



Broadway Optimist Baseball 9 - 10 2008 BALL RULES

1. The 9 -10 year old league is a recreation league whose purpose is to provide instruction in a competitive environment. This league plays under the Babe Ruth Official Baseball rulebook except for any Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee Local Rules.
2. Good sportsmanship is required of all parents, coaches, and players. Any player or coach ejected from a game by the umpire shall also sit out the entire next game (including tournaments). The ejected player will sit on the bench with the team during their suspension in full uniform. The ejected coach will not be allowed in the dugout or on the playing field. Players serving a suspension must be present for the game in which the suspension is in effect or the suspension will carry over to the next game attended by the suspended player.
3. The head umpire has complete authority over the game.
4. Each team must be on the field and ready to play at the scheduled time. If a team does not have enough players to begin the game, a forfeit will be called ten (10) minutes after the scheduled time. A team must field eight (8) players to begin the game and may add additional players to the end of their batting order as they arrive during the game.
5. **No** tobacco products are allowed on the playing field by a player, coach, or parent at any time. This includes practices.
6. No food or drink except that authorized by the coach shall be allowed on the field or in the dugout at any time.
7. The League will provide a score keeper and the Official League Score Book will be kept in the Score Box. **Upon completion of the game each Head Coach must sign the official scorebook.** Failure to sign score book shall result in forfeit of the game.
8. The league will furnish two (2) paid umpires for each game.
9. **Each team is responsible for picking up trash in their dugout at the end of each game.**
10. In order to maximize playing time, a courtesy runner may be used for the catcher at any time. A courtesy runner for the catcher will be mandatory if there are two (2) outs. The courtesy runner will be the last player to make an out.
11. During tournament play the higher seeded team in the winners bracket will always be designated as the home team. In the losers bracket the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team.
12. All players present at a game must play in every game unless serving a suspension or due to a coach's disciplinary action. The head coach must notify the scorekeeper and the opposing coach of any player on the bench that is not on the line up card.
13. Every player must start every other game. Any player arriving late is inserted at the bottom of the order. Late is defined as: Once the batting order has been turned into the official scorekeeper.

14. **Pitchers are allowed to pitch six (6) innings per week. Babe Ruth Baseball governs all other pitching rules. If the coach visits the mound twice (2) in one inning; the pitcher is no longer eligible to pitch in that game. Only the starting pitcher can reenter game as pitcher, so long as he remains in the game defensively. In an effort to protect the well being of the pitcher, the pitcher will only be allowed 70 pitches per game. If the pitcher is facing a batter when he/she reaches the 70 pitch limit, he/she will be allowed to finish pitching to that batter. Pitch counts are to be maintained by the teams and recorded in the official score book following every game. This will be managed on an honor system. (Local Rule)**
15. There will be a 1 hour and 30 minute time or six- (6) inning limit per game. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes has elapsed. If the game is tied when time expires then it will end in a tie. Time delays due to weather, injuries, or disputes can be added back at the discretion of the umpire.
16. Players are not allowed to advance to 1st based on a 3rd strike passed ball. With the 3rd strike, the player is out.
17. Games ending in a tie will be completed **ONLY IF** the two teams end the regular season with the same record and tied in head to head competition. The game will resume as ended, with the same batting order and pitcher. The 6 innings per week pitching rule will be in effect.
18. Players are required to wear long pants during all practices and games. Baseball or athletic shoes are also required. Catchers are required to wear protective equipment during games, warm ups and practices. All players are encouraged to wear protective cups.
19. Rained-out games will be made up as quickly as possible. A team that cannot complete a line up for a rescheduled rained-out game will forfeit that game. During the regular season, if time does not permit for a rained-out game to be made up and it does not affect league standings, the game may not be played. The league will reschedule enough rained-out games to guarantee a minimum of 80% of the regular season scheduled games.
20. One Head Coach will be assigned to each team, and the Head Coach may recruit up to three Assistant Coaches and a Team Coordinator to help during the season. The Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee must approve the Coaching staff.
21. Any questions or comments should be directed to the League President or any member of the Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee.