



## 495 Babe Ruth League 2026 Manager Cheat Sheet

### TIME LIMIT

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- 2 HOURS 15 MINUTES total game time
- NO NEW INNING starts after 2:15 of play
- Clock keeps running during lightning delays
- Standard game = 7 innings (or 6.5 if home team leads)
- Official game = 4 innings (3.5 if home team leads)
- Mercy Rule = 12 runs after 5 innings (4.5 if home leads)

### BAT RULE

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- Follow NATIONAL BABE RUTH BAT RULES
- Official approved list: <https://www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules>
- Max length: 34"
- Max barrel diameter: 2-5/8"
- Composite barrels must meet current Babe Ruth certification
- Wood, aluminum, composite-handled bats OK

#### **Manager Responsibility:**

- YOU (not the umpire) are responsible for ensuring no illegal bats in the dugout or on deck
- Umpires will NOT check bats on their own
- If you suspect an illegal bat, ASK the umpire to check

#### **Penalty for Illegal Bat:**

- Caught before at-bat ends → bat removed, at-bat continues
- Caught after a fair ball is hit → batter is OUT, no runners advance, outs on the play stand
- This is an APPEAL play – must be caught before next pitch to next batter

### RAIN-OUT PROCEDURE

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#### **Who Calls It:**

- FIELD OWNER Manager calls the rain-out
- Must be called NO LATER than 1 HOUR before game time

#### **Who to Notify (immediately):**

- Opposing team's Manager
- Umpires
- League Scheduler

#### **Make-Up Game:**

- DEFAULT: game moves to the NEXT SUNDAY on the schedule

- Want a different date? BOTH managers must agree AND submit to the Scheduler BEFORE the default Sunday game time
- Field Owner notifies League Scheduler ASAP for new slot

### **HOME vs. FIELD OWNER (important):**

- HOME TEAM = who bats last (per schedule)
- FIELD OWNER = who owns the field
- These can be DIFFERENT teams
- Example: Marlboro plays at Hudson, but Marlboro is HOME. Hudson is the Field Owner.

### **Umpire Pay:**

- HOME TEAM's organization pays the umpires – even if not the Field Owner

### **Suspended Games:**

- If OFFICIAL (4 innings, or 3.5 with home leading) → suspended, resume from stopping point
- If NOT yet official → full replay from 0-0

## **BASEBALLS**

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- HOME TEAM supplies the game baseballs

## **PITCHING LIMITS**

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- Max 7 INNINGS in any 2 CONSECUTIVE team games
- 1 pitch to a batter = 1 inning pitched
- Time between games does NOT matter

### **Examples:**

- Pitch 5 in Game 1 → only 2 innings available in Game 2
- Pitch 5 in Game 1, Game 2 rained out → still only 2 innings in Game 3
- Pitch 5 in Game 1, miss Game 2 entirely → full 7 innings available in Game 3
- Pitch in 2 games same day → full game rest required before next appearance

### **Other Pitching Rules:**

- Must finish current at-bat before being removed (except injury)
- 2nd mound visit in same inning = pitcher OUT (“removed by rule”)
- Once removed, CANNOT return as pitcher
- Balks enforced at ALL ages

### **VIOLATION = FORFEIT**

## **UMPIRE FEES**

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- \$85 per umpire
- \$170 total for 2 umpires (standard game)
- HOME TEAM pays umpires BEFORE game time

### **Solo Umpire (only 1 umpire works the game):**

- Solo umpire gets “game and a half”
- \$85 + \$45 = \$130 total

## **QUICK CONTACTS**

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## REMINDERS

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- GameChanger is MANDATORY
- Add Mike Daly as Commissioner
- Rosters entered by your 3rd game
- Report scores within 24 hours
- Min 8 players to start, 7 to finish
- All players: 3+ innings in field in first 6