

# JCB Classic

## 2021 Recreational Baseball Tourney

### Rules and Regulations: Minors/Majors Division

**\*\*Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken baseball rules apply unless specified below\*\***

#### Sliding Rule -

- In accordance with the Cal Ripken Official Rules, players must avoid contact at all time. It will be the discretion of the umpire if contact could have been avoided. Sliding will eliminate many questions.
- Players may head first slide.

#### Protest - A judgment call cannot be protested.

- All protests must be filed with the tournament director immediately.
- Play will be stopped until a ruling is given by the tournament director and umpire.
- Only the manager may make a protest.
- Tournament Director decision is final.

#### Re-Entry Rule & Play rules

- Pitchers removed from the mound can reenter the game; however, that pitcher cannot return as a pitcher.
- Ejected players must leave dugout therefore he is not eligible to reenter.
- You can either bat through the lineup with unlimited substitution or bat 9 with or without an EH with substitution rules apply per Cal Ripken rule book.

15 Run rule after 3 completed innings. 10 Run rule when home team after 3 ½ completed innings visiting team leading after 4 innings.

**Max runs per inning is seven (7).**

Courtesy runner allowed for pitchers/catchers (last out if batting through lineup or one of subs if batting 9) with any outs.

Appeal - The appeal of a missed base is not automatic. The umpire will not rule on a missed base unless the appeal is properly made by the team on the field.

Suspended Games - Rescheduled by the Tournament Director. May be shorter in length.



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#### Pitching Rules –

- As per Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules, there is no limit on the number of innings pitched for the duration of the tournament.
- Pitcher eligibility will be based on the number of pitches thrown. Pitches will be tracked for each game and will be included on the final scorecard, which must be signed by each coach after the game is completed.
- 9 and 10 year olds can pitch a maximum of 75 pitches. 11 and 12 year olds can pitch a maximum of 85 pitches in a given game. If the pitcher reaches this number of pitches while pitching to a batter, he will be allowed to finish pitching to the batter & must be immediately removed after the at bat is completed.
- Warming up prior to facing a batter does not count as pitches in Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken baseball.
- Game pitch results must be reported by team manager and will be posted on the website for all managers to see.

Line-up/substitution policy - Teams can choose to employ one of the following line-ups. It must be stated to the umpire & opposing team prior to starting the game.

- 9 Player line-up: teams may bat 9 players and have substitutions per normal baseball rules.
- 10 Player line-up w/ EH: teams may bat a 10-player line-up with an Extra Hitter (EH). The EH does not play a defensive position but will be treated as a position for substitution purposes. When using an EH, all 10 players in the line-up can freely substitute positions.
- Continuous line-up: teams may use a continuous line-up of all present uniformed players. When employing a continuous line-up, players may be substituted freely in and out of the game as with any positions.

Trips to the mound - Trips to the mound shall be limited to one per inning per pitcher. The second trip in the same inning will result in removal of that player as a pitcher. Any effort to circumvent this rule will result in a trip to the mound being charged by the umpire.

Warming up a pitcher - Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear protective headgear.

The “must play” rule is not in effect. In other words, all players on a team are not required to play in each game.



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Dugout - Managers are asked to limit the individuals in the dugout to coaches and a bat boy.

The team manager is the only person to communicate with umpires. Managers should only communicate with the home plate/adult umpire. Teenage umpires will be used on the base paths. Managers should address any concerns/appeals with the home plate umpire.

Home team – has been listed in the tournament schedule. During the elimination games, home team will be awarded to the highest seed. Home Team is the official scorekeeper.

Ejections are for the current game only unless further action is required by the Tournament Director. Any ejections including any of the fans will result in those individuals having to leave the park completely immediately. Any refusal to leave will result in calling the local police to remove them.

A team will forfeit after 15 minutes from the official game time, or if the team does not have at least 8 players. The 9<sup>th</sup> player if not present will be out when at that point in the lineup.

All bats must contain the USABaseball sticker. If the bat does not have the sticker, it is NOT eligible for use.

Team Conduct – Coaches are responsible for their players, fans and themselves.

**Time Limits – Games will be six innings long with no new inning starting after 1 hour 30 minutes. There will be no extra innings in pool play games – games can end in a tie. In the event of rain, games may be shortened to no new inning starting after 1 hour 15 minutes. Umpires will make this clear prior to starting the game.**



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Advancement to elimination games will be seeded based on completion of Pool Play. Your record dictates your seeding. The following will be the order of any tie-breakers:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Runs allowed
3. Runs scored
4. Coin toss (team w/ the shorter manager calls it)

Batting cages - Please use good sportsmanship and fairness when warming up in the cages. The cages will be under high usage, so be patient & access only during your allotted time. Failure to do so will result in access to cages being revoked for the remainder of the tournament.

\*\*\* Games will start early if fields and umpires are ready to go. Please arrive in plenty of time for warmups. Tournament director on site will advise the teams if they will be starting early. It is possible games could start up to 30 minutes early.



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