

Erik Metzler Youth Baseball 16 & Under Rules 2025

1) **PITCHING** - Players that pitch more than 40 pitches cannot catch. Maximum Pitches is 95 per pitcher. Any catcher catching 3 full innings cannot pitch on the same game.

2) **GAME TIME 6:20 PM** - We will play 6 full inning games, no new innings will start after 8:15pm or directors' discretion, whatever comes first. Knockout rule will be 15 runs after 3, 12 after runs after 4 and 10 runs after 5 innings. If Lightning is detected after 7:20 pm the night is over.

3) **SCORE KEEPING** - Both teams keep a pitch count on every pitcher from both teams. Home team always keeps the Scorebook. Visiting Team Will keep the Scoreboard so please Teams need a mom or Dad that can operate the scoreboard. All changes must be reported to the Official Score Keeper (Home Team), and let the umpire know.

4) **BAT RULES** - All Bats Must Be BBCOR .50 (-3) or Wood bats. **No USA and No USSSA Bats! Bats must be stamped with BBCOR .50 Stamping below.**



5) **HIT BY PITCH** - A Pitcher that Hits three (3) batters in a game will be removed from pitching.

6) **PLAY MINIMUM** - Every player must play at minimum 2 complete defensive innings, and we use consecutive batting order, so everyone is batting in the lineup. **You can't sit the same players every game.** Rotate the players you sit.

7) **SPORTSMANSHIP** - Good Sportsmanship is expected, at the end of the game each team will shake hands. ALSO- Players and coaches are not allowed to make negative statements to their team or the other teams players or coaches during the games or practices. If caught talking negative to another player or coach or retaliating, an ejection will be given, and a suspension may be given. **Team batting can't make noises when the pitcher is set. Please let your players know.**

8) **MOUND VISITS** - if a manager makes 2 trips to the mound in the same inning or 3 total for the same pitcher, the pitcher must be removed from the game as a pitcher. In other words, he may still play, but he must move to another position on the field.

9) **ARGUMENTS WITH UMPIRES** – Will not be tolerated, any argument with umpires or with another team or coaches may result in an ejection at the program director's discretion. Any ejected person will be contacted with any future actions prior to the next game or practice. If a player, coach, or parent gets ejected from the game for any reason they must immediately leave the premises. Any ejected person will be contacted with any future actions prior to the next game or practice. Future actions could include suspension for one or more days depending on severity of actions. If a fight occurs, the players involved will be suspended. Evaluation of the incident will determine the number of days of suspension or any other future actions.

10) **PLAYER CONDUCT** - If a player throws the helmet or bat intentionally in anger player will be ejected. If a player is cursing and umpires, coaches or parents can hear the player he will receive a warning, next one will be an ejection. With the exceptions (Directed to a player, coaches, umpire or parents) of some incidents that will require immediate ejections. Players Ejections come with a One Game suspension or more games if the incident merits a longer suspension.

11) **BALK PENALTY** - The ball is dead, the umpire shall warn the pitcher of the infraction and if the infraction is repeatedly violated, has the authority to remove the pitcher from the game as a pitcher only. Obvious Balks will be called, so teach your pitchers the correct fundamentals of Pitching and the wind up.

12) **SLIDE RULE** - Must slide rule is in effect only for home plate.

13) **DUGOUT RULES** - Only Max of 4 Coaches are allowed during the games. One in the dugout, one in first base coach box, and one in third base coach box. Home team will have the 3rd base dugout for games. Clean your dugouts after each practice or games. If a team leaves any bottles or garbage after games/practice they may forfeit the next game. Clean your dugouts.

14) **PRACTICES** - Players are required to come to practices. If they don't show up to practices the coaches can talk to me to address the situation and their playing time.

15) **PETS** - No pets are allowed in the park, make sure you tell your team parents. I don't really want to get the park ranger involved on this if we can prevent it. Talk to your parents please about this rule. I will also send an email about it.

16) **CONTACT RULE** – If a runner attempting to reach home plate or a base intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing the defensive player. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgement call.

17) **RE-ENTRY OF USED PLAYER** - We allow re-entry for position players.

18) **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR** – Shall be worn on deck, at bat, while a base runner, and by players in the coach's box, during practice and all games. Such headgear must cover the top of the head and have extended earflaps, which covers both ears, and properly fit the player wearing it. **PENALTY** – If a player refuses to wear headgear, he shall be removed from the game.

19) **CATCHER'S MASK AND THROAT PROTECTOR** – Any player warming up a pitcher at any location shall wear a mask. An extended throat protector is considered part of the catcher's mask.

20) **JEWELRY** – Jewelry is prohibited. Players shall not wear jewelry. Medical alert and religious bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. If worn, they must be taped to the body so as to remain invisible.

21) **FOUL BALLS** - Have your players retrieve foul balls. Make sure the on-deck batter gets any dead ball that is behind the catcher when is not a live ball.

22) All other rules and regulations will be under the guideline of the 2024 Babe Ruth Baseball Rules & Regulations at the Director's discretion.

We are here to let the kids play and have fun! Less stress about winning, teach them the right fundamentals and prepare them for the future.

Coaches you must make sure your parents are adhering to the rules, or he/she will be asked to leave, and we will stop the game until he is out of the park and by the parking lot. We won't tolerate any disruptive behavior by coaches, parents, other guests and players.