



BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

District 5 6U Rules



1. Teams will have 6 to 8 players on each team. Five players will play defense at a time. Pitcher, 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop and 3rd base will be positioned as normal in the field. No catcher will be positioned behind the plate.
2. Games will be a max of 45 mins in length.
3. The pitcher will be positioned behind the front edge of the pitching machine until the pitch is released.
4. No bunting, fake bunting or stealing.
5. Coaches will operate the pitching machine while their team is batting. Batters will received up to 3 pitches from the machine. If the batter has not put the ball into play during the first three pitches, the ball will be placed upon a tee standing on home plate. The batter will have 2 additional chances to put the ball into play. If after the second swing from the tee, the ball has not been put into play, the batter is out. If, on the second and subsequent swing from the tee, the ball is a foul ball, the batter will be awarded an additional swing until either the ball is put into play or is swung at and missed thereby striking out.
6. Double safety bases will be used at 1st base. All batters wear helmets plus face masks while on the field on offense. Defensive players are required to wear a protective face mask while the ball is live.
7. Each batter will bat in turn until 3 outs or until all players present have batted once, whichever comes first.
8. A 25' arc will be chalked from baseline to baseline, No defensive player may field a ball within the 25' arc. Balls hit that do not cross the 25' arc are considered foul balls.
9. In the event of an overthrown ball the runners are allowed to advance one base ahead and then the play will be stopped.