

Woodbury Baseball and Softball

Local Rules and Regulations

The Woodbury Baseball & Softball (WBS) Board has adopted a set of local rules that will govern the conduct and play of all managers, coaches, spectators, and players in all divisions. These rules are to be considered in effect at all fields, practice grounds, batting cages, or any location, wherever a WBS team is engaged in an organized practice, game, or otherwise scheduled activity. These rules prevail until specifically voted down or replaced as an action by the WBS Board. Any rules not specifically covered in WBS Local Rules are covered in Babe Ruth Baseball, Babe Ruth Softball and Cal Ripken Baseball rules and regulations.

It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to have read and understood the Official Playing Rules publication specific for their division. Failure to abide by those rules and the ones contained herein will be considered a violation of the rules of the game. Penalty will be applied as outlined in the Official Playing Rules or as called out in this publication.

General Local Rules

The team manager is responsible for reporting any ejections, fighting, or unsportsmanlike conduct involving managers, coaches, players, and/or adults to the Player Agent and the President. Managers failing to report such incidents will risk immediate, indefinite suspension.

Penalties for Rule or Regulation Infractions

The penalties for infraction of all rules and regulations for a manager or coach will be as below. These penalties apply to all infractions unless stated otherwise.

Infractions are cumulative. First offense will incur the penalty for first offense and each offense afterward, regardless of the nature of the infraction, will be deemed second, third, etc.

Penalty:

1st Offense: Receive a written warning.

2nd Offense: Review of infraction by the League Director with a possible suspension for the next scheduled game.

3rd Offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

Note 1: If the violation is determined to have been intentional, the Board of Directors may assess a more severe penalty. However, forfeiture of a game may not be invoked.

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Field Maintenance

Each team using a field will leave it in a state of readiness for the next team. This includes raking the mound and batters box and picking up trash in dugouts, on the field and under the bleachers. Bases are to be put away (where applicable). Gates are to be closed. Any equipment used will be cleaned and stored. Sheds will be locked. Failure to meet these requirements will result in loss of field privileges.

Practices held away from WBS fields should be policed for trash and left in a better condition than in which the field was found.

Games

The Home Team is responsible for setting up the field. Setting up the field will consist of performing the following.

- Dragging the field.
- Raking the batters box and pitchers mound.
- Setting the bases (if applicable).
- Chalking the batters box and foul lines.

The Visiting team is responsible for:

- Putting the bases away (if applicable).
- Raking the batters box and pitchers mound.

Both Teams before leaving the field will make sure the trash is picked up on the field, in the dugout and around the bleachers.

The managers are responsible for making sure these duties are performed. Failure to properly perform these duties will result in an infraction.

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Weather Policy

No game or practice shall be held or continued when the weather or the field conditions are unsafe. At the first indication of an approaching electrical storm, everyone SHALL leave the playing field and take appropriate shelter immediately. An “approaching electrical storm” shall be defined as one where lightning is visible and thunder is heard within 45 seconds (approximately 10 miles).

For Practices:

Practices may resume after a minimum of 15 minutes passes with no visible lightning. There should be no standing water on the dirt areas of the field.

For Games:

The umpire has the authority to suspend or call any game when the safety of any player, coach, official, or spectator is at risk.

If there is a dispute or uncertainty between managers and the umpire on when, or if, a game is to be suspended or called, the Umpire Director SHALL be called immediately. (Note this is only if play continues and someone feels the game should be stopped.)

If the Umpire Director is not in a position to be impartial or is unavailable, alternate Board Members SHALL be called in the following order: President, Vice President, Player Agent, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Play may only resume when the storm has passed and ALL coaches and officials present agree it is safe. A minimum of 15 minutes MUST pass with no visible lightning. There should be no standing water on the dirt areas of the field.

Please err on the side of caution when deciding to suspend OR resume play for ANY unsafe weather or field conditions.

See the Babe Ruth rule book for rulings on suspended and called games and for procedures on resuming play.

Any violation of this rule will be reviewed by the Ethics Committee.

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Managing / Coaching

Those wishing to apply for a manager or coach position shall sign up at registration. Candidates will then be recommended to the entire board of directors by each leagues director for approval. All candidates must be members of the league in good standing. League Directors may use other sports programs and references on the volunteer application as resources for background/history on a potential candidate.

All manager and coach candidates must complete the on-line Babe Ruth Coaching Course by the leagues posted deadline. Once completed, candidates are required to maintain this certification. Copies of completion certificates will be kept on file by the Coaching Director.

All manager and coach candidates must fill out a Woodbury Baseball and Softball Volunteer Application form prior to league posted deadline each spring season.

All manager and coach candidates must read, understand, sign and abide by the Woodbury Baseball and Softball Code of Conduct.

One manager and two coaches from each team will submit to a background check. Once background checks are complete by the league's posted deadline, at least one manager or coach who has been approved must be present at all times at any team practice or game.

All managers and coaches must attend all mandatory skills and rules clinics specified by the Board. All managers in the Cal Ripken Minor League and Major League divisions are also responsible for attending or sending a team representative to the pre-season Umpire Meeting. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of a manager or coach position. Failure to attend will be noted and may result in forfeiture of future participation as a manager or coach. Unless the League Director or Coaching Director excuses an absence prior to a clinic, managers and coaches are not eligible for post-season tournaments if they do not attend WBS sponsored clinics.

Candidates will receive notification if they have been selected to manage or coach by phone, postal mail or electronic mail.

Once managers have drafted a team and selected coaches, the coaches' names must be submitted to the Board for approval by third Thursday in March

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Ejections

Player Ejections (Reference Babe Ruth League Rules Book)

If a player is ejected from any game, the Manager of the player must report the ejection of his/her player within 24 hours to the League President and Player Agent of WBS.

Note 1: (Major/Minor) If the player's parent/guardian is present, then the player is to be placed into his/her care by the manager and must leave the playing area, including the stands. If a player is ejected from the game and his/her parents or guardian is not at the field the player will remain in the dugout. The player may not reenter the playing field for any reason. The manager has complete responsibility for the player until picked up by a parent or guardian.

Player Penalty:

1st Offense: Player is suspended for remainder of current game plus next game.

2nd Offense: Player is suspended for remainder of current game plus next 3 games.

3rd Offense: Player is suspended for remainder of current game plus all remaining games of the regular season and post-season.

Note 1: Players ejected from any game may or may not be considered for postseason play. Eligibility will be subject to Ethics Committee review.

Manager/Coach Penalty:

1st Offense of not reporting player ejection: Manager is suspended from next game.

2nd Offense of not reporting player ejection: Manager is suspended for rest of season.

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Manager / Coach Ejection (Reference Babe Ruth League Rule Book).

If a manager and/or coach are ejected from a game, they are required to leave the premises. Going to and remaining in a parking lot near the facility is sufficient to satisfy this requirement insofar as the manager and/or coach cannot continue to disrupt or coach the game.

Manager/Coach Penalty:

1st Offense causing ejection: Manager/Coach is suspended for remainder of current game and next game.

