

**Baraboo Amateur Baseball Association (BABA) Summer Classic 2019 Tournament**  
**Rules for 9U-12U**

1. Teams must bat everyone on the roster.
2. A team must have a minimum of 8 players on the field at the start of the game or they will forfeit.
3. Players ages are set as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current calendar year.
4. Free substitution is allowed in the field except at the pitcher position with all players that are in batting order. If any player is not in batting order, substitution rules will be followed based on re-entry rules (Player may only go back into the lineup for the person that replaced him, and the person that replaced him is done for that game). Because teams must bat everyone on the roster, this situation would only occur for a late arriving player who is not included in the initial batting order.
5. Teams must submit a written batting order to the opposing coach/bookkeeper prior to the game, and maintain the batting order throughout. Batting out of order will result in the offending batter being called out. If a player in the initial order is unable to complete the game, his/her spot shall be skipped for the remainder of the game (no out will result). Once a player is removed from the order, he/she can not be reinserted.
6. Bracket or Pool play will be used depending on the number of teams registered. All teams are guaranteed at least 3 games. Trophies or Player Medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. In Pool Play, tiebreakers will be; (1) Head to Head, (2) Fewest Runs Allowed, (3) Run Differential (Max Differential In One Game is 10 Runs for Tiebreaker Purposes)
7. Games will be 6 innings or time limit. No inning will start after 1 hour 25 minutes. Games in Pool Play Or in the first 2 rounds that are tied after regulation will have 1 more inning to break the tie. If tie is not broken after 1 extra inning, California rule (last out is runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base to begin inning with ONE out) will be used. In Championship games, the games will be played to conclusion, in full (California Rule will not be in effect).
8. Ten (10) run rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if home team is ahead) for ALL games other than Championship games. Fifteen (15) run rule is in effect after 4 innings in Championship games.
9. Pitchers may pitch 2 innings per game. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of any game by the offending team. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes one inning pitched. Must announce pitching change to scorekeeper and opposing scorekeeper. Once pitcher is removed from pitching, he can-not re-enter as pitcher.
10. Pitchers are allowed 6 warm-ups on mound to start inning or upon entry into game. Returning pitchers are allowed 5 warm-ups on mound to start an inning. Defense may take a ball out for warm-ups prior to each inning.
11. Pitching distance is 46 feet with 60 foot bases for U9 and U10 tournaments. Pitching distance is 50 feet with 70 foot bases for U11 and U12 tournaments. Balks will be loosely enforced (ex: improper pickoff attempt, quick pitches, etc.). Obvious balks will result in stoppage of play for explanation. No positive outcomes will be allowed to stand after an obvious balk (i.e. strikeout, etc.)
12. Runners cannot leave base until the ball crosses the plate in U9 and U10 tournaments. There will be ONE warning per team which results in a dead play. After first warning it will be an automatic out.
13. Runner may leave base at any time for U11 and U12 tournaments.
14. Stealing of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and home are allowed. Runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> may score on a passed ball.
15. Batter is out on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike in U9 and U10 tournaments ONLY.
16. Batter may attempt to reach 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike in U11 and U12 tournaments, provided first base is not occupied. A dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike on the 3<sup>rd</sup> out must be secured. (ex: Tag runner, throw to first, or runner gives themselves up)

17. A batter/runner gives themselves up on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike if they make a motion returning to the dugout and leaves the batter's box.
18. A fourth outfielder is permitted for teams on defense in U9 and U10 tournaments. This may not be a rover, with the preferred configuration being left field, left-center, right-center, and right field.
19. A six-run rule (per inning) will be in place for the U9 tournament. Additional runs may score if a play has not been completed. Once the defense has secured the baseball, and runners have been instructed to stop, then the inning is over. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning (or final inning if over time limit) shall be unlimited
20. Runners must slide on close plays. Runner may be called out for not sliding at umpire's discretion. No head first slides allowed except when returning to their previous base. Runners sliding head first to an advancing base will be called Out.
21. No metal spikes allowed.
22. Courtesy runner will be used for the catcher with two outs. The player who made the last out (batting) must be the runner.
23. Infield fly rule will be used.
24. Coin flip will determine home team for each game. Except Baraboo will always be home team in their games & will occupy the dugout of their choice.
25. The Home team will keep the "official" book.
26. The Visiting team must supply a scoreboard operator.
27. The Winning Team must report the final score to the Concession Stand.
28. No harassment of a team or a player is allowed. No harassment of umpires by coaches, players or fans will be tolerated. Umpire and/or Tournament Director discretion will be used. Teams in violation of this rule (including fan behavior) may be forced to forfeit games and/or withdraw from the tournament with no refund of entry fee.
29. All 2 ¼" bats will be allowed in addition to ANY approved USABat labeled bats up to 2 5/8" for all age groups (9-12). Umpires will inspect all bats prior to each game. Wooden bats are not allowed.
30. NO CURVE BALLS ALLOWED. If a curve is thrown it is a ball and if another is thrown the pitcher must be removed from the mound.
31. We will not have a blanket liability insurance policy and will not responsible for any injuries to players, coaches, or fans. You should have your own insurance.
32. In case of inclement weather and the tournament has to be cancelled, \$50 will be deducted from each team's entry fees for expenses. A team completing a game constitutes their tournament has begun and no refunds will be given after that point.
33. Once paid, cancellations will only be refunded if the spot is filled by another team.
34. No infield or batting practice on the field before game. Baseballs will be provided for each game.
35. All decisions made by the tournament officials are correct and final. All WIAA rules apply than otherwise noted.
36. Any player or coach ejected from a game for any reason will be disqualified from play during the rest of the tournament.
37. ABSOLUTELY NO CARRY-INS will be allowed. Teams may bring water for their players only. Teams will be responsible for enforcing this rule with their fans/families. Penalties for non-compliance may include forfeiture of games or disqualification from the tournament.
38. Tournament Director has final authority on all questions, disputes, and decisions throughout the tournament

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