



Attleboro Youth Baseball

Rules & Regulations

DIVISION – BABE RUTH

1. PLAYING RULES

1.1 All games will be played according to the Official Baseball rules 1.00 through 10.22 with the following exceptions as listed in these AYB rules.

2. PITCHING RULES

2.1 A pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings per calendar week. This rule applies to all games regardless of when played, including re-scheduled games and make up games. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.

2.2 The calendar week is Monday through and including Sunday.

2.3 A pitcher must have two (2) calendar days rest between pitching assignments in which the pitcher pitches more than three (3) innings. Each game in which a pitcher pitches is considered an assignment. (Example: A player pitching in more than three innings on Sunday cannot pitch again until Wednesday). A pitcher may not reenter the game as a pitcher after being removed.

2.4 Any player playing Freshman, Junior Varsity, or Varsity Baseball for their respective high school, whether they are pitchers or not, shall be ineligible to pitch until the completion of ALL high school teams represented.

2.5 If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it “No Game” the pitching eligibility is the same as it was prior to the beginning of the “No Game” situation

2.6 For the first four (4) games of the season, balks will be called however, a warning will be issued for the first balk (per pitcher), there after balks will be called without warning.

Note: Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used, as specified in the above paragraphs, shall be declared forfeited.

3. PLAYERS

3.1 Any person who is registered in the league and will attain the age of thirteen (13) before April 30th of the current season and will not be sixteen (16) years of age until April 30th of the current season is eligible to play.

3.2 All 13,14, and 15 year old players will play in the Babe Ruth division. Any exception to this must be approved by the AYB Board of Directors.

3.3 All players present must be in the batting order.



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3.4 Free substitution of all players with no consecutive innings (on defense) required.

3.5 All players must play at least 3 innings in the field (in a complete game).

4. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 The Playing Field – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 1.04 with the following exception. The playing field need not have enclosed fence surrounding the outfield area.

4.2 Player's Benches – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 1.08 with the following exception. AYB suggests but does not require "players benches" be enclosed and roofed.

4.3 Draft – Players will be secured through a player draft. The draft order will be determined by a lottery and a "snake" draft will ensue, meaning that the last picking team of the first round will get the first pick of the second round etc.

4.4 Minimum number of players – The minimum number of players required to field a team is eight (8). If a team does not have enough players to field a team at game time a twenty minute grace period will be allowed. Additional time may be allowed at the discretion of the umpire if there is a player en route. Players are expected to arrive at the field at least 20 minutes before scheduled start time.

4.5 The Ball – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 1.09. A ball stamped "Official Babe Ruth League Baseball" shall be used in all league play.

4.6 Metal Bats – These are approved for use in the AYB league and must meet the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 1.10.

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The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

Max weight must be 3 ounces less then the length (33" bat=30 ounce) Called drop 3

4.6.1 Metal Cleats will be allowed to be worn by players at the Babe Ruth level only.

4.7 Protective Headgear – Shall be worn on-deck, at bat, while a base runner, and by players in the coach's box, during practice and all games. Such headgear must cover the top of the head and have extended earflaps, which cover both ears, and properly fits the player wearing it.

4.8 Catcher's Mask and Throat Protector – Any player, manager or coach warming up a pitcher at home plate shall wear a mask and it's recommend anyone warming up a pitcher at any location should wear a mask. A throat protector is considered part of the catcher's mask.



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4.9 Protective Cup, Supporter as well as Protective Headgear – which covers the top of the head and properly fits the player wearing it, must be worn by the catcher during all games and practices.

4.10 Trips to the Mound – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 8.06 with the following exception: The second trip in the same inning to the same pitcher shall result in the removal of that pitcher, for the remainder of the game, as a pitcher only.

4.11 A Regulation Game – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 4.10 with the following exception: An AYB game shall consist of seven (7) innings. Therefore, where reference in the Official Baseball Rules, here or elsewhere, is made to nine (9) innings, substitute the word “seven” for “nine”.

4.12 Tie Games – All games which end in a tie during the regular season shall remain as a tied game in the standings. Games that are tied in the post season tournament must continue until tie is broken. In order to be declared a “tie game” by the umpire it must be a regulation game, (i.e. 4 ½ to 5 innings must have been played).

4.13 No Game – If a game fails to reach a regulation minimum of 4 ½ to 5 innings played it is not a regulation game and must be replayed as a new game.

4.14 Curfews - There are no game curfews in Attleboro Youth Baseball. All games will be played to completion unless called due to inclement weather or darkness as deemed a safety issue by the umpire.

