

2016 NPYL – GFYL – OYO BOYS' BABE RUTH 16 – 18 PLAYING RULES.

- **Season to start Sunday June 5, 2016. Tourney TBD, start week of June 27, 2015.**
- **Sliding:** Head first slides will be permitted this year to alleviate player confusion with high school rules. (Cleats should be down when sliding feet first into a base. Umpire discretion if he believes slider is trying to injure defensive player.) If there is a play at the base, runner should slide and avoid upper body contact. Barreling into the defensive player to jar the baseball loose is prohibited. (Errant throw up the line on play at the plate is umpire's discretion.)
- **Pitching:**
 - All pitchers are restricted to 3 innings per game limit, no exceptions.
 - One pitch in an inning counts as a full inning.
 - Any pitcher may be re-inserted in the game as a pitcher once removed and only one time.
 - An intentional walk may be given without throwing to the batter by advising the umpire of the defensive team's intent to save time since there is a time limit.
 - If there is a rainout rescheduled giving a team a fourth game in a week, they will receive 3 extra innings per pitcher for that game.
- **Batting:** All players on the team will bat.
 - Legal bat specifications are listed at <http://www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx>.
- **Substitution:** Free substitution of players.
 - No player should sit more than 2 innings in a regular 7 inning game unless injured.
 - If a player is being sat for discipline, it must be brought to the attention of the umpire and opposing manager prior to the game or immediately during the game.
 - Violation of this rule for competitive advantage will not be tolerated by any of the three leagues and may be penalized up to and including forfeiture of the game and managerial suspension.
 - Late arriving players will be inserted at the bottom of the batting line up.
 - Teams short of nine players may utilize a league player(s) from another team's roster only if that team is short of nine players. Those players must bat at the bottom of the line up and can only play defensively in the outfield.

- Outside players not registered in OYO, GYBA, or NPYL will not be allowed to play for any team. It is permissible to use a player from any team in the alliance.
 - Substitute players must bat at the bottom of the line up and can only play outfield.
 - Courtesy runners will be allowed for catchers if there are 2 outs to expedite game flow.
- **Games:** Games shall consist of 7 innings; however no new inning may start after the 2 hour time limit. Any new inning started prior to the two hour time limit shall be completed.
 - **Run rules:** Mercy rule will be in effect for lopsided games: 15 run lead after 4 innings; 10 run lead after 5 innings will end play. No run limit per inning.
 - **Rainouts:** All rainouts will be rescheduled with courtesy given to the managers regarding availability. In most cases the next open date will be utilized.
 - GFYL Weather line # is (317) 477-1591.
 - NPYL Weather info call Scott McDaniel @ 363-7935.
 - OYO Weather line is 767-5170.
 - **Standings:** Winning managers must send game results to smcdaniel@dnr.in.gov or text results to (317) 363-7935 with both team names and scores. Results will be emailed to managers daily.
 - **Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to the top 2 teams for the regular season by NPYL. Plaques will be awarded for the seeded tournament champion and runner-up by GYBA. Single elimination tournament will be completed ASAP in early to mid-July 2016.
 - **Ejections:** Any manager, coach, player or spectator who is ejected from a game must also miss that team's next scheduled game. In addition, all NPYL teams and all visiting teams playing at NPYL must abide by the NPYL Code of Conduct which is posted at www.npyl.com.
 - **All league play is governed by Babe Ruth rules outside of the aforementioned mutually agreed upon modifications.**