



2017 Attleboro Youth Baseball's Ninth Annual Battle in the Boro Summer Baseball Tournament



GENERAL RULES

The Tournament will be played according to the 2016 Babe Ruth Baseball rulebook, with the following exceptions and clarifications

- Players may not compete on more than one team in the Tournament. All players must reside within the town boundaries of the team they play on.
- Maximum number of players on roster is 15.
- Adults may coach bases. Maximum number of adults in dugout is four. If a player coaches a base, he/she must wear a helmet.
- The umpire has the right to rule on anything not covered in the Babe Ruth rulebook or in the Tournament rules. The umpire may confer with Tournament Staff about any particular situation at his discretion.
- Teams are awarded 15 minutes grace period after the scheduled start of a game to field 9 players. After the 15 minutes expire, the team must forfeit the game. If a team has 9 players and one is injured, that team may finish the game with 8 players.
- In order to maintain scheduling, no inning may start after one hour 50 min from first pitch. Games may end in a tie in pool play. After 6 full innings are played and the game is tied, the game shall end in a tie during pool play even if the game has not yet exceeded the time limit.
- Note: there is No time Limit during Semifinal and Final play
- No infield practice is allowed prior to the start of a game. The outfield area may be used to warm up as well as the center soccer field. Batting practice is not permitted on fields.
- Choice of Home/Away team designated by winner of coin flip. In addition the winner of the coin flip may select which bench they would like to use.
- Full batting order for all ages. Every player bats in the line-up- Line-up cards will be exchanged between managers prior to the games. Late arriving players will be placed at the end of the line-up. Once a team has batted through the batting order once, no additions will be made.
- Each player must play a minimum of three defensive innings. Innings may be non consecutive. Unlimited defensive substitutions allowed throughout the game.
- Coaches are asked to remain behind fences out of the field of play.
- Any player who warms up a pitcher must wear a mask.
- A player must wear a helmet at all times when batting, coaching or running the bases.
- On-deck hitters must stand at end of dugout fence.
- Smoking is not allowed on premises.
- Tournament staff will schedule make-up games due to inclement weather.
- All protests will be resolved by Tournament Staff before resuming play. If a manager has a protest situation and allows the game to continue before resolving the matter, the protest **shall not** be considered.
- Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches and fans. A game may be forfeited by an umpire if unruly behavior disrupts the game. This rule is at the sole discretion of the umpire. Any coach, manager or player ejected from a game will also be forced to sit out the next game.



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- Tournament Staff will do all that it can to deal with games that are impacted by a no show or drop out team at the last minute. This may also impact the total number of teams within a pool. Tournament Staff reserves the right to handle and alter schedules in order to have all games played. This includes weather related problems.
- If a player is injured, becomes ill or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over this player when player time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injury occurs during an at bat, the on deck batter will step in and assume the inherited pitch count. If a player is ejected that players spot in the lineup will count as an out.
- **It is recommended but not required by Tournament Staff that all division teams wear helmets with protective face guards.**
- The Tournament does not provide insurance. Each team shall take full responsibility for providing its own insurance.
- **Safety Notes: Please drive carefully!** The Poncin Hewitt complex is in a residential area that is busy at times. Please keep your speed down both in the complex and within the neighborhood. Be mindful of children.
- **Parking:** The Poncin Hewitt lot may fill up quickly. There is **NO PARKING on Oakhill Ave.** Parking on side roads off Oakhill Avenue is acceptable but **please be respectful of our community and neighbors.** Avoid blocking driveways/throughways and be careful to not partially park on lawns. There will be a police presence on-site to monitor.

SCORING

8 & 9 Year Old Divisions

1. 4 run rule per inning applies, except for 6th or last inning.
2. 10 Run slaughter rule does not apply.

10, 11, & 12 Year Old Divisions

3. Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 4 innings or 3 1/2 with the home team leading. The 10 run differential is noted at the end of a completed inning, or part of an inning if home team is leading after minimum innings are reached.

Note: Semifinal and Final games are exempt from the slaughter rule.

13, 14 & 15 Year Old Divisions

4. Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 5 innings or 4 1/2 with the home team leading.

BATTING RULES

1. Bunting is allowed.
2. Slashing will not be allowed. A player who slashes will be called out. The ball is dead. No runners may Advance.

FIELDING RULES

3. 1. Each player must play a minimum of three defensive innings in a game. Innings may be non-consecutive. 2. No hidden ball tricks or deception plays will be allowed.

8 Year Old Division

1. 4 outfielders allowed. None may be in the infield.

9 Year Old Division

2. Use of only 3 outfielders is permitted.

PITCHING RULES

8 – 12 Year Old Divisions



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1. No balks allowed
2. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of eight innings per weekend
3. No rest period required. One pitch equals one inning
4. Curve balls not allowed. Penalty: 1st time is a ball. 2nd time batter awarded first base. 3rd time batter awarded first base with pitcher removed from the mound.
5. Mound Visits: 2 mound visits are allowed per pitcher per inning. On third mound visit pitcher must be removed.

Note: Calling a pitcher to the baseline constitutes a visit to the mound.

Note: Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player may not return as a pitcher during that game.

6. **14 / 15 Year Old Division**

7. Balks will be called
8. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 10 innings per weekend
9. No rest period required. One pitch equals one inning
10. One mound visit is allowed must remove pitcher on second visit.

Note: Calling a pitcher to the baseline constitutes a visit to the mound.

Note: Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, that player may not return as a pitcher during that game.

BASE RUNNING RULES

1. **1. SLIDE OR AVOID:** All players must slide or avoid the defensive player. Failure to slide or avoid will result in a player being called out.
2. Stealing is allowed for all bases including home.
3. Head first slides are not allowed with the exception of diving back to a previously earned base. A runner that slides head first will be called out.
4. No metal spikes allowed

8 Year Old Division

5. Stealing is allowed.
6. Player may only advance 1 base per inning on a passed ball, wild pitch, or steal.
7. Stealing home is not allowed. Runner can only advance home on a batted ball or force in on bases loaded walk or hit by pitch.
8. Head first slides are not allowed with the exception of diving back to a previously earned base. A runner that slides head first will be called out.
9. No metal spikes allowed.

14 / 15 Year Old Division

10. Stealing is allowed for all bases including home.
11. Head first slides are allowed.
12. Metal spikes allowed.

OFFICIALS TENT

- All results will be posted outside the tent. This is critical for accurate standings. Also please check in prior to your game to receive games balls.
- Game results must be reported after each game is completed by the Managers of both teams. All scores



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and pitching stats must be reported at the tent .

- Pitchers: Name, jersey number and innings pitched must be reported. Any part of an inning is considered one full inning, ie if a pitcher gets the last out of the inning, that is considered one full inning.

Finally the tournament staff's main concern is the safety of players and spectators. At the Poncin Hewitt complex, there may be as many as four games going on at one time. There are many opportunities for fly balls to enter spectator and waiting areas. We urge you to caution your players and families to be aware of the fields around them. Please be certain to watch small children.

Thank you in advance for helping to make the tournament a safe and successful event for everyone!