

# Churchville Diamond Club Babe Ruth League

## 2025 Spring Coaches' Packet

This packet contains all pertinent information for the spring 2025 Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball Nation Season. *All other copies on hand prior to 03/9/2025 should be discarded. This packet is the final baseball/softball coaches' packet for 2025.*

### Background Checks and Coach Certifications

- All volunteers with CDCBRL are required to have a valid background check with a passing status.
- All volunteers with CDCBRL are required to complete and successfully pass the APS Training.

### Game Scores

Game scores and pitch counts (Minors and Majors only) must be reported only by the **HOME** team. The scores and pitch counts must be emailed within 2-days after each game. No exceptions. Any game scores not reported to CDCBRL by the postseason will result in a tie for the teams as 0-0.

### Time Limit

***ALL KIDS OFF THE FIELD BY 10:00 PM***

Division	Time Limit	Definite End Time
T-Ball	1-hour	
Rookie / 8U	1-hour 30-minutes <i>No inning starts after time limit.</i>	1-hour 45-minutes
Minors / 10U	1-hour 30-minutes <i>No inning starts after time limit.</i>	1-hour 45-minutes
Majors / 12U / 17U	1-hour 45-minutes <i>No inning starts after time limit.</i>	2-hours

- If the inning is not completed by the definite end time, then the score will be that of the last completed inning.
- If the game ends in a tie, each team will be credited with ½ game loss and ½ game win.

### Scheduling

- SOLs are always a question, but the fact that our area covers multiple schools and they do not do SOLs at the same time, it is impossible to schedule around all SOL testing. Player parents will have to do what they think is best for their child.
- After the schedule is released, only changes should be due to weather. Contact Director of Event Logistics for all game scheduling matters.
- Rain outs need to be scheduled ASAP and within the same week of the game whenever possible. The coaches are to work with the Director of Event Logistics on rescheduling games. If the coaches cannot agree on a reschedule date, the Director of Baseball/Softball Operations and the league President will choose an appropriate date.
- Coaches **WILL NOT** contact or try to procure umpires. This will be managed by the Umpire In Charge (UIC)

## Spring 2025 Season Rules

Babe Ruth Baseball rules as listed in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules Handbook will be followed. The only exceptions or additions are listed in this document.

### General Rules

**Keep safety at the forefront of all choices and remember that the coaches set the examples for the kids.**

Division	Rule
All	NO JEWELRY (Religious exemption)
T-Ball	<p>Follow the rules in the book. There is no need to keep score at this level, make sure the kids are having fun and learning the game. Make sure that you are not advancing runners on overthrows to the bases.</p> <p>We need to teach the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, and catching. Base running can be taught at the next level. Each batter will receive 3 balls thrown to him/her then the ball will be placed on the T.</p> <p>T-ball this year the coach will pitch 3 balls, then if not hit after 3 pitches you need to put the ball on the T for the child to hit.</p> <p>Bats used for T-Ball must have the USA Baseball T-Ball Stamp.</p>
Rookie and Minor	<p>10 batter rule in effect. This means each team will bat 10 players each inning. (If the 10th batter brings in runs 8 and 9, they count but the inning switches when the ball is dead on the 10th batter's play).</p> <p>Regular season is a bat through lineup which means the players are on the batting order and will bat when his/her time comes even if he/she is not playing in the field at that time.</p> <p>No Rookie/Minor player shall sit on the bench 2 innings back-to-back. All extra players (subs) shall be in the game by the second (2nd) inning. With bat thru line-up, you can sub in and out as much as you want because the batting order is not affected.</p>
Major, Minors, and Rookie	<p><b>Umpire SHALL let the team know if the time limit will determine the last inning.</b></p> <p>Slaughter rule is in effect. The slaughter will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 after 2 1/2 innings if home team is ahead or 3 complete innings.</li><li>• 10 after 3 1/2 innings if home team is ahead or 4 complete innings.</li></ul> <p><b>To hold a game, each team must have no less than 8-players. Any teams that show up to a game with less than 8, will forfeit the game. You can move a player up from a team below you. Same player should not play up on multiple teams.</b></p> <p>Bats for Rookie, Minor, and Major should have USA Baseball Marking 2 5/8" Barrel Maximum, NO BBCOR Bats. Solid one-piece wood bats are permitted for use in all divisions and must conform to Rule 1.10 (Page 38). No laminated or experimental bats shall be used in a game.</p>

