

2017 SUMMER KICK OFF and DAIRY DAYS BASEBALL RULES 13U thru 15U

1. **Teams:** A total of 14 players (maximum) on the roster. A roster complete with birth dates is to be provided with the registration form prior to the tournament. Birth certificates must be furnished upon request to the Tournament Director to confirm eligibility of a player. Players' ages are based on their age as of April 30, 2017. Teams forfeit if they fail to field 9 players from their roster during the entire game.

2. **2017 Babe Ruth Official Regulations and Play Rules** will govern the conduct and operation of the tournament with the exceptions listed below.

3. **Home Team Determination:** Coin toss before start time will determine the home team in pool play. Team that traveled farthest to the game site will call the toss. **Home team will be responsible to keep the official book, official book will be provided at each field location.** The better seeded team is the home team in bracket play.

4. **Visit to the mound:** A second visit to the mound per pitcher, **at any time** during the game, constitutes removing the pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.

5. Time Limits:

- Seven (7) inning games or 2 hour 30 minute time limit. No new inning will be started after 2 hours of play. No time limit in championship games. If the inning is not completed after the 2 hour 30 minute time limit the score will revert back to the last fully completed inning. These limits apply to all pool and bracket games, except the Championship game, which has no time limit.
- 15 run rule is in effect after 4 innings and 10 run rule after 5 innings of play in all games.
- Extra inning games will not be played to decide a winner, except in bracket play.

6. **Pitcher:** Pitcher may pitch four (4) innings in any game during the tournament. Delivery of a single pitch to a batter constitutes having pitched an inning. Penalty for not abiding by this rule is removal of manager from the remainder of the game and removal of player as a pitcher.

7. **Delay of Game:** Each team will have a 10-minute grace period prior to forfeiture, unless preceding games necessitate delay.

8. **Pre-game Warm-ups:** No infield will be taken prior to ANY game.

9. **Player/Coaches on the field:** For the batting team, the batboy is only allowed on the field to retrieve the bat and MUST wear a helmet at all times. All other team members, except for the batter and on-deck hitter, MUST remain in the dugout. Each team will be allowed no more than 4 coaches in the dugout.

10. Miscellaneous rules:

- All bats must be in accordance with Babe Ruth requirements, which read as follows:
 - *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.

- A team is allowed to bat the entire lineup, allowing for free substitution. If a player is removed due to injury, no out is recorded in that batting spot. If a player is ejected then an out is recorded in that spot.
- **Courtesy runners:** A courtesy runner can be used for the catcher if there are 2 outs in the inning. The player that made the previous out will be the courtesy runner.
- **Blood rule:** No player is allowed to participate with open bleeding wounds.

11. **Protests:** All protests must be filed with the home plate umpire. Judgment decisions are final and NOT eligible for protest. The protest/rules committee will be comprised of the Umpire in Charge, the Tournament Director, and the plate umpire on the field.

12. **Zero Tolerance Policy:** Any coach, player or fan demonstrating rude, abusive or harassing behavior toward any umpire or other official will be removed from the premises immediately. A repeat offense by any team will result in removal of the team from the tournament and forfeiture of any remaining games.

13. **Tiebreakers to determine seeding:**

- Record in Pool Play
- Head to head record in pool play
- Runs Allowed
- Run differential (10 runs maximum per game)
- Runs Scored
- Coin flip

14. **Slash Bunting:** Slash bunting is not allowed (squaring to bunt, pulling back and taking a swing). The first time a slash bunt is attempted by a team, the ball will be ruled dead, the manager will be warned, and the pitch will be ruled a strike on the batter. The second and each subsequent time a slash bunt is attempted by the same team during a game, the ball is dead and the batter is out.