



Babe Ruth Calgary

Rules – 2010 Spring League

Babe Ruth League 16-18

Any player born in 1991, 1992, and 1993 are eligible for Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18 Division. Players born in January, February, March and April of 1994 must play in the 16-18 Division. Players league age 15 by May 1 age determination date are eligible to be swing players in the 16-18 Division.

Wood Bats will be used in AAA Division for league play and wood or aluminum bats will be used in the AA Division

Standards

- 1. For BRC's Sportsmanship Code, see the BRC Website (and the attached).**
- 2. About the practice or use of illegal activities, illegal drugs, alcohol, hazing, verbal or physical harassment or assault, or damage to property, and the disciplinary action for same, see the Policy of Conduct on the BRC Website (and attached). There is zero tolerance for violations.**
- 3. Except as covered herein, *Baseball Rules and Regulations* of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall govern.**
- 4. Only BRC-approved managers and coaches to manage/coach during games and to conduct practices/provide instruction. Club Manager-approved Coach Helpers may assist at practices.**

Organization

- 5. Five teams will participate in AAA division and five teams will play in the AA division. Each club (1 AAA team & 1 AA team) will have a 26- to 30-player roster. Rosters to comply with Babe Ruth League,**

Inc. rules. Team rosters must be submitted to the league Registrar by Monday, April 7, 2008.

- 6. Each AAA team will have an AA affiliate. AA roster players may be called up to the AAA team at any time during the regular season, subject to the following in 7.**
- 7. In order for a player to be a positioned AA player, he must have less than 45 plate appearances at AAA. In order for a player to be a AA pitcher, he must have less than 15 innings at AAA.**

If a Team Manager wishes to protest the use of a player, the protest must be registered in writing with the President of Babe Ruth Calgary (BRC) prior to either team's next scheduled game. The penalty for using an ineligible player is loss of the game.

Preparation

- 8. Pre-game warm-up and practice time (or, arrival time) begins 1 ½ hours before scheduled game start time. Home team gets batting cage 1 ½ before game time; visiting team, 1 hour before game time. Both teams to complete infield practice by 10 minutes before game start time.**
- 9. The home team will occupy the first base dugout, except a team may retain same dugout for second game of doubleheader.**
- 10. Team managers responsible to send bottom copy of lineup sheet to press box by ½ hour before game start time.**
- 11. Both metal and wood bats are permitted.**
- 12. The home team is to provide 4 new balls and 2 good-condition used balls for each game. During night games, an extra new game ball or two may be necessary for visibility and safety. The home team manager is to receive the balls used at the conclusion of the game.**

Game Length

- 13. A team must have 9 players to start a game. The inability to field 9 players throughout the game will result in a forfeit 10 minutes after scheduled start time. A forfeit will count as a loss with a score of 0-7.**
- 14. Mercy rule: If a team leads by 10 or more runs upon the completion of 5 innings (4 ½ if Home Team) or any inning thereafter, the game shall end.**
- 15. Game length: No new inning to start after 2.5 hours. For a weeknight when two games are scheduled, no new inning to start after 2.0 hours. If a game ends early, the next following game may start earlier than the scheduled time with the consent of both team managers and the umpires.**
- 16. Complete games: If a game is called due to weather, lighting, curfew, or the time limit:**
 - if 5 innings have been completed (4 ½ if home team is ahead), it is considered a regulation game**
 - if after 5 complete innings the game is tied, the game will be completed prior to the next scheduled game between the two teams or as scheduled by BRC**
 - if 5 innings have not been completed (4 ½ if home team is ahead), the game will be replayed in its entirety on a date scheduled by BRC**

Uniforms

17. **BRC-approved uniforms must be worn during pre-game and games. No shorts allowed, including at outdoor practices.**
18. **Both plastic and metal spikes are permitted.**
19. **Players must not wear exposed jewelry. Medical alerts must be taped over.**
20. **Due to poor weather conditions and with the approval of the plate umpire, a player, *except* the pitcher and the batter, may wear a jacket on the field if the jacket will not fit under the team jersey.**

Play

21. **Visits to the pitcher by manager/coach: one per inning without having to pull the pitcher.**
22. **Starters must re-enter at same position in the batting order.**
23. **A designated hitter (DH) may be used only for the pitcher. (Re-added April 28, 2008.)**
24. **Fake tags are acceptable.**

