

Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball Babe Ruth 8U Softball 2025 Local League Rules

Game Preparation / Take Down

- The Designated Home Team is responsible for preparing the field for the game.
 - Chalk lines, place bases, etc.
 - Most important for **FIRST** game of that particular day.
- The Designated Visiting Team is responsible for field clean up.
 - Rake the plate and mound areas, remove bases.
 - Most important following **LAST** game of the day

Playing Time / Game Length

- All games are 4 innings max with no new inning after 1 hour and 15-minutes. 1 hour and 30-minute drop-dead time if there is another game scheduled after.
- Do not start the 3rd or 4th inning unless there is ample time to finish.
- There are no umpires, so any questionable call is safe.

Batting

- Bat full line up
- Only change innings when the full lineup has hit.
- The last batter of the inning will run all the way around the bases until tagged out or scores.

Base Running

- If a runner gets out, they go to the dugout.

Pitching

- Three strikes or five pitches, then bring out the tee. Foul balls are exceptions.

This is supposed to be fun! Move players around during the inning to get more people ball time. Just try not to slow the game down. We want to build confidence and love of the game at this age while teaching them the basics. Throwing/Catching/Hitting/Force out vs Tag outs etc.