2020 League Rules
13-15 year olds

13-15 division rules shall be the official Babe Ruth rules with the following exceptions. Coaches may be suspended for not adhering to the rules below:

Game Time Limit
- Early season games will be at 5:00 pm with no new inning starting after 6:45 pm. Game two will begin at 7:00 pm with no new inning beginning after 8:45 pm.
- Mid-Season, some games will be at 5:30 with no new inning starting after 7:15. Game two will begin at 7:30 with no new inning beginning after 9:15.
  - Please check your schedule for game times as some fields do not have lights, so game times may vary throughout the year.
  - Time limit begins when the home team takes the field to start the game.
- Regulation game length is 7 innings.
- 10 run rule is in effect after 4 ½ innings.
- Tie games will remain a tie for league standings.
- Games will be cancelled if the temperature feels like 40 degrees or less at game time. The umpiring crew has the discretion to call the game at any time due to weather conditions, and the crew may call the game at temperatures above 40 degrees, if in its discretion it is appropriate to do so.
- If lightning is seen, play MUST be halted and players must leave the field. The game cannot start back up until 30 minutes have elapsed AFTER the last visible lightning strike. No additional time is added and time limit is still in effect.

Playing Time/Batting Order
- National Babe Ruth rules apply except:
  - All players will play at least 3 complete offensive and defensive innings (18 outs), except in the case of games shortened due to time, weather or the 10 run standings.
  - Round Robin batting order may be used, but is not mandatory. Round Robin batting means each player on the team will be in the batting rotation whether or not playing a defensive position. Those players who have been assigned defensive positions do not have to be the first nine players in the batting line-up.
  - If a team decides to opt out of Round Robin batting, Re-Entry rules apply — NO free substitution (See rule book for re-entry explanation). This means starters can re-enter the game but must go back in the same spot in the batting order.
- 13 YEAR OLDS will play on 80' bases and 54' pitching distance; 14-15 year olds will play 90' bases, 60' pitching distance.
- A coach may reduce playing time for injuries, unexcused absences, or unacceptable behavior (e.g., throwing the bat or helmet, improper communication such as taunting or profane language, unsportsmanlike conduct).
- Coaches will inform the umpire and opposing coach before the start of a game if a player will not be playing.

Pitching
- The manager must remove the pitcher when a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit (if the limit is reached in the middle of an at-bat, the pitcher may finish pitching to that batter).
- No pitcher shall pitch more than 95 pitches per day.
  - No pitcher shall pitch more than 5 innings a week for league play AND must adhere to the following rest requirements:
    - If a player pitches 75 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
    - If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
    - If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
    - If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
    - If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
The Bat
- **ALL non-BBCOR** bats used in Fargo Youth Baseball shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard.
- All-BPF – 1.15 bats are prohibited.
- BBCor bats are legal.

Extra Player Rule
- Extra player is a league option and can be used by the coach at his/her choice.
- Teams are allowed to bat 10 players or ALL players if they so desire.
- In the case of only 10 players and the extra player is used, should an injury occur, the game will be allowed to continue with 9 players. There will be NO automatic out for the injured player in the order, however the injured player will not be allowed to re-enter the game.

Team
- Games may be played with 8 players. (NO automatic out for the 9th spot in the order) – in the event that an injury or disqualification occurs, and the team falls to 7 players, a forfeit will result.
- Umpires should call a “large” strike zone in order to encourage players to swing the bat. They are urged to call strikes from the armpits to the knees; approximately 4” off the outside corner and 2” off the inside corner.
- **Coaches and players shall NOT yell at umpires across the field or from the dugout. Doing so may result in removal from the game and/or future games. Even a player or coach is not thrown out, but a report or complaint is filed with the FYB office, that player or coach may be suspended from future games if the FYB office and board deem that the behavior was inappropriate or non-sporting.**
- Understand that umpires will make mistakes, just as the players and coaches will. Many are young and/or new to umpiring and this is where they get their start. We ask that if you have a question that you approach the umpire in a respectful manner. If there is an issue a team would like addressed, we ask that the COACH contact the FYB office 24 hours after the game to discuss the issue.

Encourage your parents to support their team and not yell at or demean the umpires.

Additional Items
- Coin flip at the beginning of the game to determine who is home and away (if it is a doubleheader, flip flop home and away for game 2)
- Both teams are responsible for cleaning out their dugout, outside the field and under bleachers.
- If you see parents get out of line, remind them the game is for the kids and the atmosphere should be one of recreation, education and enjoyment.

Babe Ruth Baseball Extra Player Rule

1. Must the extra player hit in the 10th position in the batting order?
   a. NO, the extra player is treated just as any other starter and may hit in any position in the batting order.

2. Can the extra player ever play a defensive position?
   a. YES, just like two starters in defensive positions can change during the game, so can the extra player. Consider the extra player as a defensive position.

3. Do both teams have to use the extra player if the league adopts to use it?
   a. NO, this is a choice of each coach. However, if a team starts the game with the extra player, they must finish the game with the extra player and therefore must have 10 players in their lineup at the end.
   **EXCEPTION: See Extra Player rule above, bullet point 3.**

4. Can the extra player leave the game and then re-enter?
   a. YES, keep in mind the extra player is considered a starter and any starter may re-enter the game one time.
   **Keep in mind, the extra player must stay in the same rotation in the batting order he started in, just as the catcher or any other player. When he enters the game to play a position, he stays in the same rotation in the batting order.**