



Simi Valley Baseball League

Babe Ruth Division Rules

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The Babe Ruth Division shall be played in accordance with the rules stated in the Babe Ruth Rule Book and the SVBL Local Rules with the following exceptions:

1. Playing Rules

- 1.1. Game time: 2 hours and 15 minutes
 - 1.1.1. No new inning may start after 2 hours and 15 minutes. Once the inning starts it must be completed even if time expires. Each game must be played to regulation before being called for time limit. There is no drop-dead time. The Babe Ruth Division follows rules established in the current edition of the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Each manager will be issued a rule book.
- 1.2. Visits to the pitcher by a manager/coach shall be one (1) per inning. Second visit within the same inning will result in the removal of the pitcher.
- 1.3. Teams may bat 9 and play 9 on defense, bat 10 (with an extra hitter), or bat all those present for the game and have free substitutions. Each Manager shall declare the option they wish prior to the start of the game.
- 1.4. Each team may have up to 3 Playing Age 13-year-old players on the team, not in effect for a combined Babe Ruth Division.
- 1.5. Following Babe Ruth's bat rule with adding that a player cannot bat with more than a drop weight. Bats must be either wood, BBCOR .50, or USA Baseball -5
- 1.6. A courtesy runner, which will be the last out can run for the pitcher or catcher of record at any time.
- 1.7. There will be no warnings given for balks.
- 1.8. During the Fall season there is a 5-run limit per half inning.

These rules apply for Spring and Fall season and may not be changed by any manager, coach, or umpire without the consent of the SVBL Board of Directors. Recommendations for rule changes should be forwarded to your Player Agent. The Local Rules Committee and/or the Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these rules during the season should it be deemed necessary.