

BSYAA

BASEBALL PLAYING RULES FOR BANTAM 7-8 DIVISION

Babe Ruth rules apply to our baseball program utilizing local league options set forth by the Athletic Committee. The following local league options will apply:

- 1 - Spring Loaded Pitching Machine will be used.
- 2 – The Pitching Machine: The machine must be placed at 46 Feet at a speed of ~ 35 mph (established when ball crosses home plate). Coaches will feed the machine, however only umpires can make adjustment decisions.
- 3 – Each batter will have 5 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first. The batter may continue if he/she fouls the fifth pitch or third strike. No walks. All players will bat.
- 4 – Games will last 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes, unless there is a tie. If the home team is ahead after 5 ½ innings, the game is over. If the visiting team is ahead by 8 or more runs after 5 innings, the game is over. 10 run rule after 4 complete innings.
- 5 – Each team will be allowed 3 outs or 7 runs per inning, whichever comes first. No matter how many runs actually score, ONLY 7 will count per inning.
- 6 - Each team will be allowed 4 infielders, 1 pitcher, 1 catcher and 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be in the grass when the pitcher releases the ball.
- 7 - Play will be stopped and/or time will be called when the LEAD runner is stopped.
- 8 – Any batted ball must travel 3 feet from home plate.
- 9 - Batter will be granted first base if batted ball hits the pitching machine.
- 10 – Bunting is allowed (swing bunting or slash bunting is not allowed)
- 11 – 1 coach will be allowed in the outfield
- 12– All players must play consecutive 2 innings or 6 outs in the field.
- 13 – Players must make overhand throws; NO underhand rolling or throwing. All runners will be deemed safe.