



# Anne Arundel Baseball Cooperative

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## Playing Rules for 13-15 (Babe Ruth) & 16-18 (Colt) Divisions

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### 1. General

- a. The 13-15 division shall follow the Babe Ruth League rules for this division, and the 16-18 division shall follow the High School Federation rules, except where modified herein.
- b. Both teams shall pay their half of the \$120 Umpire Fee (\$60 per team).
- c. For the spring season, a player's age is his age on May 1 of the current year. A player may not be older than the maximum age of each division (15 or 18, respectively).
- d. A player shall not also be on a high school JV or Varsity team.
- e. A player shall not also be on a travel or select team.

### 2. Field & Equipment

- a. 90 foot bases.
- b. The Home Team and/or Organization is responsible for preparing the field for play.
- c. The Home Team shall select its dugout before the Visiting Team.
- d. The Visiting Team is entitled to use the infield for practice beginning 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. The visiting team must yield the infield to the home team 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the game.
- e. Both teams shall supply one NEW game ball, and one GOOD back-up ball.
- f. The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. ALL aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle-only aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Composite barrel bats must be marked BBCOR .50; no composite bats lighter than -3 allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.
- g. Metal cleats ARE permitted.
- h. All male players MUST wear a protective cup when catching, and recommended all other positions.

### 3. Game & Innings

- a. There will be a short pre-game conference held at home plate between opposing managers and the umpires prior to the start of every game to discuss these and any other ground rules.
- b. A regular game is 7 innings. A shortened game (for time, weather, etc.) is official if it has completed 5 innings.
- c. No new inning shall start after 2 hours from the start time.
- d. A Run Limit of 5 innings for all innings except the last inning, and any extra innings. When the time limit is approaching, a "Last Inning" may be declared if both managers agree before the start of the top of that inning.
- e. The game will end if one team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 or more complete innings.

### 4. Batting & Baserunning



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- a. All players on the roster will bat continuously. The order must be announced prior to game time, but no later than the pre-game conference.
- b. A team may start with 8 players and the ninth spot IS NOT AN OUT. If the ninth player shows up late, that player will be put in the last spot in the line-up. If a player must leave the game for any reason, the team will NOT be charged with an out.
- c. The Dropped Third Strike rule shall be enforced.
- d. Bunting is permitted.
- e. Leading off is permitted.
- f. Stealing is permitted on all bases.
- g. No head-first sliding, with the exception of returning to a base on pick-off throw from pitcher or catcher. Offending runner shall be called out.
- h. A Courtesy Runner for the catcher of record is permitted at any time. The courtesy runner must be the last batted out. The umpire may disallow this substitution if it is not speeding up the game.
- i. A player throwing a bat will be issued a warning; a second occurrence will result in the batter being out.

## 5. Pitching

- a. Maximum innings for any one pitcher is 4 innings in one game, and 12 innings in a calendar week.
- b. Once a pitcher has been removed from the mound in a game, he cannot be brought back in to pitch in that same game.
- c. A pitcher who hits two batters in the same inning, or three in a game, must be removed.
- d. Balks shall be called. NO warnings.
- e. Intentional Walks are permitted.

## 6. Fielding

- a. Only 9 players are allowed in the field on defense.
- b. You Pay you Play - a minimum of three innings in the field per game. No player shall sit on the bench for more than 2 consecutive innings. To the maximum extent possible, all players shall play in the field equally.
- c. ONE base on an overthrow if it is out of play.
- d. The Infield Fly rule shall be enforced.