2nd Offense causing ejection: Manager/Coach is suspended for rest of season, including all post season play. Manager/Coach may attend games as a spectator only.

Note 1: Manager or Coach ejected from a game must inform the WBS President and Umpire Director within 24 hours or they will be suspended for the duration of the season, including any post-season play.

Note 2: A Manager or Coach who refuses to leave the area completely will be suspended for the remainder of the season including any post-season play. The game will be suspended until compliance occurs.

An Ethics Committee representing the Board of Directors will review any ejection. Participating Manager/Coaches and Umpires will present information to the committee; this committee has the right to enforce stricter penalties if they feel the actions of the ejected adult warrant such.

If the ejection is due to fighting, unsportsmanlike like conduct, or other behavior described in these local rules, then additional penalties may be applied as well.

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Player Fighting (Reference, Babe Ruth League Rule Book)

Players shall not, while on or about a playing field, or otherwise within the jurisdiction of WBS, engage in activities or behavior that leads, promotes, or otherwise encourages any form of physical violence or intimidation; i.e., fighting or threatening to fight.

Player Penalty:

1st Offense: For threatening to fight without actual physical contact – suspension for next league-scheduled game. Occurrence of actual physical contact – suspension for the next three (3) scheduled league games.

2nd Offense: Immediate suspension for the rest of the regular season as well as any and all post-season play.

Note 1: Ethics committee will review fighting infractions and penalties may be amended.

Manager, Coach, or Spectator Fighting (Reference, Babe Ruth League Rule Book)

Managers, coaches, and spectators shall not, while on or about a playing field, stands, or otherwise within the jurisdiction of WBS, engage in activities or behavior that leads to, promotes, or otherwise encourages any form of physical violence or intimidation; i.e., fighting or threatening to fight.

Penalty:

The manager or coach shall be immediately suspended from all further participation in WBS activities and scheduled games until a Board appointed Ethics Committee has reviewed scheduled games until the incident(s). Further action will be decided at that time.

If a spectator was involved, then the spectator is not to attend any other WBS practice or scheduled league games until the incident(s) have been reviewed by a board meeting that is attended by a quorum. Further action will be decided at that time.

Note 1: In all cases where adults are observed fighting, the Woodbury Police Department will be called to control the situation.

Note 2: A Manager must inform the WBS President of all of these above events. Failure to do so will result in immediate indefinite suspension.

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Manager, Coach, Player, and Spectators – Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Reference, Babe Ruth League Rule Book)

It may be recommended that managers and coaches are suspended from practices and league games for the rest of the season, and not be allowed to participate in any post-season play.

Managers, coaches, players, and spectators shall not while on or about playing fields, stands, of otherwise within the jurisdiction of WBS, use language or words that are considered to be foul, abusive, or degrading. This also applies to the questioning of judgment applied by umpires, team manager or coaches - if that questioning becomes abusive or ridiculing in nature.

Penalty:

- At the field, the umpire has the authority to eject managers, coaches, and/or players. For spectators who refuse to depart, the Woodbury Police Department will be called.
- The consequences of such an ejection are as discussed in these local rules.
- Restraining order may be sought for spectators.
- Upon review, the Board may assess further penalties.

Managers Penalty:

- The Ethics Committee will hear the individual case. Penalties will be determined by decision or recommendation of the Ethics Committee.

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Injured Players (Reference Babe Ruth League Rule Book)

Players wearing any medically prescribed supportive device, including a cast of any material will not participate in any practice or game until a physicians release is presented to the manager. Manager must submit all medical releases to the league Safety Officer in order for the player to resume play. (See League Safety plan for reference.)

If a medically prescribed supportive device is worn during play, it shall be padded with a layer of protective foam, ½” thick, to prevent injury to other players.

Note: Players while wearing a cast may not coach in the coach’s box. Umpires should not umpire while wearing a cast.

Any player who has an existing injury which causes a manager, coach or parent concern for a player’s safety, such player may be removed from participating in games or practices. An adult will remain with the injured player till a parent or guardian arrives to claim the player. Said player will not be able to return to participate until a medical doctor’s note clearing the player to return to play has been given to the team manager.

In the event of an injury during games or practices the following shall be adhered to:

- 911 shall be called if the injury warrants it. **Any loss of consciousness shall result in 911 being called immediately.**
- An Injury Report will be completed and delivered to the Safety Officer within 48 hours of the incident. This form can be found at the back of this document and online at www.wbsct.org.
- The WBS League President and Leagues Director will be contacted within 24 hours.

Equipment

Rookie, Minor, Major and Senior League Baseball

All male players must wear a hard cup.

Tee Ball

It is recommended that male players wear at least a soft cup.

Penalty: Not wearing the appropriate cup will be construed as having improper equipment. As such those players will be unable to play or practice.

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Ground Rules

Consistent ground rules will be used for all WBS playing fields whether owned by: Town of Woodbury, Region 14 School District or leased to WBS

Unfenced outfields – open ground. No automatic ground rule doubles.

Fence lines running parallel to the 1st & 3rd base lines are to be extended and considered to be out-of-play.

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Leagues / Divisions

Softball Divisions

Rookie League Softball

T-Ball Division/U6

Rookie Division/U8

Minor League Softball

Minor Division/U10

Major League Softball

Major Division/U12

Summer Senior League Softball

Age 12 & Under (U12) or Age 14 & Under (U14) – Summer League

Birth Date as determined by Babe Ruth Softball League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth Softball League Rule

**Any Softball League Rules not contained herein will be issued as separate document(s) – See League Director, as these rules may be written by another Organization. These Rules will be approved prior to each season by the WBS Board of Directors.

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Softball Rules T-Ball/U6

- No umpires
- Main focus is to introduce the basic concepts and make sure it is an enjoyable experience for the girls
- No line-ups are required
- Score will not be kept
- Game is a maximum of 90 minutes. A new inning can not start after 75 minutes.
- Season = 6 games
- Player face masks are not required for any of the players, but may be used

Game Rules:

- No infield fly rule
- Use size (10") balls - softies
- Equal playing time for each player.
- Rotate infield and outfield play. 2 innings in infield per player unless there is a concern for safety.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game.
- No player can play the same position for more than 3 innings
- Fielding - coaches are allowed/encouraged to be in the field to help instruct their team on defense
- Up to 11 players can play the field at a time. You can play with 4 outfielders/deep infielders (beyond the perimeter of the base path) and 2 pitchers. One pitcher on each side of the coach pitching. Pitchers should stay parallel to 35' rubber or deeper for safety reasons. Coaches must make sure that players stay out of the base path.
- A side is retired after 3 outs or the team has batted through the order
- If a team has batted through the order, the last batter, once reaching base safely, must continue to circle the bases until she is either tagged out or scores, either of which will end the inning.

Stealing

- No stealing
- No leading

Bunting

- Bunting is not allowed.

Play stoppage

- No runner advancement once ball has been thrown to the pitcher.

