

## Winter Springs Babe Ruth Rules

### Developmental TBall Division

#### Home Team & Visiting Team Responsibilities

The home team is responsible for the following:

- Provide 1 new game ball.

Managers should hold a plate meeting prior to the start of the game.

#### Game Time

To facilitate the consistent start and stop of games, and to provide equitable playing time for all players, the following time limits will be observed:

- Official start time occurs when the defensive team takes the field.
- A regulation game is four innings and no more than four innings will ever be played, regardless of the score. No new inning will start after 1 hour has elapsed from the official start time.
- Tie Games: If both teams have the same number of runs at the end of an official game, the game is declared a tie.

#### Offense (Batting)

- All players are required to wear approved batting helmets while batting. Face guards are optional. All roster players present for the game shall be in the batting line-up. A team's "at bat" will end when the entire lineup has batted. Batting order will be changed for each game.
- Each batter will be allowed to swing at the ball until they hit the ball in fair territory.
- A foul shall be called if the ball:
  - Is hit into foul territory
  - Does not reach the 10' line
- No bunting or fake bunting. No walks or intentional walks. No in-field fly rule. No "batter hit by pitcher" rule.

#### Base Runners

- No leading off or base stealing.
- Runners can move a maximum of 2 bases on a ball hit to the outfield.
- Runners can move one based on a ball hit in the infield. Runners cannot advance on overthrows.

#### Defense (Fielding)

- All players shall play defense on the field. The infield shall have the normal 6 positions. All additional players will be placed behind the infield players. One of the infield positions is a catcher (batting helmet required).
- A coach is not to touch the ball until the play is over.
- Coaches are encouraged to rotate their players within fielding positions so that the players can learn various positions.

#### Pitchers/Pitching

Pitcher is one of the infield positions for the purpose of defense/fielding in Tball.

#### Coach Placement

- A maximum of 3 coaches are allowed on the field for Offense (Batting). 1<sup>st</sup> base coach, 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach, and a coach to help with the tee at homeplate. There should also be a coach or non-coach volunteer in the dugout. Any non-coach volunteers must complete Volunteer Registration to be on the field or in the dugout.
- A maximum of 4 coaches are allowed on the field for Defense (Fielding). Defensive coaches should be stationed in the outfield area behind the outfielders

#### Playing Time

N/A

#### Player Requirements to Start the Game & Players Arriving After the Start of the Game

##### Player Requirements to Start a Game

- N/A

Players Arriving after the Start of the Game:

- If a player arrives after the start of the game, the player must be added to the bottom of the batting order.

<b>Scorebook/Gamechanger</b>
N/A
<b>Fall vs. Spring Rule Differences</b>
N/A
<b>Playoff Rule Differences</b>
N/A