

2024

CYBL LOCAL GROUND RULES

1. The current Babe Ruth Baseball Rules Book will be always in effect except for any conflicting rules stated within the CYBL Local Ground Rules. In the case of any conflicting rules, the Local Rules control. A copy of all rules shall be supplied to all managers and umpires. A copy of all rules will be available in the Snack Shack of the Dutcher Ballpark Complex and will be posted on the League web site.
2. Divisions: CYBL has two divisions, a Major Division, and a Minor Division. The Major Division consists of players from ages 15 to 18, and the Minor Division consists of players from ages 12 to 14. Players 15 years of age may play in the minors (should his skill level warrant playing down), however any 15-year-old playing in the minors must be designated on a team's roster as minor player.
3. Ejection of the Manager, Coach, or Player: Any ejection will result in an automatic one-game suspension following the game ejected from for the first offense, a two-game suspension following the game ejected from for the second offense, and a calendar year suspension for the third offense. All suspensions include all league games and activities until the Manager/Coach/Player misses one or two games as applicable, within the Division the suspension occurred.
4. An appeal of any suspension above may be made to the Review Panel within the applicable Division within 24 hours. The Review Panel may reduce or reverse the suspension for compelling cause by unanimous vote.

If a manager, coach, or player intentionally strikes a manager, umpire coach or player, such person is automatically Ejected and shall be suspended while the incident is reviewed by a Review Panel, which must meet within 24 hours. The Review Panel shall consist of at least two members of the Board of Directors. Directors must be notified of the incident immediately by phone call, text message or email. If there is retaliation, the person(s) retaliating is also automatically ejected and shall be suspended while a Review Panel reviews the matter. The Review Panel shall determine whether the initial striking and retaliation were

intentional. If a manager, coach, or player(s) is suspended by the Review Panel for this violation, suspension will be for one calendar year.

Any spectator ejected from Dutcher Ballpark Complex must leave the Complex for the remainder of the day ejected.

5. Playing Time

- a. All players shall play Six defensive Outs and receive at least one at-bat.
- b. If a player fails to receive his required playing time due to the game being shortened for any reason (e.g., time, mercy rule, weather), that player must start the next game that the player attends.
- c. Failure to follow the Playing time rule:
 - 1. The Manager will address the issue with the Coach, Parent and Player after the first offense. Before the Teams next Game.
The Manager will update the Player agent and President on the outcome of the meeting.
 - 2. A second offense will result in Board action which could be Suspension of Coach and or Manager.
- d. Any time a player violates the Player Code of Conduct or is benched for disciplinary purposes by either the Manager or Coach.
 - 1. Should the Manager/Coach choose to Discipline a player by benching them they will immediately Notify the Player Agent and President of the decision, with the reason for the Benching via text or email.
 - 2. The Manager or Coach will list benched players on the lineup card submitted prior to the start of the game and ensure that notes are added to the official score book showing player was benched.

6. Substitution

- a. If a player leaves the game, the substitution rules are in effect. And will follow the Babe ruth re-entry rules found in 0.08 of the official rule books.

- b. If a 15-year-old major player is brought down to play in a minor division game to avoid a forfeit the player must play in the outfield. He will be required to follow the Bat rules for Majors.
 - c. A Manager or Coach may have a minor player come up to the Major team however that player will not be required to be given playing time. A minor league player is not allowed to Pitch in the Majors.
 - i. No Minors player brought up to be a 10th player may start in front of an available major player.
 - d. A minor player that is brought up to play in the majors and plays in more than 10 major's games will be added to the major's roster for the remainder of the year and must follow all rules as a major while playing down in any minor's game.
 - e. A major team that does not have enough minors in their organization to play up in the majors to avoid a forfeit may have a player from a minor's team without a major's team play so long as their 15th birthday is prior to May 1, 2024. Using a minor player from another team as allowed by this rule is only permitted to avoid a forfeit, meaning the minor player would be the eighth player in the lineup. Approval from the minor player's parents and manager must be obtained prior to utilizing that player. A list of eligible players from the two minor teams that do not have a major team will be provided to all Managers and will be posted in the snack shack.
- 7. Players in this league must use a bat that is Compliant with the Babe Ruth Rules.
 - a. There is an exception for the Minor Division (a major Player playing down is not considered a Minor Player for this exception).
 - b. Minors may use up to a drop eight bat (-8) while playing in either division.
 - c. 15-year-olds are eligible to use up to a drop eight bat in the majors.
 - d. USSSA Bats are approved for minor players.
- 8. When a player has been injured and consequently is under a doctor's care, the player will not be permitted to play or practice until the player's Manager receives a release, signed by a doctor, that the player may play baseball. This release must be presented to the Player Agent. A player is an illegal player until a medical release is presented to the Player Agent.

