

**West Linn Babe Ruth  
Tournament**

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**2018 Rules**



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**NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ALLOWED AT ANY OF THE TURF  
FIELDS**

**BABE RUTH APPROVED BATS ONLY, NO USSSA BATS ALLOWED**

**Tournament Directors:**  
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**PLEASE TEXT SCORES AND PICTURE OF PITCHING LOG TO AT LEAST ONE OF THESE DIRECTORS AT THE CONCLUSION OF EVERY GAME.**

- ❖ Team Composition: Each team may consist of at least 12 but not more than 15 players, one Manager and up to 3 Assistant Coaches.
- ❖ Teams will have three options for their roster (per Babe Ruth rules) however must establish that form at the plate meeting and cannot change forms during the middle of the game.
  - Bat 9, Play 9
  - Bat 10 (w/ EH), Play 9
  - Bat the roster
- ❖ No substitution runners allowed except for injured player. In that case the last out is runner. Injured player may not return to game. Pitcher or catcher may have a courtesy runner.
- ❖ Home team will be decided by coin toss prior to the start of each game. During pool play, team traveling farthest makes call. West Linn teams will always be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. During bracket play, the team with highest seed is home team unless they defer to hit first. If #1 seed is playing the #2 seed, #1 makes the call.
- ❖ Babe Ruth rules will govern all game play.

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- ❖ Pitchers may not pitch more than 7 innings in two consecutive games. Each Manager must turn in pitching card into Tournament Director at the conclusion of game. One pitch thrown during an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
- ❖ Pitchers may not pitch more than 10 innings in the tournament.
- ❖ Rainouts: In the event of a rainout during a game and after waiting a substantial amount of time (tournament director's discretion), the team leading will win the game. Three innings will constitute a full game in the event of a rain out. In the event of a tie or if the game has not started yet, a coin flip will be used to determine which teams move forward.
- ❖ Time limit: No new inning will start after 2 hours for all games except championships. An inning is over when the 3rd out is recorded, it is not when the pitcher is ready.
- ❖ Tie games: During pool play any game tied at the end of 7 innings or time limit will end in a tie. During bracket play a game tied at the end of 7 innings or time limit will continue with additional innings using the Kansas City tie breaker rule in effect, with the last batter completing an at bat in the previous inning placed on second base with one out to start the inning. If the game is still tied after 9 innings, the game will revert back to last untied inning with that team winning. If there is no untied inning during the game, coin toss called by team travelling furthest will determine winner. Championship games tied at the end of 7 innings will have the Kansas City Plan in effect and will be played to its entirety.
- ❖ No metal cleats allowed on any portable mounds. Metal cleats allowed on dirt mounds.
- ❖ Mercy Rules are in effect: 10-run rule after 4 1/2 innings.
- ❖ All players, with the exception of the on-deck batter, pitcher warming up, or player about to enter the game, must remain inside the dugout.

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- ❖ In order to speed up play, warm-up pitches cannot take more than one minute from time of the last out. A new pitcher entering the game during an inning will be allowed at least 6 pitches.
- ❖ All bats must be official Babe Ruth approved bats and must bear the stamp of the USABat licensing mark. Wood and BBCOR bats are allowed.
- ❖ The 2018 Official Babe Ruth rules shall govern in all tournament play except as outlined above.
- ❖ NO protests will be allowed, with the exception of pitching rule violations. In all other situations, the umpire decision is final.

### Criteria for placement in Bracket Play

1. Win/Loss record
2. Head to Head record
3. Least runs allowed
4. Run Differential (10 runs max per game)
5. Coin toss

\*Forfeits count as 7-0 for seeding purposes