



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES 6U Tee Ball



All Babe Ruth Softball 6 & Under post-season tournament rules and regulations shall comply with applicable Babe Ruth Tournament rules, as approved the clarification/addition of the following:

- A. Game is played to completion, time rule or mercy rule.
- B. A regulation game is five innings or finish the inning at one hour (60 min)
- C. There will be a five (5) runs per inning limit.
- D. Teams shall bat round robin - All players present for the game shall bat in the batting order, whether playing defensively or not.
- E. There is no bunting or intentional walks
- F. Playing Field:
 - a. The pitching plate will be at 35' from home plate.
 - b. There will be (60) feet between bases. A line will be drawn halfway between first base and second base, second base and third base, and third base and home plate. These will determine the runner's degree of advancement when time is called.
 - c. An arch will be drawn at 15' from the point of home plate from foul line to foul line.
- G. The runner will be allowed one base on an overthrow to first base unless defense initiates a play on the runner.
- H. There is NO infield fly rule
- I. When defensive players are in position and the batter in the box the umpire shall initiate play by saying "Play Ball"
- J. Each batter is allowed 4 swings. When the ball is hit it must travel at least 15 feet which is shown by an arc drawn from foul line to foul line. If the batter hits part of the ball and part of the rubber batting tee, it is a fair ball provided it goes past the 15 feet arc. If a batter hits none of the ball but hits the rubber tee, or the ball does not travel past the 15 feet arc, it is a foul ball.
- K. A verbal TEAM warning will be given for the first incident of an uncontrolled release of the bat. On the first incident the umpire will call a dead ball, the batter is not out, all base runners must return to the base previously occupied. This is a safety issue. Subsequent incidents the batter shall be called out and all base runners must return to the base previously occupied.
- L. Defense:
 - a. Defense shall consist of standard Pitcher, Catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, Shortstop and 3rd base. Remaining players will be outfielders and positioned in the "outfield grass".
 - b. Catchers shall wear a catcher's mask or batting helmet with facemask.
 - d. No more than 2 coaches may be stationed beyond the infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players. Must be at least 10 ft from infielders.
 - c. Infielders shall play no closer to the batter than an imaginary line from the back of the pitching circle to first 1st and 3rd bases before the ball is hit.
 - d. Outfielders will NOT run to the infield to make a play. They must throw the ball to an infielder. An infielder shall not run out to the outfield for the ball unless as a relay from the outfielder.
 - e. Catchers will be in a designated area within a safe distance behind home plate, with the Umpire placing themselves between the batter and catcher. When batter hits the ball plate Umpire will remove the tee and bat, allowing the catcher to make a play.