Hits batsman

- No base given for a hit batsman

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Balls and Strikes

- No walks or strike-outs

Pitching/Catching/Hitting

- Batters will hit from tee. As season progresses it will be up to the coach to try coach pitch....follow U8 rules.
- Coach simulates pitching
- Coaches back-up catcher
- Hitting team supplies coaches for pitching and catching. Coach is allowed to instruct hitter.
- Roster batting: All players will bat, even when not playing the field that inning
- A batter is given 6 attempts to put the ball in play.
- No walks or strike-outs.
- Catcher should be instructed not to block the plate to avoid collisions.

Sliding

- Sliding is optional, but no malicious contact is allowed.
- No head first sliding: The runner will be called out if using headfirst slide.

Overthrow advancement:

- Only one base on an overthrow. Only one overthrow per hit. Try to prevent the girls from just running the bases. Assists to keep the game under control

Throwing the bat – players should be instructed to drop the bat versus throwing.

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Softball Rules Rookie/U8

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- No line-ups are required
- Score will not be kept
- Game is a maximum of 90 minutes. A new inning can not start after 75 minutes.
- Season = 6 games
- Protective face masks are not required for any of the players but are allowed

Game Rules:

- Use size (11”) balls - softies
- No infield fly rule
- Equal playing time for each player.
- Rotate infield and outfield play. 2 innings in infield per player unless there is a concern for safety.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game.
- No player can play the same position for more than 3 innings
- Fielding - coaches are allowed/encouraged to be in the field to help instruct their team on defense
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Pitching/Catching/Hitting

- Coaches pitch
- Coaches back-up catcher
- Hitting team supplies coaches for pitching and catching. Coach is allowed to instruct hitter.
- After 5 coach pitches if the batter is not able to hit it is the coach's option to use the batting tee. If the player is unable to hit, the coach will kindly move on to the next batter. The total batting attempts are to be limited to 10.
- Roster batting: All players will bat, even when not playing the field that inning
- No walks or strike-outs.
- Catcher should be instructed not to block the plate to avoid collisions.

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Throwing the bat – players should be instructed to drop the bat versus throwing.

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Softball Rules Minors/U10

- Use umpires – 8th graders or high school allowed, patched preferable
- Advanced instruction: Stealing, players pitch (see pitching). Introduce windmill pitching. Sling shot allowed.
- 6-inning game or 2-hour time limit.
- No inning will start 15 minutes before the 2 hour time limit
- Tie games will go into extra innings if time permits - Game can end in ties
- Season = Approximately 10 games. Season ending playoffs, round robin or jamboree dependent upon participation.

Game Rules:

- Protective face masks must be worn by pitcher, 1st baseman and 3rd baseman
- No infield fly rule
- Use size (11”) balls.
- Players pitch.
- Equal playing time for each player.
- Rotate infield and outfield play. 2 innings in infield per player unless there is a concern for safety.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game.
- No player can play the same position for more than 3 innings
- 4 players in the outfield.
- Roster batting: All players will bat, even when not playing the field that inning.
- 5-run maximum per inning, except the last inning which is open scoring for both teams. The intent is to allow the team that is behind a chance to win. The umpire will determine when the last inning is based on time; otherwise, it is the 6th inning. There will be cases when the umpire was not able to call last inning....i.e. an inning goes longer than anticipated and time limit is beyond 1:45 minutes....can't start a new inning....game over

Stealing

- Stealing 2nd and 3rd is allowed. No stealing home
- **Runners can leave when the ball reaches the batter. Leaving early will cause the runner to be called out.**
- No advancement of the runner on an overthrow to 2nd or 3rd base during a steal attempt. No stealing on the throw back to the pitcher.
- No dropped 3rd strike

Bunting

- Bunting is allowed.
- If a batter shows bunt on a pitch they may not swing or they will be out

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Play stoppage

- No runner advancement when pitcher has control of the ball and is in the pitching circle.

Hits batsman

- If a batter does not attempt to move out of the way of a ball and is hit it is called a ball. If the same batter is hit a 2nd time in the same at bat first base will be rewarded. If the batter tries to get out of the way it will be up to the umpire.

Balls and Strikes

No walks, 3 strikes

No dropped 3rd strike

Pitching

- No walks – after 4 balls offensive coach pitches. Strike count continues from pitcher.
- Pitching rubber is 35' from home plate. Experienced pitcher should pitch from rubber. Pitcher must remain within pitching circle.
- A player can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
- Exception: A player can only pitch 2 innings of a scheduled 4 inning game. Most of our games are scheduled as 6 inning games
- One pitch = one inning of pitching.
- Three hit batsman will result in the pitcher not pitching for an entire inning prior to re-entry.
- Pitchers can re-enter the game if taken out prior to the third eligible inning.

Sliding

- Slide to avoid collisions. No malicious contact is allowed.
- No head first sliding: The runner will be called out if using headfirst slide.
- Sliding into home is mandatory if there is a force or tag play.
- Failure to slide on a play at home will result in an out. (Umpire judgment call)

Overthrow advancement:

- One base on an overthrow.

Throwing the bat – player is warned on first offense, called out on any additional offenses.

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Softball Rules Majors/U12

- Use patched umpires.
- Advanced instruction: Bunting, stealing, players pitch the entire game. Introduce windmill pitching.
- 6-inning game or 2-hour time limit.
- No inning will start 15 minutes before the 2 hour time limit
- Tie games will go into extra innings if time permits - Game can end in ties
- Season = Approximately 10 games. Season ending playoffs, round robin or jamboree dependent upon participation.

Game Rules:

- Protective face masks are strongly advised to be worn by pitcher, 1st baseman and 3rd baseman
- No infield fly rule
- Use size (12") balls.
- Players pitch.
- Equal playing time for each player.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game unless there is a concern for safety. If so, the umpire and opposing coach must be informed prior to the game.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game.
- No player can play the same position for more than 3 innings
- 4 players in the outfield.
- Roster batting: All players will bat, even when not playing the field that inning.
- 5-run maximum per inning, except the last inning which is open scoring for both teams. The intent is to allow the team that is behind a chance to win. The umpire will determine when the last inning is based on time; otherwise, it is the 6th inning. There will be cases when the umpire was not able to call last inning...i.e. an inning goes longer than anticipated and time limit is beyond 105 minutes....can't start a new inning....game over

Stealing

- Stealing 2nd and 3rd is allowed at any time
- Stealing home – not allowed
- Runners can leave a base upon the pitcher's release of the ball. Leaving early will result in the runner being called out.
- No advancement of the runner on an overthrow to 2nd or 3rd base during a steal attempt. No stealing on the throw back to the pitcher.
- No dropped 3rd strike

Bunting

- Bunting is allowed.
- Foul ball on an attempted bunt with 2 strikes on the batter is an out.

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- If a batter shows bunt on a pitch they may not swing or they will be out

Play stoppage

- No runner advancement when pitcher has control of the ball and is in the pitching circle.

Hits batsman

- If a batter does not attempt to move out of the way of a ball and is hit it is called a ball. If the same batter is hit a 2nd time in the same at bat first base will be rewarded. If the batter tries to get out of the way it will be up to the umpire.

Balls and Strikes

- 4 balls and 3 strikes

Pitching

- Pitching rubber is 40' from home plate. Pitcher must pitch from within the pitching circle.
- A player can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
- Exception: A player can only pitch 2 innings of a scheduled 4 inning game. Most of our games are scheduled as 6 inning games
- One pitch = one inning of pitching.
- Three hit batsman within an inning will result in the pitcher not pitching for an entire inning prior to re-entry.
- Pitchers can re-enter the game if taken out prior to the third eligible inning.

Sliding

- Slide to avoid collisions. No malicious contact is allowed.
- No head first sliding: The runner will be called out if using headfirst slide.
- Sliding into home is mandatory if there is a force or tag play.
- Failure to slide on a play at home will result in an out. (Umpire judgment call)

Overthrow advancement:

- With the exception of a steal attempt, the runners may continue to advance until the ball is ruled dead or is returned to the pitcher

Throwing the bat – player is warned on first offense, called out on any additional offenses.

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Softball Rules Senior/U14

- Use patched umpires.
- Advance instruction, including bunting and stealing. Windmill pitching.
- 6-inning game or 2-hour time limit.
- No inning will start 15 minutes before the 2 hour time limit
- Tie games will go into extra innings if time permits. Game can end in ties
- Season = Approximately 10 games. Season ending playoffs, round robin or jamboree dependent upon participation.

Game Rules

- Protective face masks are strongly advised to be worn by pitcher, 1st baseman and 3rd baseman
- Use standard 12" size softball.
- Infield fly rule in effect
- Equal playing time for each player.
- Rotate infield and outfield play.
- Each player must have at least 2 innings in the infield per 6-inning game unless there is a concern for safety. If so, the umpire and opposing coach must be informed prior to the game.
- 3 players in the outfield.
- Roster batting - All players will bat even when not playing the field that inning.
- 5-run maximum per inning, except the last inning which is open scoring for both teams. The intent is to allow the team that is behind a chance to win. The umpire will determine when the last inning is based on time; otherwise, it is the 6th inning. There will be cases when the umpire was not able to call last inning....i.e. an inning goes longer than anticipated and time limit is beyond 105 minutes....can't start a new inning....game over

Stealing

- 2nd, 3rd and Home allowed
- Steal on the release of the ball from pitchers hand. Leaving early will result in the runner being called out.

Bunting

- Bunting is allowed.
- If a batter shows bunt on a pitch they may not swing or they will be out

Play stoppage

- A play stops when pitcher has control of the ball and is in the pitching circle.

Hits batsman

- A batter hit by a pitch receives first base and the ball is dead.

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Balls and Strikes

- 4 balls and 3 strikes
- Dropped third strike – If first base is unoccupied or there are two out and the catcher does not catch the third strike the batter may try to advance to first base.

Pitching

- Pitching rubber is 40' from home plate
- A player can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
- Exception: A player can only pitch 2 innings of a scheduled 4 inning game. Most of our games are scheduled as 6 inning games
- Windmill pitching is encouraged.
- Pitcher must start windup on the pitching rubber.
- Pitcher must finish pitching while inside the pitching circle.
- One pitch = one inning of pitching.
- Pitchers can re-enter the game if taken out prior to the third eligible inning.

Sliding

- Slide to avoid collision. No malicious contact is allowed.
- No head first sliding: runner will be called out. This is for safety reasons.
- Sliding is mandatory at home plate if there is a force or tag play.
- Failure to slide on a play at home may result in an out. (Umpire judgment call)

Overthrow advancement:

- The runners may advance until the ball is ruled dead or is returned to the pitcher

Throwing the bat – player is warned on first offense, called out on any additional offenses.

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Baseball Divisions

Babe Ruth Senior League Baseball

Senior Babe Ruth – A league of 13-15 year old players 15 (age determined by Babe Ruth League, Inc.) that play baseball on an official 90' baseball diamond. The official rules contained within the Babe Ruth League, Inc. "Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules" for the current year are to be used for this league. Note that rules can and do vary from year to year. This league is governed by District 4 out of Newtown.

** As printed in the Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations rule book players who are age 12 by the Babe Ruth Age Chart may apply to play in Senior League as a "12 year old swing player". All players applying as a swing player must be approved the league president and the player agent.

Summer Babe Ruth – A summer league that starts after the Spring season is over. This league is intended for those who do not play either on Koufax or Mantle teams.

Koufax – A team comprised of players 14 and under (age determined by AABC) that plays in the Waterbury Koufax league. This team is NOT part of Babe Ruth, but is governed by AABC. The AABC Rulebook and League rules are used for this team.

Mantle– A team comprised of players 16 and under (age determined by AABC) that plays in the Waterbury Mantle league. This team is NOT part of Babe Ruth, but is governed by AABC. The AABC Rulebook and League rules are used for this team.

12-Juniors – This is a fall league comprised of player from the Spring Cal Ripken Majors that will play Senior Babe Ruth in the Spring.

13-Prep – This is a Spring AND Fall league comprised of player from the 12-Junior team of the previous fall. (Players do not have to have played 12-Juniors to play here, but must meet the age requirements).

14-15 Babe Ruth – This is a Spring & Fall league comprised of players who previously played 13-Prep.

Ages 16 - 18 – Senior League - A Fall League for those 18 and under. 14/15 year olds my move up ONLY if a 14-15 Babe Ruth team is not formed.

Connie Mack – A team comprised of players 19 and under (age determined by AABC) that plays in the Waterbury Mantle league. This team is NOT part of Babe Ruth, but is governed by AABC. The AABC Rulebook and League rules are used for this team

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Cal Ripken Baseball Division

Age 4, 5 & Age 6 – T-Ball Division

Birth date as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations

Age 7 & Age 8 – Rookie Baseball Division (Formerly Instructional Division)

Birth date as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations

Age 9 & Age 10 – Minor League Baseball Division

Birth Date as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations

Age 11 & Age 12 – Major League Baseball Division

Birth Date as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations

Variations from these age ranges are subject to prior approval of the WBS Board of Directors, subject to such terms and conditions as the WBS Board of Directors deems to be in the best interest of WBS.

No players will move up from Cal Ripken Leagues/Divisions to a Senior Babe Ruth League/Division unless they move under Swing Player option in the Babe Ruth Rules Book. (See Senior Babe Ruth League local rules for further details)

No Players 12 or under (as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations) shall play on any Senior Babe Ruth League, Mantle League or Koufax League teams during the time which their Cal Ripken regular season (including playoffs) are in play.

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Local Rules and Regulations

Playing Rules and Requirements for Non-Competitive Divisions Rookie Division / T-Ball Rules

T-Ball League Local Rules

General

It will be considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct for managers and coaches to not play their players at all positions. The Board will deal with parental complaints swiftly. Managers and coaches should expect to be removed if situation(s) are not corrected.

Game time limit: 90 minutes or four innings.

Players:

T-Ball is an introduction to baseball for ages five and six (5 & 6) as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations

Team:

Whenever possible, WBS will maintain a roster size per team of no more than ten (10) players.

Assignment of Players:

Team selection will be a cooperative effort of the League Director, Player Agent, and League Coaches. No tryouts are necessary at this level to join the league.

Schedules:

One game will be played per week, with a minimum of one practice per week.

League Rules:

1. All teams will use a batting tee from which to hit.
2. "Safe-T" (or other such similar brand) balls will be used in all practices and games.
3. Games & Practices may be held on any safe playing surface, where "throw down" bases may be used.
4. A Game will consist of every player on both teams having four at-bats. i.e.: Each team bats every player each of four innings.
5. Game statistics, such as outs and runs scored are not recorded.
6. Defensive positions will be changed every inning
7. Players always bat in original batting order.

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T-Ball League Local Rules - Continued

8. NO PLAYER will be allowed to play the “pitcher” defensive position.
9. All Batters and Base Runners must wear helmets.
10. Base Runners are encouraged to advance one base at a time.
11. Babe Ruth League insurance prohibits coaches or players from pitching to a batter at any time. This includes any practices
12. Ball is put into play by batter hitting a ball off of the tee only. Three-out rule does not apply
13. If runner is put out as the result of the ball being put in play, he/she must vacate the base.
14. The same player will not be arranged to be the last batter in the batting order for more than two games during the season.
15. Offensive coach will place ball on tee for batter.
16. One league-approved coach must always be in the dugout if there is a player on the bench.
17. A thrown bat will result in first a caution and the second time warning of a loss at bat. If the bat is thrown a third time, if player acquires a base then the player will be removed from the base; runners do not advance.
18. A hit ball is considered to be foul if it does not go past a 10-ft arc in front of home plate.
19. All players present at the game will play defensive positions, rotating each inning. All players will play in the field each inning
20. Free substitution is in force
21. Manager is required to keep accurate records of positions and playing time for all players. (Parental complaints regarding playing time and positional play will cause examination of the manager’s records. If adequate records do not exist it will be presumed that the parent is correct and appropriate action will be taken).
22. When the ball is fielded in the outfield and returned to the infield runners may only advance to the next base. Once the runner(s) are at that base the ball becomes dead and no further advancement will take place. This includes overthrows and ball thrown out of play.
23. Three defensive managers/coaches are allowed on the field to help position players. They may not delay play.

League Objectives:

- Players will be introduced to the proper techniques of throwing, catching and batting.

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Local Rules and Regulations

Rookie League Baseball Local Rules – Through Mid-Season

General

It will be considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct for managers and coaches to not play their players at all positions. The Board will deal with parental complaints swiftly. Managers and coaches should expect to be removed if situation(s) are not corrected.

Official score is not to be kept, though scorekeepers shall keep track of other aspects of the game. This is an instructional division and all efforts to teach the game of baseball will be made.

A pitching machine will be used. The pitching machine should be no less than 45' from home plate when delivering the pitch.

Game time: 1 hour and 15 minutes or 6 innings. Teams may complete ½ innings if it is still in progress at 1 hour and 15 minute hour mark. Both teams DO NOT have to bat in last inning.

Players:

The Rookie League is for players age seven & eight (7 & 8) as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules & Regulations. The Rookie League is geared for those players who have played one to two years of T-Ball

Team:

Whenever possible, WBS will maintain a roster size per team of no more than ten (10) players.

Assignment of Players:

Team selection will be a cooperative effort of the League Director, Player Agent, and League Coaches. No tryouts are necessary at this level to join the league.

Schedules:

There shall be a minimum of one game and practice per week.

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Rookie League Baseball Local Rules - Continued

League Rules:

1. All players present for the game will be in the batting order. Players always bat in original batting order. The same player will not be arranged to be the last batter in the batting order for more than two games during the season
2. The PITCHING MACHINE (Mechanical or Manual) MUST BE USED for all League games and practices. The type of ball used may vary based on the machine used. Dimple balls may be used on the electric-powered machine.
3. All players will be included in the lineup, offensively and defensively. All players will play in the field each inning.
4. An offensive half inning will be six (6) batters or three (3) outs, whichever occurs first.
5. Each batter will be give a MAXIMUM of ten (10) swings, in the suggested order of five (5) pitches and up to five (5) soft toss. A tee may be used in lieu of soft toss for NO MORE than two (2) swings. If the ball is not put in play after the maximum number of swings, the batter will be out.
6. Manager/coach of the offensive team will feed pitching machine for that team.
7. There will be no stealing, no bunting and no infield fly rule.
8. There will be two (2) adult base coaches. Coaches may not delay the game
9. Each team must make every effort to field a catcher, who is properly equipped, for the entire game. In the event there is no catcher, a coach will stand at the backstop to retrieve the pitches.
10. Sliding into a base when appropriate is encouraged and will be taught throughout the season. No malicious contact is allowed.
11. No player will be allowed to play the "pitcher" defensive position.
12. Game statistics, such as runs scored, are not recorded.
13. Defensive players will change positions every two innings. i.e.: Outfielders move to infield and vice versa. Caution is to be used here for players less capable of playing closer to the batter.
14. Free substitution is in force
15. When a ball is hit to the outfield and returned to the infield, all runners must not advance beyond that base they are heading toward. With the ball in control of an infielder, all runners remain on base and the ball is dead. No runners may advance on overthrows.
16. Last batter should not be allowed to circle bases once he/she is put out or play is considered stopped due to batter/runner stopping at a base or if ball is dead (see #13)

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Rookie League Baseball Local Rules - Continued

League Objectives:

- Further development of basic game skills, throwing, catching, and hitting, while introducing more game skills.
- Introduction of the position of Catcher, with teaching of the mechanics of catching.
- Development of base running skills.
- Position / Player identification, along with other baseball terminology.
- Fielding skills introduction, including cut-offs, back up plays, double plays.
- Beginning Sliding Skills

Minimum Play Rules

Manager will make every effort to allow each player on a team roster to play a complete game during the season.

Minimal Positional Play

Every player on a team roster will play a minimum of four (4) different fielding positions every two (2) weeks of play with a minimum of one infield position and a minimum of one outfield position. A week is defined as starting Monday and ending Sunday. Each position must be played for no less than six (6) consecutive defensive outs.

Every player on a team roster will be treated fairly and equally. At no time shall a player be led to believe he is not a part of the team. Manager is required to keep accurate records of positions and playing time for all players. (Parental complaints regarding playing time and positional play will cause examination of the manager's records. If adequate records do not exist it will be presumed that the parent is correct and appropriate action will be taken).

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Rookie League Rules after Mid-Season

At point determined before the season begins, but generally at mid-season, the following rules will be used in lieu of the previous set of rules. The purpose is to get the younger players ready for tournament play.

1. A regular Cal Ripken hardball (not safety or a RIF 5 ball) will be used for all Tournament games. Home Teams will be required to provide baseballs for those games.
2. Games are to be (6) full innings of play (5 ½ innings if Home Team is ahead). Games are official after 4 full innings (3 ½ if the Home Team is ahead). There is TWO (2) hour time limit established for these games. If games are called due to inclement weather during an inning, and it has become official, the game will revert back to the last complete inning played.
3. Only ten (10) Players can play in the field, with 4 Players spaced equally in the outfield (no short fielders – fielders should be located at a depth where normal outfielders play and shall not close to the infielders). All Players must play a minimum of three (3) innings in the field (one inning of which must be in the infield which does include the catcher; this requirement will be waived once the Tournament starts). Substitutions can be made freely and Players can be inserted into the field more than once. A player can sit out NO MORE THAN ONE (1) inning
4. All Players on the Team must bat in the order. An inning is over once three (3) outs are recorded or six (6) runs have scored, whichever comes first. However, this rule will be waived in the 6th inning and both teams may score as many runs until (3) official outs have been recorded.
5. During round – robin play, a Player can play only ONE position for two (2) innings, with the exception of catcher (Teams must give their Players the opportunity to play different positions, which reduces the likelihood that 2 or 3 very strong Players can dominate a Team that is actually stronger from top to bottom). This requirement will be waived once the single elimination Tournament starts. Teams will be allowed to field their best fielding Team; however, Players must still play 3 innings in the field and bat through the order.
6. It is required that each Team designates and uses catchers, which will give those Players the opportunity to experience / grow in that position. Cups will be mandatory for all catchers and is also highly recommended for all Players.
7. At the start of each game, each Team MUST start with a minimum of eight (8) Players and MUST finish the game with no less than eight (8) also. If the other Team has nine (9) Players or more, than they shall provide a courtesy outfielder for the Team with (8) Players; this outfielder shall be the Player who makes the last out in the prior inning. For the Team with (8) Players, there will be an automatic out at the ninth batting position. Any Team that starts with only seven (7) or less Players will forfeit the game. Note that each Team MUST play only those Players on their Official rosters (no substitutions from another Team will be allowed). If during a game a Team loses a Player due to illness or injury, when this Player's slot in the batting position comes up, it will be simply passed by with NO automatic out and the next batter in the order shall bat with no penalty. However, should a Team lose a Player that will bring the number on that Team down to 8 Players, than as noted above, the automatic out rule will apply.

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8. If a courtesy runner is required, due to injury or otherwise, this runner shall be the player on that team who made the last out. Also, each team has the option to pinch run for their catcher should he / she be on base with two (2) outs in order to get the catcher's gear on and expedite the game.
9. Pitching shall be done using a Louisville Slugger Ultimate Pitching Machine or similar for all games (all Teams will be given an opportunity to use this prior to the start of the Tournament). There will be no called balls or strikes but (3) swinging strikes will designate an out. It was agreed the Pitching Machine leg will be placed against the pitching rubber. For machine settings, as every Team's settings might be a little different, these will be agreed upon prior to the start of the game and shall remain consistent for the balance of that game.
10. There will be an Umpire for every game, who will stand behind the pitcher's mound and call outs in the field only as well as swinging strikes by the batter (3 swinging strikes will designate an out). Each Team playing on their home field will be responsible for providing an umpire for their respective games as well as paying them as well (cost to be determined by each Town). For the Tournament portion, Beth -Wood will pay for the umpires. Play in the field will be called dead when in the umpire's opinion the ball has been returned to the pitcher and / or is in the controlled possession of an infielder within the infield area.
11. Sliding should be encouraged if there is a play at any base but it is not mandatory, and no malicious contact is allowed (Players are to slide or attempt to avoid).
12. There are to be NO walks, NO stealing of bases and NO leading off bases.
13. Coaches are to instruct their Players NOT to throw their bats after hitting the ball; teach them how to drop it when running to first. We do not want to see any injuries of this nature!!
14. Only one (1) base will be allowed per play on an overthrow and one (1) overthrow per play. For overthrows in fair territory, the ball remains live and runners can advance as many bases at their own risk.
15. It is agreed that there will be NO bunting allowed for a game, have your Players hit away.
16. NO Slash Bunting:
 - a. This is when a Batter shows intent to bunt, drawing the infielders in towards the plate. The Batter then draws his bat back and takes a full swing at the pitch. If the Batter should hit the ball while the infielders are still looking for a bunt, one of those fielders could get seriously injured.
 - b. We will NOT ignore the fact that this is a very dangerous play. We mandate that you NOT allow your players to attempt this maneuver. If in the Umpire's judgment, a Batter tries to slash bunt, then the ball will be automatically called dead, the Batter will be called out / ejected from this game and the Manager will be also ejected from the game as well (Manager will also be subject to additional disciplinary action as deemed appropriate).
 - c. We also ask that you instruct your infielders to be aware of the bunt when the Batter shows such an intention, but the Player should follow the pitch to the plate rather than breaking towards the plate too early.

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Local Rules and Regulations

Playing Rules and Requirements for Competitive Divisions

Major League Baseball / Minor League Baseball

Game Time

No new inning will be started 2 hours after the start of a game (Minors) 2.5 hours after the start of a game (Majors) on days when there is another game scheduled to follow.

Make-Up Games

In the case of a postponed game, the Field Manager/Director will reschedule that game on the first available date. Consideration will be taken to avoid competitive imbalance (back-to-back games) when possible. Any team unable to field nine players for a game must inform the Field Manager/Director no later than the day before the game. The responsibility is on the managers and parents to keep each other informed. Games canceled due to weather takes priority.

Base Coaches

WBS will allow two adult base coaches in all divisions. One league-approved coach must always be in the dugout. Players are permitted to be a base coach at first base only and must wear a helmet when doing so.

Pitching (Minor & Major Leagues)

Babe Ruth Rules, Cal Ripken rules will be followed with the exceptions noted in these local rules.

2016 Minor League Baseball Rules

Minor League Baseball Local Rules

General

- Minor League is for players age nine & ten (9 & 10) as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations.
- Managers and coaches are to play their players at all positions to expose them to all aspects of the game. However, player safety is of the utmost importance. As such, managers should be cautious about playing players in positions requiring multiple baseball skills in order to be successful.
- The home team will prepare field for play and will pay the umpire. The away team will rake the field and mound after games. All teams will rake the field and mound after all practices.
- Official score will be kept by the home team. Divisional standings will be kept for purposes of playoff seeding.
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- No new inning will start after two hours of play.
- In the case of a postponed game, the League Director will reschedule that game on the first available date. Consideration will be taken to avoid competitive imbalance (back-to-back games) when possible. Any team unable to field nine players for a game must inform the League Director and opposing coach no later than the day before the game. The responsibility is on the managers and parents to keep each other informed. Games canceled due to weather takes priority.

2016 Minor League Baseball Rules

Pitching Rules

Woodbury Baseball will enact the following pitch counts and days of rest:

Age	Max Pitches Per Game	Max Pitch Per Week	Max Appearances per week
9 & 10	55	110	3

Minor League Pitch Count & Recovery Times

Minimum Pitches Thrown	Maximum Pitches Thrown	Minimum Calendar Days Rest
1	21	0
22	34	1
35	43	2
44	55	3
55+		4

“Calendar Days Rest” starts the day AFTER the pitching session. For example, if a player pitches 25 pitches on Monday, Tuesday is the first “calendar day of rest” and he is eligible to pitch again on Wednesday. A “week” is defined as Monday through Sunday.

