

FERN CREEK BABE RUTH LEAGUE RULES

9U/10U SOFTBALL

1. The time allowed after conclusion of previous game is ten (10) minutes.
2. Maximum of 1 hour and 20 minutes or (6) innings, whichever comes first. Exception: Regardless of time, an official game must complete (4) innings (3 ½ if home team is winning).
3. The Offensive team will have a limit of (4) runs per inning.
4. No player shall sit the bench (2) consecutive innings.
5. The entire team, ready for play at the start of the game, will bat in a continuous rotation. Late arrivals, if optioned to play by the manager, must be added tot the end of the rotation.
6. The fielding 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 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 5th infielder be allowed.
7. Defensive changes can be made only at the beginning of a half inning except for those associated with pitching changes.
8. Re-entry is restricted only by the playing time requirements.
9. Stealing is allowed on release of the ball from the pitcher's hand.
10. Base runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is released by the pitcher.
11. When the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle, runners must attempt to go to the next base or return to the previous base immediately or be called out. If the pitcher attempts to make a play on a runner, all runners are free to run at their own risk.
12. A (9) year old player and a (10) year old player must start and pitch a minimum of (1) complete inning (3 outs or 4 runs in the same inning) each in (1) of the first (3) innings of a game.
13. A pitcher, regardless of age, may pitch (9) innings per calendar week. A calendar week is defined as Monday through and including Sunday.
14. Only soft material such as rubber bands, terry cloth, etc. will be allowed to be worn in hair. If a player is asked to remove jewelry and refuses, they will not be allowed to play that game.
15. League standings will be based on won/ loss records.
16. Interleague Tournament will be 6 innings unless run rule comes into play.

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