

FERN CREEK BABE RUTH LEAGUE RULES

5 YEAR OLD COACH PITCH

1. Games will consist of either 1 hour or 6 innings, whichever comes first. The game will stop when the time is up no matter the situation of the game.
2. The offensive team is restricted to scoring a maximum of 6 runs per half inning. There will be no score kept except for the purpose of determining the 6 run per inning limit.
3. The offensive team will bat until they obtain 3 outs or a minimum of 6 players have batted.
4. The defensive team will utilize 10 players, a team may play with 9 players if necessary (i.e. Injury, illness, lack of players). If utilizing 10 players, then 4 of the players must position themselves in the areas of the left field, left-center field, right-center field, and right field. If utilizing 9 players, then 3 of the players must position themselves in the areas of left field, center field and right field. At no time shall a short fielder, rover or 5th infielder be allowed.
5. Following a hit fair ball, the batter must make a valid attempt to place the bat in the batter's box (defensive coach's judgment), or they will be called out. If the batter is called out for this reason, runners cannot advance.
6. No bunting is allowed. All batted balls not falling between the baselines and past the 15 foot arch line will be declares "foul" with the exception of the following: if the ball falls from and rolls behind the tee after a swing, it is a strike, not a foul.
7. All swings will be either a fair ball, foul ball or a strike.
8. A run down line will be drawn from home plate to a mid-point between first and second base.
9. A player fielding a batted ball on the first base side of the run-down line may make the put out at first unassisted. Fielding the ball on the third base side of the line requires the fielder to make a throw to first for the out.
10. The fielder does not have to be on the third base side of the line when making the throw.
11. Play is dead when the ball leaves an outfielder's throwing hand. The same is true when an infielder throws the ball if their intent is to throw a runner out, make a play or return that ball to the pitcher in the circle.
12. When the play becomes dead, only runners who are 2/3 of the way to the next base will be allowed to advance to that base.

13. There is no infield fly rule.
14. Runners will remain in contact with the base until the batter makes contact with the ball. Penalty for runners leaving early will be in accordance with the official Cal Ripken rules.
15. Outfielders must remain behind the outfielder's line, infielders must be behind the pitcher and the pitcher must have both feet in the pitcher's circle until the batter makes contact with the ball. Violations will result in a warning to the manager. Subsequent violations will result in the offensive manager's choice of awarding the batter first base or allowing them to continue batting.
16. No player shall sit the bench 2 consecutive innings and no player shall play the same position 2 innings in a row. Players should play at least 1 inning in the infield each game.
17. There are no league standings. A single elimination tournament will be held at the end of the regular season. A first and second place trophy will be given for the tournament.
18. Use of an ineligible player, manager or coach will result in an automatic forfeit or that team's first tournament game.
19. A team not having enough concession stand workers will forfeit their first tournament game. When a team forfeits for this reason, the game must be played. The opposing team will only get a win by playing the game.

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