

SCOTTSDALE CAL RIPKEN MAJORS 50/70 DIVISION Local SCR Rule Modifications and Regulations

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The following local modifications are intended to summarize and/or clarify the Babe Ruth League, Inc Baseball Rules and Regulations. Copies of the 2013 Official Playing Rules ("Official Rules") are available through each division Commissioner. When a conflict arises between the Official Rules and the Major Scottsdale Cal Ripken rules, the umpire shall have the final determination. References (X.XX) are the sections of the Official Playing Rules.

PLAYING FIELD, AND EQUIPMENT

- **Bases** – 70 feet
- **Pitching** – 50 feet as measured from the apex of the plate to the front edge of the pitching rubber.
- **The bat** shall not be greater than 33 inches in length and the bat barrel size not greater than 2 ¼ inches in diameter. Only 2 ¼" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be permitted. Wood 2 ¼" barrel bats are allowed. (1.10) Legal bats are labeled as 'Approved by Babe Ruth' on barrel.
- Penalty for use of an illegal bat is governed by the Official Rules (1.10)
- Game Ball type – 9" circumference/5 ounce leather cover ball. Synthetic cover balls will not be permitted as game balls. (1.09)
- Players may wear only non-metal cleats (1.11)
- All players are required to wear an athletic cup (1.16).
- The glove or leather mitt requirements are governed by the Official Rules Section 1.12 through 1.15 inclusive.
- All players must wear approved, double ear-flap helmet when on-deck, at bat, and while on the base path. (1.16).
- A fully dressed catcher shall include shin guards, chest protector, full, hockey-style helmet and mask with a throat protector. (1.16).

GAME PRELIMINARIES

- The home team shall provide two new baseballs for the game.
- The home team takes the third base dugout.
- Innings: a half inning constitutes either three (3) outs or when the offensive team scores eight (8) runs, at which time the half inning is over, and the defensive teams comes in to bat. This in place to increase the pace of play and to enable each team as many offensive opportunities as possible.
- Manager is responsible for the conduct of his players, coaches, and parents. At the discretion of the Umpire, a player, coach, or parent may be ejected for dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Only coaches and players are permitted in the dugout during the game (3.17).
- The game is forfeited when a team is unable to place a minimum of eight defensive players in the field at the beginning of the game.
- The score shall be reported to the League by the umpire. The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook.
- Each team shall exchange batting order before the game
- The offensive team is permitted to have a coach at first and third base.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- A player or players may be substituted during a game at any time the ball is dead.
- Once a pitcher is removed from the game, that player is not permitted to re-enter the game at the Pitcher's position. The player may take another position in the field

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FAIR PLAY RULE

- No player shall sit out a second inning until all players have sat one inning. Coaches shall indicate which inning each player has sat, and furnish the information to the opposing scorekeeper upon request. In the event of a violation, the opposing coach must appeal the infraction to the coach, using the umpire only if necessary to request time to resolve. When discovered, the appropriate player switch must be made and the player that has not sat must sit the balance of the inning and one additional inning. There is no penalty for delay of discovery by opposing team (treated like an out of order batter.) In the event of an extra inning league playoff game, there is no reset, requirement continues.
- At the discretion of the League, a coach may be suspended for failing to comply repeatedly during a season.
- The exception to the Fair Play Rule, and at the discretion of the coach, is a result of injury or discipline for a player who may have already sat once during the game.

STARTING AND ENDING THE GAME

- A regulation game consists of six innings unless extended because of a tie score with time permitting, or shortened because the home team leading its half of the sixth inning, or time limits.
- The regulation game shall be limited to no new inning at 1:45 with the completion of the final inning being the final out of the Home Team. If the Home Team is ahead, that would make the end of the game being the final out of the Away Team. The umpire shall notify each team at the beginning of the final inning. At the judgment of the umpire, extra time may be added if a team or coach deliberately stalls the game to expire time.

THE BATTER

- Entire roster bats in order according to the batting order provided.
- If a player shows up after the game has started, that player is placed at the bottom of the order.
- If a player is unable to bat at any time during the game, an out is recorded on the first at bat only, and then the batting order is contracted.
- If player throws a helmet or bat, 1st infraction is a team warning with the player called out on the 2nd infraction. At the discretion of the umpire, a player may be ejected for dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- A coach is permitted only one offensive time out per batter.

THE RUNNER

- Substitute runners are permitted only in the event of an injury. The substitute runner will be the player who made the last batted out.
- Contact Rule. If a runner attempting to reach a base intentionally or maliciously runs into a defensive player, the runner shall be called out and ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. The objective is to penalize the offensive team for crashing the defensive player rather than avoiding and reaching the base. This is an umpire's judgment call (6.05).
- Base runners must avoid contact and are limited to only feet first sliding, except to avoid a pick off.

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THE PITCHER

- Pitchers are limited to a maximum of three (3) consecutive innings, or four (4) innings in two consecutive games. **Managers please understand that Players safety is a top priority, so if it is found that a Manager is not following this rule, That Manager will be suspended up to three games, and the Player will be ineligible to pitch for the next four games.** Reference Pitcher Substitutions.
- A second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause this pitcher's automatic removal. (8.06)
- (New 2013) A pitcher will be charged with a balk on fake pick off to third base then throwing to first base.

THE UMPIRE

- The League shall arrange for a two man umpire crew for each game.
- The umpire shall make all rulings on the field and are final. No appeals based of fields calls will be considered.

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