

REGIONAL BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT
8U TOURNAMENT RULES
Based on 2018 World Series Rules in
Official Rule Book

Babe Ruth notebook must be given to the Tournament Director and will be kept until Tournament is over or team has been eliminated from further play.

1. Lineups shall include players first and last name and jersey number.
2. Lineups shall be turned into the scorekeeper 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
3. Games will be have NO time limit. Game will be played to completion or when 10 run rule is applicable.
4. Bunting will be allowed.
5. No infield fly rule will be in effect.
6. No stealing.
7. Play stops when defensive team stops lead runner and time is called by the umpire or play stops when pitcher has control of the ball and has one foot inside the pitcher's circle.
8. Teams will use a playing strength of up to 10 players. The 10th player must be a 4th outfielder
10. Pitcher must be positioned behind and slightly to the side of the pitching machine. For safety reasons pitchers may be moved back to reduce the risk of injury.
11. Umpire will be responsible for feeding the pitching machine.
12. Pitching machine will be placed at 35 feet as necessary and bases 60 feet. Speed of the machine shall be set as close to 32.5 MPH, +/- 2.5 MPH as possible. Tournament Play will use the spring loaded pitching machine operated by the umpire.
13. There will be a five (5) run limit per inning for each team with an open 6th inning.
14. Player will be allowed six (6) pitches or three (3) strikes whichever comes first. Batter is not out on third strike foul ball.
15. If machine malfunctions umpire may declare "No Pitch." If "No Pitch" is declared it will not count toward the pitch count. This is an Umpires' judgment.
16. Any ball hitting the pitching machine will be declared a dead ball. Batter and each runner will be awarded one base.
17. Umpire at pitching machine must make an attempt to get out of the player's way when fielding or throwing. Standing straight up and forcing a player to throw over the umpire is not displaying good sportsmanship.
18. Protest committee to be assigned by tournament officials.
19. Effective for the 2016 tournament season, an official softball tournament team roster may consist of one (1) manager and (3) coaches. This rule change increases the number of coaches permitted from two to three.
20. Any protest must comply with Babe Ruth guidelines.
21. Tournament Director reserves the right to amend rules or revise tournament schedules as necessary.