



North Side/Twin Falls/Wood River Babe Ruth Softball
14U Inter-League Rules 2019

1. TIME LIMITS

- a. No new inning may start after 2 hours. An inning “starts” the moment the last out is made in the previous inning.
- b. An inning started **before** the end of the time limit will be completed. However, the home team will not bat in their half of the inning once time has expired **if leading the game**.
- c. The time limit will apply regardless of score or number of innings completed.
- d. For purposes of the time limit, an inning “begins” the moment the last out is made in the previous inning.
- e. All ties will be recorded as such for league standing purposes. In the event a tie affects the league standings at the end of the season, a coin flip will be used to determine final league standings.

2. RUN LIMIT PER INNING

- a. No team shall be allowed to score more than ten (10) runs in any one inning.

3. RE-ENTRY RULE/SUBSTITUTIONS (Re-entry Rule and Explanation, pages 19; Rule 3.04, & Rule 3.05,

- a. Any of the **nine starting** players (including the extra hitter) may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position as occupied when starting the game.
- b. Substitutes withdrawn can never re-enter the game.

4. PITCHING

- a. No one pitcher shall pitch more than four (4) innings per game.
- b. One pitch in one inning constitutes an inning pitched toward the maximum number of inning pitched for that game.
- c. The starting pitcher may **start** out as a pitcher, play another position, and then return to the mound. This applies **ONLY** to the pitcher who starts the game!
- d. As per Babe Ruth pitching rules (page 44, 8.02) pitchers are not allowed to take a step backward in a “rocking” motion before stepping forward to deliver a pitch. A pitcher may only take one step forward when delivering the pitch and both feet must stay in constant contact with the pitcher’s plate prior to this single step forward.
- e. Anyone warming up a pitcher at any location shall wear a mask. A throat protector is considered part of the catcher’s mask. - **This includes coaches.**

5. SCORE KEEPING

- a. Each team must designate a scorekeeper for their team for each game.
- b. The home team will keep the “official” book for the game.
- c. The official score keeper will be responsible for noting the game start time, innings pitched per pitcher, and all substitutions. Time will begin when the ball is initially put into play by the home plate umpire.
- d. Scorekeepers, particularly the official scorekeeper, must sit in a position that is readily accessible to the umpire.
- e. When making substitutions, all coaches are required to report substitutions to the umpire and official scorekeeper before play resumes.



- f. Scorekeepers **MUST** record in the scorebook all substitutions. They must record where in the lineup the sub entered, what inning the sub entered and if it was at the top or bottom of the inning. Failure to do so is in direct violation of league policy.
- g. Any discrepancies in score keeping should be immediately reported to a League Board Member.

6. GAME / ROSTER

- a. A team must field at least 8 players to begin a game, but may finish a game with less.
- b. If a team starts with 8 players, when the 9th spot (missing player) comes up in the line-up it will be considered an out. If a ninth player shows up sometime during the game she may enter the game in the 9th position only and it will no longer be considered an out.
- c. An EH (extra hitter) may be used in the game. A team must start and end with an EH. An EH can be moved to the field and a player in the field will then become the EH. The EH position **DOES NOT** count towards the player's guaranteed (3) innings.
- d. Playing time is subject to the league attendance policy.
- e. The infield fly rule is in effect.
- f. 14U division will use 12" ball.
- g. Games are to be scheduled for seven (7) innings. In the event that a game is suspended due to weather conditions, it will be considered to be a completed game if at least 4 (four) innings have been played. A completed game shall occur if one team has ten (10) or more run lead after five (5) innings (or 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead). If a game is called due to weather conditions prior to the completion of 4 (four) innings, the game will be suspended and resumed as soon as it is rescheduled.

7. BASE RUNNING

- a. Runners can steal and the ball is live until the pitcher has the ball and is in contact with the pitchers plate (page 43; Rule 7.12.)
- b. If a runner is between bases she may advance to the base she was attempting to steal at her own risk. The pitcher may choose to throw to the base, at which time the ball will be live.
- c. Base runners shall not leave their bases until the pitched ball has left the pitchers hand. For violation, the base runner will be called out.
- d. There will be **NO** head first sliding and a player who slides head first will be called out by the umpire. A player may dive back in the case of a pickle or if they have over run a base and need to dive back.
- e. If a runner attempting to reach home plate or another base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate or a base, he will be called out and ejected from the game.

8. UNIFORMS

- a. All players shall wear their league issued uniforms (jersey, pants, belts, socks and visors) [as per page 12, Rule 1.11(a) (1)] However, league rules do not mandate that all players must wear matching undershirts under their jerseys [as per page 12, Rule 1.11(a) (2)] The only restrictions regarding undershirts are that pitchers may not wear undershirts with white or yellow sleeves. Moreover, during inclement weather, players should be allowed to dress in a manner that provides for their comfort and safety (e.g. wearing a sweatshirt over their jersey) as long as the style of dress does not give the player or team an unfair



competitive advantage (e.g. obscuring a jersey number in order to intentionally bat out of order.)

9. ANY UMPIRE’S DECISION WHICH INVOLVES JUDGMENT IS FINAL.

- a. Arguing a judgment call will not be permitted. If anyone tries to do so they should immediately be warned, and if they continue, ejected from the game. If there is reasonable doubt that an umpire’s decision is in **conflict with the rules**, the coach may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. Such appeal should be made to home plate umpire. In making the final decision, the umpire should confer with another umpire, the chief of umpires, or the “Board Member in Charge” to gather all the necessary information.

10. UMPIRE’S EJECTION RULE

- a. Any coach, player, team personnel, or fan ejected by an umpire or tournament official during the tournament shall be prohibited from further participation, of any capacity, in the league until reinstated by the North Side Baseball Board of Directors.

Un-sportsmanlike conduct by anyone, in any form, will not be tolerated.

Thank you North Side Board of Directors