Coaches must submit their scores including player pitch count after each game to the league director and copy all minor league coaches via email. Scores should be submitted via email in the following manner:

Royals 12
Dodgers 6

Dodgers Pitchers: Harvey: (32), DeGrom: (44), Syndergaard (16)
Royals Pitchers: Johnson (24), Jackson (36), Hanson (15)

Caution needs to be exercised with each pitcher regarding maturity, strength, experience and development. Pitch counts should be less early in the season, essentially with a pitcher who hasn't pitched much during cold weather. Managers should seek to provide all players with the opportunity to pitch. The objective of the league is to develop young arms.

Minor League Baseball Rules

Schedules:

A minimum of two games and one practice per week (dependent on field availability).

League Rules:

Cal Ripken League rules are to be adhered to for the Minor League. In addition, the following WBS Local League rules also apply:

1. All players present for the game will be in the batting order. Players always bat in original batting order. If a team plays with 8 players, they will take an automatic out in the 9th spot in the order. Teams may field 10 players if they so choose.
2. Every attempt should be made to have each player play a minimum of three full innings per game. In the event a player arrives late to game he/she will forfeit the right to minimum innings of play.
3. A pitcher, once removed from the pitching mound may not return to the position of pitcher for the remainder of the game.
4. Stealing of second and third Bases only. A runner advancing to third CANNOT advance to home on the same play, i.e. if the catcher overthrows third and the ball goes to the outfield (unless the throw by the CATCHER goes out of play). No advancement of the runner from third base to home, unless the ball is put into play by the batter or a play is made specifically on the runner previously occupying third base prior to the next pitch. The ball must have returned to the pitcher and at least one pitch must have been thrown for the runner to advance home.
5. Bunting is allowed, however Slash Bunting is NOT allowed.
6. If a pitcher hits a batter four (4) times in an appearance or three (3) times in one inning, he/she will be removed from the pitchers position for the game.
7. Each inning will consist of **5 runs or three (3) outs**, whichever occurs first. The play will continue until the umpire calls the ball dead. Another batter will not be allowed to hit.
8. A complete game will be six (6) innings or two (2) hours, whichever occurs first. The Home team, if losing, must have its final at bat. Games shortened due to weather or darkness are considered complete after 4 full innings. If the game is shortened prior to the home team getting its final at-bat, the game will revert to the score of the last completed inning after the fourth inning.
9. Postponed games will be rescheduled by the League Director. It will be each Managers responsibility to coordinate with the League Director to make-up games and to contact his/her team.
10. Intentional Walks will not be permitted in Minor League. All players will be afforded the right to put the ball into play.
11. Players will **not be instructed to “Not Swing” during a complete at bat.** Note that this differs from “taking a pitch” in that the player is instructed to NEVER swing during an at bat. Coaches/Managers instructing players to stand at the plate in the hope of drawing a walk will be referred to the BOC/Ethics Committee for discipline. **Players should be encouraged to hit regardless of the game situation.**

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Minor League Baseball Local Rules – Continued

12. No infield fly rule.
13. Dropped third strike rule does not apply.
14. Head first sliding is not allowed. If it occurs, and the player was called safe, he must return to the previous base. Head first sliding going back to a base is allowed. Sliding is not mandatory, but no malicious contact is allowed.
15. Every player on a team roster will play a minimum of three (2) different fielding positions every two weeks of play with a minimum of one infield position and a minimum of one outfield position. A week is defined as starting Monday and ending Sunday. Each position must be played for no less than six (6) consecutive defensive outs. Pitcher and Catcher are not included in minimal positional play. However it is highly encouraged that all players have an opportunity to play these two positions. The only exception to the fair play rule is if a manager feels that player's safety is in jeopardy by playing an infield position.
16. Free substitution is permitted
17. If after four (4) innings, three and one-half (3 ½) innings if the home team is ahead - one team has a lead of ten runs (10), the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. Games may be continued to completion (6 innings) on mutual agreement of both teams' managers. If game is continued, team who was winning by 10 runs after 4 innings will officially retain the win in records.
18. The ball is considered "live" until the pitcher returns to the pitching circle with the ball. A runner can advance an extra base, or, as many bases as possible on an overthrow from the pitcher. This would include taking home on an overthrow back to the pitcher. However, the runner from third will not be allowed to delay a steal of home on a lobbed ball back to the pitcher. All base runners will not be allowed to delay a steal of any base on a lobbed throw to the pitcher. The penalty for a delayed steal will result in the runner being returned to the base.

PLAYOFF RULES:

All local rules will apply with the exception or addition of the following:

- 1) On an attempted steal of third base, the runner may advance to home on an overthrow of third base. Runners may also advance from third to home on a throw through to second base in a first and third situation.

2016 Major League Baseball Rules

Major League Baseball Local Rules

General

- The Major League games will follow the “Babe Ruth League, Inc Baseball Rules and Regulations and Official Playing Rules” with the following local exceptions.
- Official score will be kept by the home team. Standings will be kept in order to determine seeding for playoffs. Ball will remain live at all times as defined by Babe Ruth League Rules.
- Pitchers in Major League may not exceed 75 pitches per game during the regular season. If the 75th pitch occurs during an at bat that has not yet been completed, the pitcher may complete pitching to the batter until the batter is retired or puts the ball into play. Six inning maximum pitching (per week) rules (as defined in Babe Ruth Rules) will also apply (see section 0.06 in Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations, re: “Pitching Limitations”). For post-season play, Babe Ruth Tournament Rule 11.05 #4 (page 25 of the 2012 rulebook) will apply.
- Pitch counts are designed to better control how much work a young pitcher is doing. Since pitching exerts more pressure on the arm (elbow and shoulder tendons/ligaments) pitching needs to be monitored much more than throwing. Throwing helps build arm strength and should be encouraged. Pitch counts refer to game situation, full throttle throws, but not warm-ups, drills, or practice pitches, which are also needed for arm development.
- **Woodbury is enacting the following pitch counts and recovery times:**

Age	Max Pitch/Game	Max Pitch/Week	Max Appearances /Week
11 & 12	75	150	3

Major League Pitch Count/Recovery Times		
Minimum Pitches Thrown	Maximum Pitches Thrown	Minimum Calendar Days Rest
1	21	0
21	35	1
36	50	2
51	65	3
66+		4

- “Calendar Days Rest” starts the day AFTER the pitching session. For example, if a player pitches 28 pitches on Monday, Tuesday is the first “calendar day of rest” and he is eligible to pitch again on Wednesday. A “week” is defined as Monday through Sunday.

2016 Major League Baseball Rules

- Caution needs to be exercised with each pitcher regarding maturity, strength, experience and development. Pitch counts should be less early in the season especially with a pitcher who hasn't pitched much during cold weather.

