



BelMateo Babe Ruth Baseball
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Bel-Mateo Babe Ruth Supplemental Playing Rules:

Generally, Bel-Mateo Babe Ruth League follows the playing rules of Babe Ruth League, Inc. Below are special exceptions to these rules that have been adopted by our league.

1. **MINIMUM PLAYING TIME:** Each player present at a game must play at least (2) defensive innings and bat at least once. Failure to accomplish these minimums will result in the player starting the next game and playing at least (4) defensive innings and bat at least twice. A shortened game is still a game and therefore the minimum playing time is not to be altered. Any Manager who is found to be manipulating this rule is subject to suspension and or termination from the league pending review by the Disciplinary committee.
2. **EXTRA HITTER:** Each team with 11 or more players shall include an “Extra Hitter” in the batting order. This means that each line-up card will have 10 batters. The only exception to this rule is if only (10) players are present for the game, and then the Manager has the option to bat 10. The extra hitter must play at least (2) defensive innings in each game. Since the extra hitter’s defensive position is considered “bench,” the extra hitter may switch positions with another player to play a defensive position. If a team should have five (5) 15 year olds in the batting line up, then the Extra Hitter shall be 14 or 13 years of age.
3. **RE-ENTRY OF USED PLAYER:** Any team will be allowed a re-entry of an already used player if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs or a player is ejected. Selection of this substitute must be made by the opposing manager. This type of re-entry can only take place when an injury prevents a player from continuing in the game or a player is ejected. The injured or ejected player, once removed from the game, cannot re-enter.
4. **LINE-UP CARDS:** All players listed on a team’s official roster shall be listed on the line-up card and in the official scorebook. Absence, injury, or discipline shall be noted as the case may be. If a player is not going to play due to discipline, the opposing manager shall be so informed prior to the start of the game. The line-up card should include last name, first name and jersey number. In addition to the above, the number of innings pitched for the week should be listed as well.
5. **TEN (10) RUN RULE:** Any game may be terminated if a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after completing 4.5 innings for the home team and 5 full innings for the visiting team.



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6. **COURTESY RUNNER:** If the catcher is on base with two (2) outs, he may be replaced with a “Courtesy” runner. The courtesy runner must be a player who is not in the game at the time. The courtesy runner is not an official substitution unless so indicated.
7. **INJURED PLAYER:** Any player who is under medical care for an injury or illness may not return to play or practice without written permission given to the Player Agent from their physician.
8. **SAFETY OF PLAYERS:** The umpire may, at his discretion, eject any player who is in the umpire’s opinion does not attempt to avoid dangerous and/or malicious contact. The umpire’s decision will be final and not subject to protest.
9. **TIME LIMITS:** All Preseason games shall have a 2.0 hour time limit. No new inning will start after said time limit. **THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMITS DURING REGULAR SEASON PLAY.**
10. **TIES:** In the event any teams that have the same won/lost record at the end of the regular season, the results of the games between those teams will decide their place in the standings for all purposes. If any of those teams have not won a majority of the games between each other, then the most runs scored between the teams (Run Differential) will decide their place in the standings for all purposes. In the event there are identical runs scored between any of the teams, then runs allowed between the teams would determine the standings. Finally, if both runs scored and runs allowed are identical, then a coin flip would decide their standings.
11. **15 YEAR OLD RULE:** Any team who has more than the allotted number of 15 year olds (5) as stated in the Babe Ruth Rules on their current player roster **SHALL NOT** have no more than five (5) 15 year olds in the playing line-up at one time. Any team found in violation, need it be intentional or accidental, **SHALL** immediately forfeit the game to the opposing team. Managers with more than (5) 15 year olds at any game **MUST** designate them on the lineup cards for the opposing team.
12. **PROTEST PARENT COMMITTEE:** At the start of the season, each team manager is required to designate a Protest Parent who is expected to attend each of the team’s games. The purpose of the Parent Protest Committee is to be a witness to the circumstances surrounding an ejection of any personnel from the field. In the event there is an ejection, members of the Parent Committee shall provide a detailed report with facts surrounding the ejection to the League President within 24 hours. In the event a designated Protest Parent cannot attend a particular game, they must contact a board member to cover for them. The Protest Parent may not designate a different parent to fill in.



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PLAYERS/MANAGERS/COACHES/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT:

- a. Players and Coaches shall keep a positive attitude and encourage each other to play well.
- b. Players and Coaches shall always keep their attention on the game.
- c. Uniforms shall be clean and worn properly. They are the property of the League and shall be worn for games only. Any misuse will result in a fine of the cost of the uniform.
- d. Use of vulgar language, swearing, displays of temper (i.e. throwing of helmets, bats, glove, etc,) reacting to opponents words or actions, prolonged/unruly protesting of an umpire's decision are all cause for immediate ejection from a game. For a player, the discipline may come from a Coach (potential removal from a game) or an umpire (ejection from a game
- e. Any ejected Player, Manager, Coach or Spectator must vacate the playing field immediately, including the spectator area. Any Player who is ejected must vacate the area immediately with a designated parent. In the event a parent is not present, then player shall be confined to the dugout. Any person who is ejected shall be given a date and time by the League President to appear within five days of the ejection before a committee of the President, Vice-President, Player Agent and Chief Umpire. In the case the ejected person is a Player, a designated Parent may attend the meeting as well. In event the ejected person is a Committee Member, the League President shall designate a League Official as Temporary Committee Member. In any case the ejected person has the option to appear before the committee if they so chose. The committee shall review all circumstances surrounding the ejection, including submitted Umpire and Parent Committee Reports, and within five days of the ejection the committee shall determine if further action is warranted; such as suspension and or termination from the league. Any person who is suspended shall sit out the next scheduled game and may not be at the playing field, including the spectator area. Any Player, Manager, or Coach who is suspended twice in a season may be suspended for the remainder of the season if the Disciplinary Committee deems it warranted at the time of the second suspension. In any event, such persons who are suspended twice in a season shall be precluded from participating in All-Star competition.



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- f. The use of any tobacco products, including Chewing Tobacco is **NOT PERMITTED** during practices or games. Any individual found using any Tobacco products during league activities (games/practices) shall be subject to suspension and or termination from the league if so deemed by the Disciplinary Committee.
- g. Any individual found drinking alcoholic beverages or using illegal drugs during league activities (games/practices) shall be subject to suspension and or termination from the league if so deemed by the Disciplinary Committee.
- h. No food or soda beverages are allowed in the dugouts during games. Water/Athletic beverages are permitted. Dugouts are to be swept after each game and all containers, bottles and trash must be removed prior to exiting the dugout.
- i. No player will be allowed to go to the Concession Stand during the game. No players shall leave the dugout without approval from the Manager or Coach. Players shall not leave the dugout to confer with the Scorekeeper or Spectators.
- j. Dugouts are for roster personnel only. Parents, fans, friends, or observers are not permitted in the dugouts or on the playing field during the game. Unless there is a medical emergency and a player requires the assistance of the parent, at which time the parent will be allowed in the dugout or on the field.

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