9. All games must be complete games: four innings for Minors, and five innings for Majors.

If the game has not progressed to be a complete game, then it must be rescheduled immediately before the managers leave the Complex and replayed at the earliest opportunity. All Major Division games are limited to 2 hours, ties not included. Minor Division games are limited to 2 hours, ties not included. When time has expired, the current inning will be completed, and the game is considered complete, even if the game has not progressed to the required number of innings for a complete game (e.g., time trumps innings played). When there is a tie, the game will keep going until a winner is declared.

EXCEPTIONS: the "Run" rule applies.

Both Minors and Majors will be fifteen runs after 3 innings (2 ½ if home team is ahead) and ten runs after 4 (3 ½innings if home team is ahead).

Games that are cancelled due to weather before they reach either the innings or time to be a complete game will be rescheduled and replayed as new games.

10. Rule 8.02 (b) regarding the pitcher having or being in possession of a foreign substance. Shall be interpreted to mean that he may not have such a substance on his pitching hand. (i.e., Band aids, Tape or other substance that may or may not aide in the grip of the ball.)
11. Courtesy Runners
- a. At any time, the offensive team has two outs and the pitcher and/or catcher are runners on base or reach base after batting, The offensive may use a courtesy runner for them. If the offense team bats around the pitcher and/or catcher who had a courtesy runner inserted on their behalf may bat in their normal position in the batting order.
 - b. The same individual runner may not be used for both positions (pitcher and catcher).
 - c. Players used as courtesy runners must not be currently in the lineup. (They must be a substitute or have been substituted out of the game).
12. An end of season tournament will be played for each division.

PROTESTS

1. If, when an alleged rule violation occurs and cannot be settled at that time, the manager protesting must inform the umpire that he will finish the game under protest. The Scorekeeper must also be informed of the protest and officially record it in the official scorebook showing the exact point in the game where the protest occurred.
2. The protesting manager shall submit all protests in any written form, and protests shall contain a summary of the circumstances surrounding the protest and the rule violation by number to the Umpire-in-Chief. The written protest shall also be provided to the secretary or the player's agent. The protesting manager shall be allowed until 10:00 PM the night following the alleged violation to submit the protest in writing.
3. The Umpire-in-Chief in consultation with the Vice-President of Baseball Operations will verify the validity of the rule, not interpretation, at the time the protest is received. If the Umpire-in-Chief in consultation with the Vice-President of Baseball Operations determines that the rule upon which the protest is based is valid, he shall present the protest to the Protest Committee and shall provide advice to the Protest Committee.
4. The Protest Committee shall be comprised of three current league umpires selected by the Umpire-in-Chief. The Protest Committee shall not include current league players or any umpire who officiated the game under protest.
5. All protests shall be decided by the Protest Committee and will be decided by majority vote.
6. All protests shall be ruled upon within 72 hours from receipt of the protest.
7. All protests and decisions shall be recorded and published to the league by the league Secretary. All protest decisions are final and are not appealable.

FORFEITURES

1. Any Major or Minor team failing to field at least eight uniformed players 15 minutes after game start time has been established shall forfeit the game.
2. A team can take a different organization's players to cover their roster, but the game will count as a forfeit in the standings on the team who does not have enough players. The

plate umpire will be responsible for determining the forfeit if the team does not have enough players by 15 minutes after game start time.

3. Playing an ineligible player shall result in forfeiture of any games in which the player ineligibly participated, if proof is shown by any of the league managers, official coaches, or officers to the umpire. If necessary, refer to protest rules.

SCOREKEEPERS

1. The official Scorekeeper shall record pitches, hits, runs, strikeouts, bases on balls, times at bat, official game time, and if the game is delayed, the reason for the delay.
2. If any game is delayed longer than 10 minutes for reasons including weather or injury, time will be added on to the end of the game.
3. The home team will provide a scorekeeper for the official book and the visiting team for the scoreboard. Both will sit in the scoring box.
4. The scorekeeper and plate umpire will sign the book at the end of the game.

Pitch Counts

CYBL will follow the Babe Ruth Rule Book 11.05 section 4 for pitch counts in all league games. CYBL Minors Division will follow the "Age 13-16" pitch count rules and CYBL Majors Division will follow the "Age 16-18" pitch count rules.

Uniforms

Will be worn as per rule 1.11 of the Babe Ruth Official Rule book. The league will interpret the provision in 1.11 (a) (1) that says all players on a team will wear uniforms identical in color, trim and style, to mean: (i) that a player's cap must be the one provided by the league for the current season, (ii) baseball pants that are provided by the team or player (no team or player may choose to deviate what is usual and customarily known as baseball pants – shorts are not pants), and (iii) cleats (except cleats with spikes, as would be used in Golf or track).

- a. Should a player lose or otherwise not have the cap issued by the league for the current season, they may purchase one at the concession stand.

- b. Any player not in uniform at the start of the game will be benched until he complies with the required standards of the uniform.