



**Southwest Athletics
Babe Ruth Juniors (13 – 15 Year Olds) and
Seniors (16 – 18 year Olds) Divisions –
Baseball Local Rules**

All Inter-League games will adhere to Babe Ruth Baseball rules and regulations. Southwest Athletics (SWA) Intra-league games will also follow Babe Ruth Baseball rules unless otherwise noted below.

Gentlemen's Agreements will not be allowed. These rules may not be changed by any Manager, Coach or Umpire. Recommendations for rule changes should be forwarded to your Division Director and VP of Baseball for consideration. The SWA Executive Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to these rules during the season should it be deemed necessary.

Tie games will not be allowed

If the curfew is met, weather, etc the game will have to be rescheduled prior to the next meeting of the two teams or at another time determined by the League Scheduler, field availability and the VP of Baseball Operations

- Games called before completing the 2nd inning – Full game will be replayed from the beginning
- Games called after completing the 2nd inning – Will resume from where they left off

Doubleheaders

- Juniors:
 - In the event of doubleheaders, both games will be 5 innings (no 10-run rule)
 - Maximum of 20 minutes between games
 - No infield and/or outfield warm-ups for the second game
 - Players who throw 20 pitches (may finish the batter) are eligible to pitch in the second game
- Seniors:
 - In the event of doubleheaders, the first game will be 7 innings (10-run rule applies)
 - The second game will be 5 innings (no 10-run rule)
 - Maximum of 20 minutes between games
 - No infield and/or outfield warm-ups for the second game
 - Players who throw 30 pitches (may finish the batter) are eligible to pitch in the second game



Bat Rules

Babe Ruth 13-15 BASEBALL DIVISION: The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed

Substitution Rules

- Free defensive substitutions are permitted
- No minimum infield or outfield requirements

Juniors & Seniors Local Division Rules

Refer to the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Rule Book if no local rule noted below

- No five run rule
- All players must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs per 7 inning game
- All players must play a minimum of 12 defensive outs per 10 inning games of a double header
- All rostered players will be placed in the batting order and will bat in continuous order throughout the game
- Games may start with 8 Players
 - A team will be charged an out in the 9th batting position if they have only 8 players
- If a player arrives after the game has started, the player shall be placed at the end of the batting order (in the last position in the batting order as the batting order was presented at the start of the game)
- If a player leaves a game early (injury, school work, ejection, transportation issue, etc) the team will not be charged an out for that spot in their batting order unless it leaves the team with only 8 players in the batting order
- Pool Player:
 - Managers may request a Pool Player through their Division Director
 - Pool Players will bat last in the line-up and may play any position on the field except the position of pitcher
 - Eligible Pool Players may guest play for teams in this division only, they will not participate in games in any other division
- Pitching:
 - 13 – 16 Year Olds – Maximum pitches per day is 95
 - 17 & 18 Year Olds – Maximum pitches per day is 105
- Rest Requirements:
 - Pitchers League Age 13 and 14
 - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is



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- Pitchers League Age 15 and above
 - If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 61 - 75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 46 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 31 -45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- Violation of any pitching rules will result in:
 - If an ineligible pitcher/player is discovered during the game, the game score will revert back to when the ineligible pitcher/player entered the game; and
 - A 1 game suspension of the manager (Team Manager may not be present at the facility for their teams next game); and
 - Possible additional penalties for repeat offenders or for intentional violation at the discretion of the Southwest Athletics VP of Baseball Operations and/or the Executive Board
 - Any and all penalties will be approved by the Executive Board

Game Time Limits

- 2 hours 30 minutes
- Innings that are started within the time limit will be played to completion
- Southwest Athletics Curfew: No inning will begin after 10:00 PM.
 - Exception: School night games (as defined by WS/FC School Calendar) the curfew will be 10:30 PM.

10 Run Mercy Rule

- The 10 run mercy rule applies in the 4 ½ inning if the home team is ahead and the 5th inning if the visiting team is ahead

Catcher Rules

- A Courtesy Runner for the catcher is permitted for the catcher entering the game in the next half inning. The player making the last out shall be the runner
 - NOTE: There are no other substitute runner rules
- Pitching – Catchers may play the position of pitcher with no restrictions



Home & Visiting Teams: Game Day

Home Team

- Provide game balls (Given to the Team Manager by SWA)
- Will keep the games official scorebook
- Assign a parent or coach to keep the scoreboard (Please No kids)
- Home Team Manager will send the games official pitchcount to the Division Director and VP of Baseball Operations

Visiting Team

- Assign a parent or coach to keep the official pitch count (for both teams) and game pitching records
- Parent/Coach keeping the official pitch count for both teams must sit inside or beside the score's box. This will allow equal access by both Team Managers

Maintenance

Home Team Managers and Coaches:

- Rake around all bases, home plate and pitcher's mound after each game (WP Field #1 and SWA Field #1)

Home Team and Visiting Team Managers and Coaches:

- Make sure all trash is picked up in dugout within their respective dugout

Other

- Maximum of 3 Adults in the dugout during games (1 Manager and 2 Coaches)
- To help facilitate the flow of the game, a Manager, Coach or Player may assist warming-up a pitcher while the catcher is putting on their equipment. Players must wear a catcher's mask
- Casts (hard, soft or covered) may not be worn during the game by players and/or the umpires. Any player or coach wearing a cast must remain in the dugout during the game