings will be based on winning percentage.
- Minimum of 12 games.
  - Seedings determined by winning percentage
  - Head to head
  - Games completed
  - Coin toss
- Call up policy: Players could play up twice during the season. Report all play ups to league player agents.

### **PITCHING/CATCHING RULES WILL FOLLOW THE MLB PITCH SMART GUIDELINES-**

Pitch Counts:

- 1-20 pitches in a day is zero days rest
- 21-35 pitches is one calendar day rest
- 36-50 pitches is two calendar day rest
- 51-65 pitches is three calendar day rest
- 66-95 pitches is four calendar day rest
- Max Pitch count in Majors is 95 pitches
- If the threshold is reached during a batter, the pitcher is allowed to finish the batter.

- If a pitcher makes 41 pitches in a game, he/she is not allowed to play catcher in the same game.
- The visiting team is the official pitch count recorder. The home team is the official score book. With both of these, both teams should keep track & compare as often as needed to ensure accuracy.