Players:

- Major League is for players age eleven & twelve (11 & 12) as determined by Babe Ruth League Birth Chart, Babe Ruth League Rules and Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations. Major League is for players who have played one to two years of T-Ball, one to two years of Rookie League and one to two years of Minor League. It is possible to have an older player with less skill play at this level if approved by the Player Agent and League Director.

Team:

- Team selection will be a cooperative effort of the League Director, Player Agent, and League Coaches. Tryouts are mandatory at this level to join the league. Teams will be assigned using a draft system. It is the intention of WBS to have all teams be of equal ability at the start of each season.

League Objectives:

- Further development of basic game skills, Throwing, Catching, and Hitting, while introducing more game skills.
- Development of base running skills
- Development of defensive positioning skills. Positions for all players when ball is put into play.
- Teaching advanced catcher skills, including blocking pitches, protecting plate, and throwing out base runners.
- Advanced development and skills for the Pitcher.
- Bunting skills
- Batter protection position

Major League Baseball Rules

League Rules:

- Cal Ripken League rules are to be adhered to for the Major League. In addition, the following WBS Local

League rules also apply:

1. All players present for the game will be in the batting order. Players always bat in original batting order.
2. Each player must play a minimum of two consecutive and complete innings defensively per game. In the event a player arrives late to game he/she will forfeit the right to minimum innings of play.
3. Each player must play an infield defensive position for one complete inning every three games. In the event the player does not wish to play an infield position, this rule may be waived.
4. A pitcher, once removed from the pitching mound may not return to the position of pitcher for the remainder of the game.
5. Head first sliding is not allowed. If it occurs, and the player was called safe, he must return to the previous base. Head first sliding going back to a base is allowed.
6. If a pitcher hits a batter three times in an appearance or twice in one inning, he/she will be removed from the pitchers position for the game
7. Postponed games will be rescheduled by the Field Manager. It will be each Managers responsibility to coordinate with the Field Manager & Umpire Director to make-up games and to contact his/her team.
8. No slash bunting.
9. A complete game will be six (6) innings or two (2) hours, whichever occurs first. The Home team, if losing, must have its final at bat.
10. If after four (4) innings, three and one-half (3 ½) innings if the home team is ahead - one team has a lead of ten runs (10), the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. Games may be continued to completion (6 innings) on mutual agreement of both teams' managers. If game is continued, team who was winning by 10 runs after 4 innings will officially retain the win in records.

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Major League Baseball Local Rules - Continued

Penalty:

1st Offense: Manager shall receive a written warning.

2nd Offense: Manager will be suspended for the next scheduled game.

3rd Offense: Manager will be suspended for remainder of the season.

Note: If the violation is determined to have been intentional, the Board of Directors may assess a more severe penalty. However, forfeiture of a game may not be invoked.

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APPROVED RULINGS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Batting Order for Minor/Major/Senior Leagues:

Effective immediately, for all games played in Woodbury:

Should a player leave the game (for whatever reason), and the resulting batting order still contains nine (9) or more players, that spot in the batting order will be skipped, without penalty, and play will continue as if the player were never in the batting order to begin with.

When the current batting order contains only 9 players, should a player leave the game (for whatever reason), and the resulting batting order contains eight (8) players, an automatic out will be recorded when that player's spot in the batting order occurs.

When the current batting order contains only 8 players, should a player leave the game (for whatever reason), and the resulting batting order contains fewer than eight (8) players, the game cannot continue and becomes a forfeit.

APPROVED RULING RE: RULE #4 STEALING HOME FOR MINORS BASEBALL ONLY:

The intent of this rule is to encourage the catcher at the minor league level to learn to throw to 3rd base when a runner is attempting to steal 3rd without the fear that a misplay at 3rd base will cause the runner to score. The only time a runner can "steal" home is if he has ALREADY LEGALLY OCCUPIED 3rd BASE (has reached 3rd base and been ruled safe by the umpire) and there is an attempt made to pick him off at 3rd base. Natural play must have stopped and the ball returned to the pitcher. At least one (1) pitch must be made to the current batter after the runner is at third.

If a situation arises where there are trailing runner(s) (1st base or 2nd base, or 1st and 2nd base), the trailing runner(s) will not be permitted to force the runner from 3rd base to home. If a runner on 2nd base breaks toward 3rd, and the runner from 3rd breaks toward home, the ball will automatically be ruled dead, play will cease, and ALL RUNNERS will return to the last legally occupied base as determined by the umpire.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Runners occupy 2nd and 3rd base. The pitcher receives the ball from the catcher, turns, and throws to 2nd base. The ball goes into center field. The runner on 2nd breaks for 3rd base. The runner on 3rd breaks for home.

In the above scenario, the ball is dead as soon as the runner on third breaks for home. Both runners return to 2nd and 3rd base respectively and play resumes when the pitcher toes the rubber and time is ruled back in by the umpire.

Summer Player Eligibility - Addendum

In accordance with Babe Ruth League rule book, **rule 11.03**, Woodbury Baseball and Softball will enact the following policy toward summer player eligibility:

To be eligible to compete in tournament play(including any summer travel team), a player, manager or coach must be listed on league and tournament rosters.

To be eligible to compete in tournament play(including any summer travel team) in any division of Babe Ruth League, a player must have played in at least one-half of his team's scheduled league games played prior to the start of tournament play or the beginning of the summer travel team schedule.

Exceptions would include, but are not limited to, player illness, injury, or a new child entering Woodbury. Once presented with a written request from the child's guardian along with documentation of illness or injury, the board will vote whether to allow this "new player" to be added to a Woodbury travel or tournament team.

Incident/Injury Tracking Report

Injured Persons Name: _____ Date of Injury: __ Team Name: _____

Injured Persons Home Phone: (_____) _____

Parent's Name (If Player): _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Parent's Address, if different: _____

Incident occurred while participating in:

A. Baseball Softball

B. T-Ball Instructional Minor Major Senior (14-16) Big League (16+)

C. Tryout Practice Game Tournament Special Event

Travel to Travel from Other (Describe): _____

D. Batter Base runner Pitcher Catcher First Base Second Third

Short Stop Left Field Center Field

Right Field Dugout Umpire Manager/Coach Spectator

Volunteer Other: _____

Type of injury: _____

Was First Aid required? Yes No If yes, describe:

Was professional medical treatment required? Yes No If yes, describe:

(If yes, the player must present a non-restrictive medical release prior to being allowed in a game or practice.)

Type of incident and location:

A. On Primary Playing Field

Base Path: Running Sliding

Hit by Ball: Pitched Thrown Batted

Collision with: Player Structure

B. Adjacent to Playing Field

Seating Area

Parking Area

C. Off Ball Field

Travel:

Car Bike

Please give a short description of incident: _____

Could this accident have been avoided? Yes ____ No ____

How? _____

This form is for Woodbury Baseball and Softball, Inc. purposes only, to report safety hazards, unsafe practices and/or to contribute positive ideas in order to improve league safety. When an accident occurs, obtain as much information as possible.

Prepared By _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____