

# FERN CREEK BABE RUTH LEAGUE RULES

## Goals for the 3&4 Wee Ball League

- **Have Fun!**

- Begin to learn basic skills of baseball and softball such as hitting, throwing, fielding, and base running.
- Ensure that all children have a **noncompetitive** positive experience, which will create a long-term interest in baseball or softball.

### Guidelines

1. All Players are required to rotate positions; a player may not play the same position twice in the same game. (Mainly focusing on pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
2. Game time is 60 minutes and will consist of:
  - a. 10 minutes of practice (hitting and throwing)
  - b. 5 minutes transition time (each team run bases as a group and then either take the field or get ready to bat)
  - c. 45 minutes game time (1 or 2 innings)
3. Each player is guaranteed at least one turn at bat!
4. Every player should have the opportunity to play an infield position each game if possible. (No player should play the same position – Rotate Your Players)
5. All players present will play in the field each inning.
  - a. The pitcher must be positioned in the pitching circle no closer than the pitching rubber until the ball is hit off the Tee. (**One pitcher in the circle**)
  - b. There will not be a catcher position for 3 & 4 year old league.
6. Base runner cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.
7. Play is stopped when a ball thrown by a defensive player attempting to throw the ball to the pitcher or 1<sup>st</sup> base whether it is caught or not. Or as in regulation baseball, when a player is tagged or thrown out at a base, all play is stopped. Runners who are not half way will return to the previous base. This will be the defensive coach's decision.
8. **\*\*DO NOT CALL "OUT", just announce good play and Stop Play if an out has been made\*\***
9. 4 Defensive coaches/parents are allowed on the field, but they cannot touch a live ball, or physically assist any player during play.
10. 1 Offensive coach/parent is allowed on the field at 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
11. An Offensive Coach can be positioned by or on second base.
12. No official scores or standings will be kept for this league.
13. All batters will bat off the Tee.
14. All players will bat each inning. The last batter will run all bases.
15. Game is stopped at the completion of the batting order or at the end of the hour.

**All coaches please keep in mind; this league is for the kids!**

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