



## Babe Ruth Softball

### CT Babe Ruth Softball State Tournament Rules

#### 12U and 10U Pool Play

Each team has 1 home game and 1 game in which they will be visitors. The home team will set up the umpires and will pay for the umpires. Two umpires for each game.

Calling of games due to weather prior to the start will be that of the Host Site in conjunction with the State Commissioner. Once a game has started the umpires will make the call and resumption will be in conjunction with the UIC, Host and State Commissioner.

The format for the 12U and 10U State Tournaments will be Pool Play in which each team will play 2 games. This will be followed by a double elimination portion, in which all teams will participate.

The pitching distance for 12U is 40 feet. The pitching distance for 10U is 35 feet.

1. All documents for a girl must be complete before she is allowed to play. Pgs. 50-51 (11.01-11.04) All certifications for Managers/Coaches must be complete before he/she will be allowed to coach. Pg. 51 (11.04g). Only those on the roster are in the dugout.
2. All girls will be in uniform with different numbers and have a Babe Ruth Patch, (patch requirement will not be enforced), Pg. 5 (0.02 #6), and no jewelry as identified on Pg. 12 (1.11f).

3. Any 12u Tournament Game must be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after two and one half (2-1/2) or three (3) innings and each team has had equal times at bat. Any 12u Tournament Game must be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after three and one half (3-1/2) or four (4) innings, if each team has had equal times at bat, or the home team is leading.
4. In all games, except the Championship Game, there is no new inning after a one hour and 30 minute time limit. If tied after 90 minutes, the game is completed when a winner is determined after the Home team bats, if needed.
5. 12U pitching rules are a rolling 9 innings meaning “No pitcher in 10U/12U tournament play shall be allowed to pitch in more than 9 innings in any two (2) successive tournament games within the same tournament level.” Pg. 52 11.05 #12 & 13. Remember one pitch in an inning counts as an inning pitched. “Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used, as specified above, shall be directly forfeited”, Pg. 52 (11.05 #13).
6. The lineup can consist of an “EH” (extra hitter) but once the lineup contains 10 the team must finish with 10 in the line-up. Failure to do so, results in a forfeit. The “EH” is treated like any other starter. Pg. 52 (11.05 .10) Remember, a line-up is sacred, Pg. 31 (6.07). Therefore, if you start with 10 on your line up you must finish with ten on your line- up or it is a forfeit for not being able bat the required number in the line- up. The EH allows for a 10<sup>th</sup> hitter but there are still only 9 players in the field.
7. The reentry rule states that: Any of the 9 (10 with EH) starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever she is in the line-up. The substitute withdrawn cannot re-enter, Pg. 19 (3.04). Exception noted for an injured player, Pg. 52 (11.05.#5).

8. Rules governing when & how substitutes can be entered into the game are specified. Pg. 19 (3.03 & 3.04), which also includes additional information for pitching substitution. Pg. 19 & 20 (3.05) and regarding trips to the mound Pg.46 (8.12a)
9. Courtesy runner is any player not currently in the line-up who runs only once per inning for either a catcher or pitcher. Pg.14
10. The infield fly rule is in effect. Pg. 16
11. Batters can become runners on a dropped third strike Pg. 34 (6.09) in the 12U division. Batters cannot advance on a dopped third strike inthe 10U division, Pg. 54 (11.07b)
12. Stealing base is allowed in tournament play on the release of the pitch, Pg. 43 (7.12) and Pg. 54 (11.07c)
13. Contact rule at home plate will be followed. There is no mandatory slide rule Pg. 43 (7.13) and rules governing interference Pgs. 38 (7.06 highlighted).
14. Anyone warming up the pitcher must wear a mask, Pg.13 (1.18).
15. Only the manager can protest or challenge a book rule. The manager will notify the UIC who will then confer with the Tournament Director who will then continue to follow the proper protest procedures. Rules such as only playing with 9 players may not be protested (provided they started with 9 batters) nor will judgment decisions by the umpire, Pg. 47 (9.02). If there is a question on a call once the play is over, the manager can respectfully call time, wait for it to be granted, go to the umpire that made the call and explain the situation and ask if he/she will ask his/her partner for help.
16. The manager for each team must sign the official scorer's book to verify agreement with pitching and the score.

17. Each team will choose a parent/representative knowledgeable of Babe Ruth Rules to become part of a Protest Committee for each game, Pg. 52 (11.05.7). The manager must raise any protest immediately, before the next pitch is thrown and must be for rules interpretation not judgment calls.
18. Players conduct is to be in good sportsmanship regarding language or action. Pg. 23. (4.06 and 4.08)
19. Parent & team spectator conduct is the responsibility of the team manager. No tobacco or alcohol is permitted on the premises.
20. Players and/or Managers/Coaches ejected by the umpire from a game will leave the field premises and can sit in the stands far from the bench. If further misconduct persists the individual will be asked to leave the field premises. The discretion of the Tournament Director will determine if that person can return to the next game. If they do return to the next game and are again ejected, that person will leave the tournament and may not remain as a spectator. Pg. 47 (9.01 c-d)