	<p>During the regular season there will be no protests - <b>The umpire's decision is final.</b> Tournament protest committee will be 1 rep from each team (no coaches) and a league official. Only misapplications of rules may be protested.</p> <p><b>Scorebooks need to be filled out properly.</b> Players First Initial Last Name &amp; number. The League President needs to be able to verify this info for the player to be eligible to play tournament ball. Please keep a record of pitching for Minors and Majors.</p> <p><b>Opposing team to sign off on the other team's scorebooks at the end of each game. Substitutions may occur by book rules.</b></p> <p><b>There will be NO time limit on Championship or IF games in all divisions.</b></p> <p><b>For post season tournament play, teams must be ready 30-minutes before the scheduled time. This is a must as we have a lot of games to get played in a short period of time. Please note CDCBRL President may have to make schedule changes once the post season schedule is released.</b></p>
8U	<p><b>Go by the Softball Nation rulebook except for:</b></p> <p><b>*See addendum</b></p>
10U	<p><b>Go by the Softball Nation rulebook except for:</b></p>
12U	<p><b>*See addendum</b></p>
17U	<p><b>Go by the Softball Nation rulebook</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Softball Nation Rule Book</u></a></p>

### Rookie Rules

- 1. Pitching machines will be radared before each game. The speed of the pitching machine should be 43 MPH. The speed is established when the ball crosses the home plate. (Page 31)**
- 2. Pitching machine is placed at 46-feet from home plate. (Page 14)**
3. Players WILL be allowed to bunt. (Page 31)
4. Players on defense **MUST** stop the lead runner before throwing the ball to the "pitcher". If the runner has hesitated or stopped at a base this will be considered as "stopped", unless an error is committed (i.e., an overthrown ball to a base or a missed ball by the defense). If the ball is still in the outfield, the "stopped" rule is not valid, because the runner did not know they could proceed. Once the ball is on the infield, if the runner has "stopped" he is done unless an error is committed. However, a bad throw to the pitcher will not be considered as part of the error rules.
5. It is at the discretion of the home team if they want to provide an umpire or not. If no umpire, coaches will officiate the game. If there is no umpire, the coach running the machine **is not allowed** to "coach" the batters. It is also at the discretion of the league if they want to allow the coach to run the machine or the umpire to run the machine.
6. The batter will receive (4) pitches or three (3) swings. If the last pitch is fouled off, they will receive another pitch.
- 7. Players assuming the position of pitcher must be within the "mound" 5 feet radius circle, behind the machine, and on one side or the other until the ball is hit. (Page 31)**
  - a. If the pitcher violates any of these requirements, then. (1) the play will stand, even if the pitcher is involved in the play; and (2) The umpire(s) will warn the violating pitcher's manager that if that same pitcher violates one or both requirements again, he/she will have to be removed for the

pitcher's position. The player can assume another position but cannot re-enter as a pitcher in that game. The player may not be ejected from the game for this infraction.

8. Rookies will have 11 players on defense, when available.
9. The pitcher position is only a reference to a "Fielder's" position (does not deliver a pitch). Therefore, there is NO "number of pitches delivered" rule for the player in the position. A "Courtesy Runner" is not allowed for the pitcher.
10. Coaches must sign the opposing team's scorebook after the game to verify game score and pitching counts.

## **Major and Minor Rules**

1. All Major and Minor teams will follow all book rules.
2. Be aware of the pitching limits and document pitches on the scorebook.
3. Coaches must sign off on the opposing team's scorebook after the game to verify game score and pitching counts. Coach must let the opposing team know if they have a pitcher who may have pitching limits.
4. If a pitcher is removed from the mound because of a 2nd trip, then he/she cannot return as a pitcher in that game. A pitcher may change to another position only once during the same inning (i.e., the pitcher will not be allowed to assume a position other than pitcher more than once in the same inning.
5. Majors will have 9-players and Minors will have 10 on defense, when available.

## **Ejection Incident Report and Appeal Procedure**

**Effective Date:** February 16, 2025

**Mandated By:** Churchville Diamond Club Babe Ruth League

### **Ejection Incident Report Submission:**

- All ejection incidents must be reported the day of the incident via the [Ejection Incident Report](#).
- All incidents will be reported by the designated CDCBRL individual to District 4 leadership based on their established procedure.

### **Ejection Appeal Request:**

- Appeals can be made by the offending coach or the guardian of the player via the [Ejection Appeal Request](#) but must be done within 3-days of the incident.
- All appeals will be reviewed by the CDCBRL Appeals Committee, and a proposal will be made to the Board on whether the appeal has been approved or denied.
- The appeal review should involve a review of both the incident form and the appeal request form.
- To ensure we have a thorough understanding of the incident, the offender (i.e., coach or player's guardian and umpire) should be contacted. These discussions should be documented within the ejection incident database.
- Upon the appeal decision, CDCBRL will communicate to District 4 Leadership on their decision and/or recommendation for a change to the penalty. This decision and/or recommendation will be documented within the ejection incident database.