

*Three Rivers Babe Ruth Baseball & Softball
Babe Ruth Softball 12U
Local League Rules & Cheat Sheet*

Game Preparation / Take Down

- Designated Home Team is responsible for prepping the field for game.
 - Chalk lines, place bases, etc.
 - Most important for the FIRST game of that particular day.
- Designated Visiting Team is responsible for field clean up.
 - Rake the plate and mound areas, remove bases.
 - Most important following the LAST game of the day.

Pre-Game Warm-Up & Field Use

- Teams can warm up off the field until the previous game is completed.
- You will have a minimum of 15 minutes to warm up on the playing field.

Playing Time / Substitutions

- Any starting player may be removed from the game and return as long as she is in the same spot in the batting order.
- A substitute player who has been removed is NOT permitted to return.
 - Unless all available players have played, an injury necessitates reentry.
- There is no penalty for illegal entry of a player other than they must be immediately removed from the game.

Base Running

- Batters are allowed to run to first on dropped 3rd strike.

Pitching

- A 2nd trip to the mound by the coach during the same inning means the pitcher must be removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game.

Equipment Requirements:

- Bats must have “Official softball” or “Official Fastpitch” marking and a 21/4” bat barrel maximum.
- Helmets are required for all batters, base runners, players “on deck”, and base coaches.
 - Bat girls need a helmet too.

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- Cleats CANNOT have metal spikes.
- Jewelry is permitted - Umpires have the authority to request removal.
- Face masks must be worn by the pitcher, 1st baseman & 3rd baseman.

Game Length

- Games are 7 innings long with no extra-inning play.
- 10 run rule can take affect after 4½ (or 4 innings) if either team has a 10+ run lead.
- Game has reached 4 ½ innings and 1:40 minutes (home team does not need to bat).
- Game has reached 4½ innings and teams are past 1 hour and 40 minutes.
- Do not start the next inning.
- **Game length limit is two-hours. New inning cannot start after 1 hour 40-minute limit.**

*** Teams need to be mindful of other teams waiting for access to the field and dugout. Please clear the dugout and field immediately following handshakes. Post game meetings need to be done outside the playing fields if there are other teams waiting for access to fields.

Coaches have the option to bat the lineup or roster. Requirements for minimum play and married substitution are still required.

The home team is required to provide the official scorebook. Head umpire is required to sign the scorebook after the game.

Both teams are required to track their own players' pitch counts and report those counts within 1 hour following each game to the text group.