

# **2021 Bemidji Invitational Tournament**

## **9-10 Year Old**

### **Tournament Rules**

\*Tournament will follow 2021 Babe Ruth rules and regulations along with official playing rules unless specifically addressed below.

\*Age requirements will follow Babe Ruth rules. Verification of player's age by birth certificate may be requested at any time during the tournament by the tournament director. If player is determined to be the incorrect age, player will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and any prior games played will be forfeited.

\*6 inning games. Pool play will have time limit enforcement of no new inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes. The umpire will have the official time. Bracket play games will have no time limits.

\*Pitchers will follow Babe Ruth rules below:

1. **Cal Ripken Baseball-Tournament Pitching Rules** These pitch count limitations will apply to all tournament games.

There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch count limitations:

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME/DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+

If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out. If pitch count is questioned, home team is considered the official pitch count record keeper unless tournament officials are keeping track of pitch counts.

The umpires will have a scorecard for each game which has the official score, names of the pitchers, and number of pitches for each pitcher. Each coach is required to sign that scorecard at the end of the game to validate the score and each pitcher's pitches.

- A. **Intentional Walk Rule** – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award.
- B. All pitchers must adhere to the pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game.

\*A maximum of 5 warmup pitches allowed between innings and with new pitchers between innings.

\*The second trip to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.

\*60' bases and 46' pitching mounds.

\*Sliding rule will be enforced: If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game.

\*Catchers do not have to catch 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, but baserunners may advance.

\*Base runners may not lead off and can only leave the base when the ball reaches home plate. Cal Ripken rules apply.

\*Base runners may steal home.

\*Courtesy runner for catcher may be used from bench players not in the game or, if none, the last out.

\*Standard re-entry rule will be used.

\*Teams play the field with 9 players. A team must start the game with 8 players. An automatic out will be given to the 9<sup>th</sup> batter if the team is unable to bat 9 players when the 9<sup>th</sup> position in batting order comes up. Teams can choose to bat 9, use an EH for a 10<sup>th</sup> player, or bat their entire roster.

\*Tie-Breaker System: If a game is tied after regulation innings have been completed and the time limit has not been reached during pool play, the "California" tie breaker rule will go into effect. The same rule will be used for post pool play if the score is tied after 6 innings. Each team will put the batter who made the last out in the previous inning on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and there will be one (1) out. This will continue until a winner is declared.

\*Pool Play and bracket seeding tie breakers will be broken with the following format:

- 1) Record
  - 2) Results of head to head competition
  - 3) Run differential in Total Pool Play (maximum 8 plus/minus per game)
  - 4) Least number of runs allowed in total pool play
  - 5) Coin flip
- (for a 3-way tie, first break the 3-way tie by these rules and then start all over with the 2 remaining teams)

\*Bat rules will follow Cal Ripken rules and guidelines

#### **Additional Info:**

\*\*Please provide 2 new baseballs per game

\*\*In pool play, the home team will be determined by coin flip prior to game and will be responsible for keeping the official book. In bracket play, the higher seeded team is home.

\*\*All games will be played at Mark Evenson fields at 2221 Middle School Drive in Bemidji.

\*\*No infield will be allowed prior to any games.

\*\*Concessions will be available. No outside cooler will be allowed. No pets allowed in the complex. No smoking in the complex.