Safety

25. **First-aid kit to be well-stocked and in dugout, incl. ice packs and band-aids.**
26. **Protective cup/pad to be worn at games and practices.**
27. **All catchers including managers and coaches in squat position, whether on the field or in the bullpen, must wear a catcher's mask and skullcap.**
28. **During game, no equipment is to be outside of the dugout area. No players outside the dugout, except the on-deck batter. Exceptions:**
 - **if players are warming up/spotting in the bull pen area**
 - **if a player is retrieving a foul ball outside the ball diamond**
29. **Flagrant throwing of the bat will not be tolerated. The umpire will either warn the player or eject the player, at his discretion.**
30. **An intentional collision will not be tolerated and will result in automatic ejection. If there is a play at the plate, base runner to slide into home. Catcher can only block the plate if he has control of the ball.**
31. **A player acting as a base coach is to wear a helmet.**
32. **Spotter to be positioned between diamond and bull pens.**
33. **At Optimist and Glenmore fields:**
 - **batting practice in batting cages only (no hitting into backstop or fences)**
 - **no digging holes in the outfield or infield**
34. **Every team to clean up dugout and near area before leaving.**
35. **Dogs to be on short leash.**

Communications

36. **Players are responsible to notify team manager by e-mail or phone of absence for game or practice**
37. **Game cancellation/field closure notice (and any further information) will be posted on the BRC Website. Do not rely on the City's rainout line.**
38. **Each team manager responsible for informing official scorekeeper of all offensive and defensive changes and substitutions.**
39. **Winning team manager responsible to report score, name(s) of winning pitcher and homerun hitter, etc. to BRC Webmaster, baberuthcalgary@gmail.com, immediately after game.**
40. **Complaint procedure: 24-hour wait period, then to team manager, then to club manager, and then to Board of Directors (see Website).**

Volunteers

41. **Concession volunteers: Provided by home team: two on weeknights, three on weekends (for hamburgers). Arrival ½ hour before game start time.**
42. **Scorekeeping volunteers: Official scorekeeper provided by home team, second scorekeeper by visiting team. Arrival ½ hour before game.**
43. **Scoreboard operator: Provided by visiting team. Work with scorekeepers to post hits and errors. Turn field lights on as necessary. Arrival ¼ hour before game.**
44. **Announcer/music operator: Provided by visiting team. Basic introductions. BRC-approved music. Arrival ¼ hour before game.**
45. **Field maintenance (duties to be determined) is the responsibility of home team manager.**

Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League and Babe Ruth Calgary

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.

Develop a strong urge for sportsmanlike conduct.

Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

Policy of Conduct

1. **The League will not tolerate any illegal or criminal activities.**
2. **The League will not allow any participation by individuals under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol, or use of said products during games and/or practices. No player shall consume alcohol while attending tournaments or representing Babe Ruth Calgary. Irresponsible use of alcohol or other behavior considered to be detrimental to Babe Ruth Calgary League standards by field managers, coaches and league officials shall result in disciplinary action.**
3. **The League will not allow the use of tobacco products while participating in any League games and/or practices.**
4. **The League will not allow hazing of any form.**

5. **The League will not tolerate any physical or verbal harassment or assault of players, managers, coaches, officials, or spectators.**
6. **The League will not allow any individual to intentionally damage property.**
7. **The League expects any individual ejected from a game and/or practice to leave the entire premises before the game and/or practice will proceed.**

[Click here for the Policy of Conduct Document](#)

Individuals that witness any breach of the code of conduct set out above are expected to report the breach to a manager, coach, and/or a League official and all breaches should ultimately be referred to the Board of Directors to determine the appropriate Disciplinary Action.

Disciplinary Action:

The League intends to deal with all breaches of the code of conduct in a fair and decisive manner.

1. **Any individual ejected from a game will automatically be disqualified from the next game.**
2. **Any individual ejected from a second game in the same season will automatically be disqualified from the next two games.**
3. **Any individual ejected from a third game in the same season will automatically be disqualified from the next five games.**
4. **Any individual ejected from a fourth game will automatically be suspended indefinitely.**
5. **Any individual that engages in illegal or criminal activities while participating in the League will be suspended indefinitely.**
6. **Any individual that participates in a League game and/or practices under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol, or uses or possesses illegal drugs and/or alcohol during a League game and/or practice, will be suspended indefinitely.**
7. **Any individual participating with the League that participates in hazing directly related to a League participant and/or event will be suspended indefinitely.**
8. **All instances of verbal or physical harassment or assault will be reviewed by the Board, and until such review is completed, that individual is suspended indefinitely.**
9. **Any individual participating in a League game and/or practice that uses tobacco products within 30 meters of a field during games and/or practices will be automatically ejected from the game and/or practice and be subjected to the ejection procedures stated above.**
10. **Any individual participating in a League game and/or practice that intentionally damages League and/or City of Calgary property will pay for replacement or repair of that property, be automatically ejected from the game and/or practice and be subjected to the ejection escalation stated above.**

Appeals

The onus will be on any individual that has been suspended to appeal to the Board of Babe Ruth Calgary. Appeals will only be heard for suspensions exceeding 2 games and indefinite suspensions. The ruling of the Board will be final and binding.

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