

## **Major League Supplemental Rules    Rev 5/07**

### **General Rules:**

1. No new inning will start 1:45 min after a game has started and the game shall cease 1:55 min has elapsed since the start of the game. Note that play must stop at 9:30 on school nights. This rule shall not apply to tournament or playoff games. A game stopped because of the stop time will revert to the last completed innings. **(5/10/2007)**
2. JTAA Tiebreaker Rule. One additional inning will be played. The player who made the last out is placed on second base and the batting order will resume with no outs. This will allow each team three outs with a runner on second to try to win the game, if after this one inning tie breaker, the game remains a tie, it shall be recorded as a tie game. **(1/12/03)**
3. A regulation game is 6 innings, unless it is called by the umpire or is subject to the 10 run rule. If the umpire calls the game, the No Game Rule note to Babe Ruth Rule 4.10(e) applies.
4. The official scorekeeper will record the start time in the scorebook. The visiting team is responsible for keeping score. The start time for the first game of a succession is the scheduled start time.
5. The maximum amount of time for field pregame warm-up is 7 minutes per team. The home team will warm-up last.
6. All rescheduled games must be coordinated through the Division Director. Division Directors are responsible for notifying the umpires when a game is rescheduled.
7. Regulation Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth balls will be used at all times.
8. The home team is identified on the schedule and will occupy the 3rd base dugout. **(8/21/05)**
9. Upon completion of games and practices each manager is responsible for the cleanliness of the dugout, field and grandstand area.
10. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/to lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game. **(12/14/03)**

### **Offensive Rules:**

11. Games will be played on fields with 70-foot base paths.
12. The provisions of the Cal Ripken Special Base Running Rules, do not apply. Stealing home on the pitch is not allowed, and will result in the runner being called out. Stealing home is defined as the runner advancing more than halfway down the baseline, in the opinion of the umpire, during the pitch. The runner may advance to home on passed balls and wild pitches. Squeeze plays are permitted, but the batter must make an effort to bunt the ball.
13. An Extra Hitter (EH) must be utilized, resulting in a ten player batting order.
14. Balks will be called. Each pitcher will receive one balk warning per game. The Official Rules of Baseball applies to determine when the ball is dead. There will be no balk warnings in the post-season tournament. **(01/12/03)**
15. The "third strike not caught" provisions of 6.09(b) of the Official Rules of Baseball as adopted by Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall apply.
16. Violent throwing of equipment is not allowed. The first offense will warrant a warning from the Umpire. A second offense will result in ejection.
17. A batter who throws their bat after swinging will be warned the first time and out the second.
18. A runner who slides headfirst while advancing to a base will be called out.
19. On-deck batters are allowed, but they must be located behind the batter at the plate and in the chalked "on-deck" circle. On-deck batters must not be allowed near the dugout opening, or within 10 feet of another player. On-deck batters must wear a batting helmet. Having an "on-deck" batter is a privilege this is a safety rule. A team that violates these safety rules will be suspended from using "on-deck" batters in their present and next game.

### **Defensive Rules:**

20. A standard defensive alignment will be utilized.
21. Starters must play at least 6 total outs and bat at least once during the game. All substitute players must enter the game by the third inning and play at least 6 consecutive outs in the field and bat once before they can be removed from the game. If a player does not meet the minimum play requirement in any game, for any reason, he/she shall start the next game and fulfill the minimum play requirement from the previous game and the

- current game prior to sitting out 1 inning.  
22. The infield fly rule is in effect.

**Pitching: (3/28/2007)**

## JTAA PITCH COUNT RULE

These rules are intended to modify and, if inconsistent with Babe Ruth Baseball Rules or JTAA's Supplemental Rules, are intended to supersede those rules. *These rules and pitch counts are intended to follow the player, meaning that the player accumulates pitches for all JTAA sanctioned games and these rules require coordination and cooperation between recreational and travel managers and coaches.*

**The manager shall remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.**

**League Age Daily Pitch Limits:**

17-18	105 pitches per day
15-16	<b>91</b> pitches per day
13-14	<b>76</b> pitches per day
11-12	<b>68</b> pitches per day
10 and under	<b>52</b> pitches per day

If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out.

If the pitcher reaches the pitch count limit imposed on his/her last pitch to a particular batter, the pitcher shall be removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter.

**DAYS OF REST**

Pitchers league ages 16 and under shall adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) complete calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 41 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 21 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest.

Pitchers league age 17-18 shall adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 41 - 75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 26 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest.
- If a player pitches 1-25 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest are required.

Each manager shall be responsible for keeping the opposing pitcher's pitch count using a JTAA sanctioned pitch count recorder. The manager may designate another coach or adult to serve as Pitch Count Recorder ("PCR").

The PCR must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by an opposing coach or manager or any umpire. However, each manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

The PCR shall inform the official scorekeeper of the opposing pitcher's pitch count at the conclusion of each half inning and the scorekeeper shall record that number in the official scorebook

When a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game the PCR shall inform the umpire-in-chief and the manager that the pitcher must be removed.. However, the failure by the PCR recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

**A pitcher that violates this section shall be deemed ineligible.**

*Pitches which result in foul balls or foul tips are counted, the 5-8 warm up pitches per inning are not counted, but have been considered in the days of rest.*

*In event that the pitch count limit is reached during an at bat and the inning is ended by a defensive play that results in same batter becoming lead off in next inning, the pitcher who has reached the maximum pitch count shall be removed as pitcher before the start of the next inning and a new pitcher shall enter the game to pitch to that batter.*

**NOTES:**

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

2. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.

3. If suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

**Example 1:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 68 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 2:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 68 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 68 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 3:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 68 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 68 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous four days.

**Fall Baseball Amendments**

- 23. A continuous batting order will be utilized.
- 24. Free substitutions will be allowed. **(8/21/05)**

**Spring "B" Division Amendments**

- 25. A continuous batting order will be utilized. The minimum play and entry rules contained herein will remain in place.