

BYBA Major's Baseball Rules

BYBA will play by Babe Ruth rules except for the following changes:

- Pitchers may not pitch more than three innings per game and no more than six innings per week. (If playing a rain makeup, the pitching goes back to the week of the rain out.)
- Regulation games are six innings and limited to 1 hour and 45 minutes. There is a 15-run rule after four innings and a 10-run rule after 5 innings.
- All players present at the game (before batting through order) must play at least two innings in the field, three outs, and receive a time at bat. There is free substitution but each child must play at least 2 innings in the field.
- Teams must bat their entire roster.
- Players may return to any position on the field except for the pitcher who may not return to the mound under any circumstance.
- Runners may not lead off bases until a pitched ball has crossed home plate. Team will get 1 warning then an automatic out will be issued.
- No coaches or assistant coaches will be allowed behind the backstop during their games.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Runners must hip slide on all bases when played upon. It will be up to the umpire's discretion to call the runner out. Players can head first slide if coach has confidence in player ability. Hip slides are encouraged. Head first slides back to base are allowed.
- Last team named on the schedule is the home team, has the third base dug-out and is responsible for raking the diamond and chalking the home plate area. Home team will also chalk the first base and 3rd base in-field lines.
- If a batter squares up to bunt as the pitcher begins his delivery, and the pitcher stops before he releases the pitch, this will constitute a dead ball and the pitcher will be charged a ball. No fake bunts.
- Batters may not throw the bat. First time will be a warning. Second time will result in an out and the child removed from the game.
- No tie games.
- We play by Babe Ruth rules except for the in-house rules listed above.
- The umpires will not tolerate any arguing on the field by the coaches, you will be ejected from the game without any warning.

Policy for the coaches:

- Head Coach must provide coaching education to BYBA board. Approved courses are Babe Ruth or Cal Ripken. The board will assign head coaches. Head coach must choose their assistant coaches from the parents of the children they draft or from parents whose children are already on the team.
- Coaches moving to the next level or quitting cannot choose the next coach. They must apply to the board for the position.
- Coaches will draft from available player's teams of equal number and approximate ability level.
- Tournament team eligibility: You must play exclusively for BYBA for the entire season to be able to play tournament (ALL Stars) ball.