



# 2017 Southbury Youth Baseball Memorial Day Tournament RULES



## ADMINISTRATION

1. RULES - The 2017 Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations Handbook is the Official Rulebook for this tournament. In addition, you should refer to the Cal Ripken Tournament rules on pages 16-20 and 22-26 and follow all Tournament Sheet Rules.
2. HOME TEAM –the Team designated the Home Team is automatically assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Base Dugout.
3. TEAM ROSTERS – Managers are required to submit a completed Roster to the Tournament Director prior to the first game of the tournament.
4. BASEBALLS/UMPIRES - SYB will provide Baseballs and Umpires. Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners and runner-ups.
5. PITCHING SUMMARY - Managers will be required to fill out a Game Summary for each game during the tournament.
6. COACH/SCOREKEEPERS/ RESTRICTIONS IN DUGOUTS – Only coaches and rostered players are allowed in dugouts during games. One (1) Batboy/girl is allowed, providing he/she wears a batting helmet at all times. The Manager is fully accountable and responsible for enforcing this safety restriction.
7. THE BAT- The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2¼" in diameter. Only 2¼" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed. Wood 2 ¼" barrel bats are allowed.
8. SHOES with metal cleats or spikes are not permitted to be worn by any player, coach or manager. (page 18 and 35)
9. POOL PLAY & ADVANCING - The two teams with the best records following the completion of pool play will qualify for the championship game. In case of a tie, the following Babe Ruth tiebreaker criteria apply:
  - a. Head to Head competition
  - b. Fewest runs allowed during pool play
  - c. Coin toss

## DRESS & CONDUCT

1. CAL RIPKEN SHOULDER/HAT PATCH – The wearing of the Patch is not mandatory during this tournament. However, it is recommended that you wear them; especially if you are a chartered member of the Babe Ruth organization.
2. PLAYERS & COACHES DRESS – All players are required to wear appropriate Baseball Uniforms. Coaches are not required to wear matching uniforms, but should exercise good judgment selecting the appropriate casual wear that should match the team colors. All players and coaches must wear baseball hats and the players must wear their uniforms in the appropriate manner.
3. JEWELRY – Prohibited. Medical alert bracelets shall be taped to the body.
4. UMPIRE/MANAGER “DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE” – The Manager is the only person allowed to question or to request an umpire’s interpretation of calls made.
5. SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT – There will be no profanity, inappropriate gestures, or loss of control by coaches and players during this tournament. Infractions regarding inappropriate conduct will be up to the Umpire and Tournament Director.
6. PARENTS/SPECTATORS CONDUCT – Parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a civil, sportsmanlike manner at all times, and conduct should be above reproach.

## THE GAME

1. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS - all teams are required to utilize nine (9) players on defense.
2. RUNNING BATTING ORDER
3. FREE SUBSTITUTION
4. STEALING – Stealing is allowed for all age groups. LEADING is allowed for Cal Ripken Major 70 ft. division (11/12 yr olds.)
5. OFFICIAL GAME – Tournament games shall be six (6) completed innings unless the home team leads at the end of 5 ½ innings of play.
6. MERCY RULE – Tournament games will be terminated once becoming regulation (3 ½ or 4 innings) if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and has had equal times at bat, or if the home team is leading.
7. SLASH BUNTING – Prohibited! Defined as the intent of the batter to show bunt, drawing the fielders in to defense it, and pulling the bat back to swing away at the pitch.
8. CONTACT RULE – “Slide or avoid.” If a runner attempting to a base, intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player, he will be called “out” on the play and can be ejected from the game at umpire’s discretion. Umpire’s judgment calls cannot be protested.
9. ON-DECK CIRCLE -During Games, on-deck players must utilize the designated circle in foul territory to the back of the batter – no swinging behind the fences or in the dugout areas.
10. BALKS- Cal Ripken Major 70 ft. division (11/12 yr olds) enforces the balk. The balk penalty is as noted in several paragraphs of rule 8.00.
11. Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike- Cal Ripken Major 70 ft. division (11/12 yr olds) enforces the dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
12. Any rule not mentioned here will be under the discretion of the Umpires and rule 9.01(c)

## PITCHING REQUIREMENTS

1. PITCHING ELIGIBILITY – Tournament Pitching Eligibility requirements are the same for all three (3) age groups competing and described in the 2017 Babe Ruth Tournament Pitching regulations replacing 2016 Tournament Regulation Rule 11.05, Paragraph 4 (innings pitch).
2. WARM-UP PITCHES – Pitchers returning to the mound between innings will be limited to five (5) warm-up pitches. Substitute pitchers coming in to relieve, will be limited to seven (7) warm-up pitches. Coaches and players must utilize catcher's mask during all pitcher's warm-ups and BP as necessary on/off fields and in cages.
3. HIT BATTERS – Once a pitcher hits two (2) batters in one inning or three (3) in a game he must be removed, and cannot re-enter as a pitcher.

## PRE-GAME REQUIREMENTS

1. APPOINTING A PROTEST COMMITTEE –The Tournament Field Director will ask each Manager to designate one (1) bystander from their stands to serve as a "Protest Committee Member," in the event a Manager elects to protest a call or interpretation by an umpire during the game. Judgment calls cannot be protested.
2. BATTING PRACTICE – Batting practice is not allowed on ball fields before games. All teams are required to use adjoining batting cages for this activity. Home team will have the batting cage for 25 minutes starting 60 minutes before game start. Visitors will have the cage for 25 minutes starting 35 minutes before game start time.
3. PRE-GAME FIELD PRACTICE – Each team will get 15-20 minutes of field time while the other is using the batting cages.
4. START - Both Teams should be at their respective dugouts 10 minutes before game time for National Anthem and team introductions.

## POST-GAME REQUIREMENTS

Winning team managers are required to fill out a "Game & Pitching Summary" form upon completion of each game. These forms will be supplied by the Field Director or Tournament Director.

## PROTESTING AN UMPIRE'S CALL

1. An umpire's judgment call cannot be protested. Example: Strikes, balls and out calls.
2. To protest a call, Managers should refer to the SYB Tournament Protest procedures.

**Good Luck to All and Let's Play Ball!!!**