

GATEWAY BABE RUTH REGIONAL FALL BALL LEAGUE RULES HOME PLATE MEETING

- Payment of the umpires is the responsibility of the Host Team.
- Baseballs should be placed into the game
- Identify if you are using the continuous batting order or batting 9 or 10
- Lineup card exchange
- Confirm start time for each game with opposing coach & umpires
- All teams are playing Major League Baseball rules accept where amended by Gateway Babe Ruth

INNINGS

- - 7 inning games

TIME LIMIT

- – 2 hours and 15 minutes
- Start time officially begins after home plate meeting is complete
- There is NO drop-dead time limit
- Complete any inning started before the time limit
- No new inning can begin after the time limit at 2 hours and 15 minutes (unless game is tied. See the next few bullet points)
- (1) extra inning can be played if the score is still tied after the time limit is reached
- If the score remains tied after the (1) extra inning the game will be recorded as a tie
- All coaches and umpires should agree to the official start time to avoid any confusion
- It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure the umpires fully understand this rule
- Download League Web App so you have rules on your phone while on the field

MERCY RULES . innings .

10 runs after 6 innings,

15 runs after 5

- If an inning is started, it must be completed. In other words, if the away team goes ahead by the mercy rule total in the top half of the inning, then the home team still gets to bat in the bottom half of the inning.

SUSPENDED GAME/OFFICIAL STATUS

Five (5) innings (4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead)

- Suspended game having reached official status - If the game is suspended when the teams have not had an equal number of completed times at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called.
- Suspended game without reaching official status – If a regular season game is suspended before reaching official status the game must be resumed from the point of suspension at a date and time agreed upon by both teams.

BATTING ORDER

- Teams can bat 10 and use the EP (Extra Player)
- No free substitution if batting 10
- Team can use a continuous batting order - must declare before game starts
- Free substitution allowed when using continuous batting order
- If a team is using a continuous batting order must use it for the entire game
- If a player is injured and is removed from the game while using a continuous batting order their spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out
- Allowed to start game with 8 players. 9th spot in the lineup will be recorded as an out
- The Pitching rules for league play during the regular season Pitcher can pitch up to 8 innings in the weekend series
- We encourage coaches to make their player's health their first priority
- Additional Pitching rules are implemented during the League Playoffs
- A starting pitcher may reenter as a pitcher as long as he remained in the game and wasn't removed as a pitcher due to 2nd trip to the mound.
- A pitcher can pitch up to 95 pitches in a game he can finish the final batter at the limit and must follow the days rest rule
- DAYS REST

UP TO 45 PITCHES = 0 REST

46 TO 75 PITCHES = 2 DAY REST

76 to 95 PITCHES = 4 DAYS REST

- 16'S CAN NOT PITCH.
- ALL GAMES WILL BE CONSIDERED 2 CONSECUTIVE DAY GAMES AND THE PITCHING RULES WILL APPLY EVEN IF YOU PLAY DURING THE WEEKNIGHTS IT IS UNDERSTOOD TO HANDLE ALL PITCHING LIKE YOUR PLAYING BACK TO BACK CONSECUTIVE DAY GAMES, THE SAME WITH DOUBLE HEADERS. THIS WILL KEEP ALL PITCHING FAIR FOR ALL TEAMS. EXTRA PLAYER (EP)
- At the beginning of a game, the EP may be elected
- The Extra Player (EP) is listed in the batting order and may assume any of the nine defensive positions (including pitcher) without being counted as a substitution
- If no EP is used.: Nine (9) players in the batting order and the same nine (9) players on defense
- If use the EP, Ten (10) players in the batting order, of which nine play on defense
- The EP position may not be removed during the game
- The same number of players that are listed in the batting order to begin the game will continue throughout the game. If the game is started using an EP, the game must be finished using an EP
- Players not listed in the starting line-up may serve as substitutes
- In case of injury, and an EP is being used and injury prevents that slot in the batting order from being filled, an automatic "out" applies in that slot.
- SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY
- Teams are using the High School reentry rule
- Teams can use an EP
- EP can enter the game but must stay in the same spot in the batting order.
- EP can enter the game like any other starter, but can only reenter the game once, just like any other

starter

- Once a sub is removed, he cannot reenter game

COURTESY RUNNER

- CAN BE USED FOR THE CATCHER WITH 2 OUTS. THE PLAYER THAT MADE THE LAST OUT WILL RUN FOR THE CATCHER.

INTENTIONAL WALKS

- MLB rule will be used HEAD FIRST SLIDES

ONLY BATS ALLOWED:

- ONLY BB CORE.50, ANY USA STAMPED BATS AND WOODEN BATS ARE ALLOWED

REPORTING SCORES

- ALL HEAD COACHES FROM BOTH TEAMS ARE TO EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR SCORES TO BAMIKEF150@AOL.COM
- OR TEXT TO 508-498-8093 PLEASE REPORT SCORES RIGHT AFTER YOUR GAME IS COMPLETED WITH TEAM NAME, SCORE AND NAME OF PITCHERS AND THEIR PITCH COUNTS AND INNINGS PITCHED.

PLAYER, COACH, PARENT CONDUCT

- PLAYERS WILL BE EJECTED FOR THROWING EQUIPMENT ARGUING WITH THE UMPIRES.
- ANY PLAYER OF COACH EJECTED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING GAME.
- ANY PARENT CAUSING DISTURBANCE WITH THE COACHES, PLAYERS OR UMPIRES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPLEX.
- PLEASE REVIEW THE GATEWAY CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE WEB SITE SCHEDULED GAMES
- ALL GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED,
- IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO SCHEDULE THE HOME TEAM IS TO CONTACT THE GATEWAY OFFICE WITH THE NEW TIME AND LOCATION OF THE GAME
- MAKE UP GAMES MUST BE POSTED WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE CANCELED GAME. ONLY HEAD COACHES WILL DISCUSS ANY ISSUES AND UMPIRE CALLS WITH THE UMPIRES.