

## 2019 SUMMER KICK OFF and DAIRY DAYS BASEBALL RULES 13U and 15U

1. **Teams:** A total of 14 players (maximum) on the roster. A roster complete with birth dates is required to be with the team at all games. Birth certificates must be furnished upon request to the Tournament Director to confirm eligibility of a player. Player's ages are based on their ages as of May 1, 2019. Teams forfeit if they fail to field 9 players from their roster during the entire game.
2. **2018 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 limit and no new inning will be started after 2 hours of play.
  - Pool Play: Drop Dead will be in effect and will be enforced at 2 hours and 15 minutes of play after the official start time. If the inning is not completed after 2 hour and 15 minute time limit the score will revert back to the last fully completed inning.
  - Bracket Play: Drop Dead will be in effect in all games except the championship game, which will have no time limit. In Bracket Play, drop dead will be 2 hours and 30 minutes. If time expires, the score will revert back to the last complete inning in which there was a score differential.
  - 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.
  - Intentionally delaying a game to achieve a victory through the time limit is considered unsportsmanlike. The umpire and/or tournament director reserve the right to eject a coach or player for intentionally delaying a game and possibly declare a forfeit for that team.
6. **Pitcher:** Pitcher may pitch no more than four (4) innings in a game and no more than ten (10) innings during the tournament. Delivery of a single pitch to a batter constitutes having pitched an inning. **Each coach must have a copy of the pitching affidavit and it must be signed by the opposing team's manager upon completion of the game. Failure to provide the document for the previous game will result in a forfeit.**
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:**

- 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. Bat Rule**

- **13U Division** - All bats -5 or greater must be stamped USA Baseball or USSSA BPF 1.15. Must be a baseball bat – no restriction on weight or length as long as bat has “BPF 1.15” stamp.  
Umpires reserve the right to remove any bat during a game if deemed illegal.

- **15U Division** – Permissible bats are those that have the USA Baseball Marking or BBCOR .50 with a 2 5/8” Barrel.  
Umpires reserve the right to remove any bat during a game if deemed illegal.

**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. Protesting coach will be charged \$100 which will be non-refundable.

**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.

**17. Video and photo review:** Video and Photo review will not be permitted in the tournament.

**18. Forfeit** – The forfeiting team shall record a loss of 0-6 and the non-forfeiting team shall record a 6-0 victory