

RULES GOVERNING RAMSEY BABE RUTH LEAGUE PLAY

The rules governing the Ramsey Babe Ruth League shall be the official current Babe Ruth League Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations. The exceptions to these rules, as well as clarification of the official Babe Ruth League Rules, are listed below:

PITCHING: Pitcher eligibility will be determined as per Section VI of the Little League Baseball Rules for Senior League. (see page 34 of the 2009 Rule book)

Exception: Only the calendar days rest will be enforced. (Game rest is waived)

If a pitcher is removed from the mound, he may not return to the mound during the same game.

1. **REQUIRED PLAY:** **Each player must play at least eighteen (18) outs (i.e. three complete innings) and must get at least one at bat. Substitutes must play 18 consecutive outs since they may not re-enter the game once removed.** A player entering a game at the top of the fifth inning satisfies this rule even if the game is not completed or is called for any reason before the full seven innings of play are complete (i.e. the Player's turn at bat would have occurred had the game not been cancelled).
2. **RE-ENTRY:** Any of the nine (9) starting players may be withdrawn from the game and re-enter once, provided:
 - a. Such player has been withdrawn for at least one full inning of play; and
 - b. Such player does not re-enter the batting order in a manner that will cause him to bat earlier than he would have had he not been originally withdrawn from the game.
 - c. Substitutes may not re-enter a game, except in case of injury.
3. **INJURIES:** If all eligible substitutes have been used and a team requires a player because of injury to another player, a previously-used player may re-enter for the injured player, but may not pitch.
4. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:**
 - a. **Fake Tags:** No fielder shall fake a tag on a runner in an attempt to make a runner slide unnecessarily. The player who makes a fake tag shall be removed from the game immediately and may not play the remainder of the game for any reason. A second offense will result in immediate suspension upon which the League President will decide upon the term.
 - b. No player will be allowed to verbally address any player on the opposing team in a demeaning, abusive, or taunting manner or voice. After one warning, the player shall be removed from the game.
5. **DISCIPLINE:** Any Player that is ejected by an Umpire is automatically suspended for the next game, including post season play. The Manager of that Player must notify the League President of the ejection before the next game. Playing a Player who should be suspended shall result in a forfeiture of the game.

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6. **SPEED UP:** There will be a “Speed Up’ rule for the catcher only when he is on base with two (2) outs. The runner for the catcher must be a player in the current line-up who made the last out.
7. **DESIGNATED HITTER/EXTRA HITTER:** Although a Designated Hitter (“DH”) is not allowed, an Extra Hitter (“EH”) may be used in league play.

The EH may be used in any position in a ten (10) player batting order, and the EH will be designated at the start of the game, subject to the following restrictions:

- a. The EH may not play in any of the nine defensive fielding positions at any time during the game.
 - b. There is no substitution allowed for the EH at any time during the game. If the EH is injured or unable to continue, his position in the batting order will be omitted for the remainder of the game, without penalty to his team, unless and until the injured EH can return (In effect, the batting order will revert to the traditional nine-man order).
 - c. No player may be used as an EH in two consecutive games.
 - d. Use of the EH is at the discretion of the individual Manager on a game by game basis. It is not required. One team may elect to use the EH while the other does not and this is to be determined at the beginning of the game.
8. **THIRTEEN RUN RULE:** If the home team is ahead by thirteen (13) or more runs after four and one-half (4 ½) innings of play, or if the visiting team is ahead by thirteen or more runs after five (5) full innings of play, the game is declare over. This is considered an official game.
 9. **FORFEIT:** A team may play with no less than eight players at all times. A team may not play with less than eight players even if began with eight and loses a player to injury. If a team can not field at least eight players, a forfeit will be declared.
 10. **CURFEW:** No new inning shall start after 8:10 PM. No play under any circumstances shall be allowed by the Umpire after 8:20 PM. The applicable rules for called games shall apply in these instances. It is to be understood that an Umpire may still call any game prior to the above stated times, if, in his judgment, conditions are such that play should not continue.
 11. **PLAY-OFFS:** All Ramsey Babe Ruth League Rules previously stated, including the pitching rules, shall apply to the divisional and championship play-off games.
 12. **SELECT SUMMER TEAM SELECTION:** For tournament teams, the Babe Ruth League Managers will recommend players from their respective teams. Team selections shall be determined by vote of the Team Managers before the two Select Summer Team Managers are chosen. Unresolved issues, including selection issues, shall be decided upon by the League President. Selection of the Select Team Managers will be decided upon by the League President.