

# FERN CREEK BABE RUTH LEAGUE RULES

## 14U/15U BASEBALL

1. The time allowed after conclusion of previous game is (15) minutes.
2. Two (2) hours or (7) innings, whichever comes first.
3. Interleague Tournament will be 7 innings unless run rule comes into play.
4. The minimum requirement is (2) complete and consecutive innings on defense and (1) time at bat.
5. Once minimum playing requirements are met, any player may be substituted back into the lineup but must re-enter in their original batting order. After re-entering, player must remain in the game at least one at bat and one complete inning on defense before being removed again.
6. The manager has the option of adding a tenth hitter to the batting order. The player will be indicated in the starting line-up as the "EH". The "EH" will be treated as any other starter and must meet all playing time requirements.
7. Batting infractions – A batter shall not delay the game by failing to take his position promptly in the batter's box within (20) seconds. The batter must keep at least one foot in the batter's box throughout the time at bat.

**EXCEPTION:** A batter may leave the batter's box when:

- a. The batter swings at a pitch ,or;
- b. The batter is forced out of the box by the pitch, or;
- c. The batter attempts a "Drag Bunt", or;
- d. The defensive team feints or attempts a play at any base, or;
- e. The pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball, or;
- f. A member of either team requests and is granted "time", or;
- g. The catcher leaves catcher's box to adjust his equipment or give defensive signals, or;
- h. A wild pitch or passed ball occurs.

**PENALTY:**

For failure of the batter to be ready within (20) seconds after the ball has been returned to the pitcher, the Umpire shall call a strike. If the batter leaves the batter's box and one of the above exceptions apply, the plate Umpire shall charge a strike to the batter. The pitcher need not pitch, and the ball remains alive.