4.15 Balks – For the first 4 games of the season, a warning will be issued for the first balk (per pitcher), thereafter balks will be called. After the 4th game of the season no warnings will be issued, all balks will be called.

4.16 Slide or Avoid Rule – When a base runner is running towards 2nd or 3rd base, and the base fielder has the ball, he must slide or avoid contact with the base fielder. If a base runner does not slide and makes contact with the base fielder, the base runner shall be declared out. If the runner does not slide and there is no contact, the base runner will be declared safe.

When a base runner is rounding third base and is heading for home plate, he must not barrel over the catcher in order to score. The base runner must avoid a collision with the catcher, if the catcher is defending home plate with the ball. If the catcher is about to receive the ball, the base runner must slide into home plate. If the catcher is running up the third base line in order to receive the ball, the base runner has the right to attempt to score standing (the catcher can not run up the third baseline and impede the base runners path to the plate). If the base runner does not slide and there is no contact, the base runner will be declared safe.

4.17 There will be a maximum five (5) runs per inning per team during regular season. Playoffs will have unlimited runs per inning.

4.18 Traveling All-stars - Players must have been registered in the AYB regular spring league to be eligible to play on a traveling all-star team.



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5. PROTEST POLICY

5.1 Should a protest of a game be registered, the umpire must be informed at the time of the protest. He or She will make a notation in each score book at the time of the protest and sign it.

5.2 The protest will be registered by the protesting coach in writing within twenty-four (24) hours with the League Director, who will inform the Protest Committee.

5.3 The protest committee shall consist of three non-partisan current board members. The Umpire in Chief as well as the Prep or Babe Ruth Division Director (as applicable) cannot be part of the protest committee due to any potential conflict.

5.4 A protest must follow all of the following rules to be considered:

A.) VIOLATIONS MUST BE CONFINED TO ACTS COMMITTED ON THE FIELD OR INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

B.) NO PROTEST WILL BE HONORED ON JUDGEMENT CALLS (i.e. SAFE AND OUT, PLATE CALLS, BALLS AND STRIKES, FOUL BALLS, etc.).

C.) VIOLATIONS MUST BE REPORTED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF THE VIOLATION, IN WRITING, TO LEAGUE DIRECTOR.

D.) THE PROTEST COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE THE RESULT OF THE PROTEST WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS. THE RESULT WILL BE FINAL.

6. PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1 At the end of the regular season there will be a double elimination tournament (playoffs). All teams will qualify for the playoffs. The pairings of the playoffs will be determined by the regular season won/lost percentage. The team with the highest won/lost percentage would play the team with the lowest won/lost percentage. If there is an uneven number of teams, the team with the highest won/lost percentage would have a bye in the first round of the playoffs. If necessary (due to inclement weather or other factors) the current playoff format may be altered at the discretion of the League Director with approval by the AYB Board of Directors.

6.2 All playoff and championship games must be played in its entirety. If a game is suspended for any reason, it will be resumed from the exact point of suspension.

6.3 A protest committee must be present at the championship games to address any and all legal protests that may arise during the game. The protest committee will immediately rule on any protest, and all decisions will be final. The protest committee shall consist of three non-partisan current board members. The Umpire in Chief cannot be part of the protest committee due to any potential conflict.



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7 SUSPENSIONS

7.1 COACHES

Any Coach that is ejected from a game shall be suspended for the next scheduled game. A second ejection will result in suspension until a meeting is scheduled with the Executive Board of Directors, the Division Director and the suspended Coach. This meeting will be scheduled by the President of Attleboro Youth Baseball. The results of this meeting may include more games, up to permanent suspension of privileges to coach in Attleboro Youth Baseball. A Coach on suspension is not allowed in complex where games are being played.

7.2 PLAYERS

Any Player that is ejected from a game shall be suspended for the next scheduled game. A second ejection will result in suspension until a meeting is scheduled with the Executive Board of Directors, the Division Director and/ or the suspended players Coach. This meeting will be scheduled by the President of Attleboro Youth Baseball. The results of this meeting may include more games, up to permanent suspension of playing privileges in Attleboro Youth Baseball. A Player on suspension is not allowed in complex where games are being played.

* Please refer to the code of conduct policy on attleboroyouthbaseball.com < rule book < code of conduct policy for details on Attleboro Recreation Departments policies regarding parent/children behavior and responsibilities while utilizing Attleboro fields and facilities.

*No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed on any playing field during games or practice.

* It is the coach's responsibility to teach, encourage, show sportsmanship and fairness to all involved. The example you set as a coach will be an important one for the players to follow.

The Attleboro Youth Baseball League thanks you for your continued efforts and support of the baseball program!

