

JCB Classic

2022 Recreational Baseball Tourney

Rules and Regulations: Rookies Division

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

Field Dimensions: Standard Cal Ripken division base length of 60 ft. and pitcher's mound at 46 ft.

Game Length: Six innings (5 and one half if the home team is ahead) and no new inning will begin after play has lasted one hour thirty minutes (1hr 30 mins). A game shall be considered complete, if the home team is ahead (15) runs after three innings, (10) runs after four innings, or (8) runs after five innings. The game is over, if at any point following a regulation game; either team is unable to surpass their opponent's total runs. Ties will be permitted in pool play, but not in bracket play. Games will be played until a winner is determined. There will be no time limit in the Semi-Final or Championship Game(s).

Game Postponements: Due to bad weather or for other reasons, will be decided by the head or home plate umpire or the League Director. Play will be resumed exactly where it was left off at a day and time agreed upon by the participating teams and League Director. Games will be complete after 4 innings of play unless there is a tie.

Suspended Games: Rescheduled by the Director. All suspended games will begin from the exact point at which play was stopped. There are no rainouts.

Game Schedules: All game schedules are set, and no changes will be made.

Rain Outs: Games will be rescheduled at the first available date deemed by the League Director.

Offense: All teams must start a game with a minimum of 8 players. Failure to be able to field 8 players will result in a forfeit as covered in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rules. Each batter shall receive a maximum of four (4) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes. If the batter fouls the 4th pitch, standard baseball rules apply. The batter will receive pitches as long as batter continues to foul the pitch. There will be no walks. Any player hit by a pitch will get a do over. Approved batting helmets while batting w/face guard are optional at the discretion of the parents/guardians. Players are required to wear a protective cup. Any ball hit by the batter off the pitching machine (Pitching coach is considered part of the machine) will be awarded 1st base and it will be a dead ball. If there are runners at other bases, they will move one base forward if forced only.



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If there is an open base such as a runner at 3rd and not at second than the runner on 3rd will stay. Each team is allowed to either bat 10 with Subs, bat 11 with EH, or bat thru entire lineup.

Scoring: When any team's 7th run of any inning is scored, the inning shall be considered over, even if the team batting has no outs assessed against them.

Infield fly: There will be no infield fly rule.

Stealing: NO STEALING. NO LEAD OFF. There is no mandatory slide rule. Players are encouraged to slide to avoid contact. If the umpire deems a player could have slid to avoid contact with a defensive player, it is the umpire's discretion to call that player out. Headfirst slides are permitted.

Bunting: Bunting is allowed. Once the batter squares to bunt, the batter may not pull back and take a regular swing. There will not be a warning. If a batter squares, pulls back and swings, that batter is out. When a batter squares to bunt the fielding player at the pitcher's mound may charge for a bunt once the ball leaves the sling.

Pinch/Substitute Base Runner: A substitute base runner will be permitted for the player that will be playing in the Catcher position in the subsequent half inning in which that player is up to bat and is safely on base. This is permitted only when there are two (2) outs. If there are not two (2) outs, the player must continue as the base runner.

****Pitching Machine**:**

a.) The Perfect Pitch pitching machine will be used, and Cal Ripken approved baseballs will be provided for all games. The pitching machine will be operated by a coach of the batting team. The speed of the machines will be universal for each game of the tournament (Approx. 42-44 mph). The machine will be located at the pitcher's rubber at 46' from the rear tip of home plate to the front leg of the Perfect Pitch pitching machine. Height adjustments are permitted to allow for conditions that might impact the flight of the ball being either too low or too high. If there is a concern related to machine adjustments, bring it to the attention of the umpire.



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b.) Each batter will be given a total of 4 pitches, unless 3 swinging strikes are obtained by the batter. Regular baseball rules apply for foul balls on or after the 4th pitch. The batter will continue to bat until the ball is put in play or a 3rd swinging strike is obtained. If on the 3rd strike the batter makes contact with the ball but the Catcher catches the ball on the 3rd strike the batter shall be out.

When the third strike is made with no contact the batter is out regardless if the Catcher catches the ball or not. The base runners can NOT advance in this situation. A pitch can be deemed “no pitch” if in the judgment of the umpire there was machine malfunction.

c.) If any ball hit by the batter, hits any part of the pitching machine, which includes sandbags, objects holding that machine or the umpire this shall be deemed a dead ball and batter awarded 1st base and any base runner on 1st base advance to 2nd. Runners on 2nd and 3rd do not advance unless the batter given 1st base causes a force.

d.) If any ball hit by the batter, hits any part of the umpire this shall be deemed a dead ball and the batter will be awarded 1st base.

e.) The umpire must duck down when there is a play in the infield area.

Defense: There shall be a maximum of ten (10) players on the field defensively (1b, 2b, 3b, ss, 4 of, p, c). A fourth outfielder will be allowed defensively. Outfielders may be placed anywhere in the outfield a coach deems necessary, in fair territory. Pitcher will be on either side of the pitching machine assuming the defensive position of a pitcher (helmet optional) and the pitcher must be even with or behind the front of the pitching machine. The catcher takes his normal position in full gear.

Time out request: In accordance with the rules of baseball, time-out is requested by a coach/player, and then granted only by the umpires, at the umpire’s discretion. Before a timeout shall be granted to the defensive team in a live ball situation, the defense must cause the offense to cease play (i.e., force the base runner(s) into a non-advancing situation). In addition, ball must be in the infield.

Injury: If in the judgment of the umpire a serious injury has occurred during play, umpire shall stop play immediately and award bases accordingly.



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Defensive coaches: Three defensive coaches will be allowed on the field while their team is on defense. Two must be positioned in foul territory, past the infield clay, and down each respective foul line. They must always remain in foul territory and are there for positioning and assisting their players only. The Third may be in front of the dug out on their side of the field.

If any coach attempts to intimidate, coerce, or otherwise negatively affect the opposing team, they will be removed from the field/game at the umpire's discretion.

Sit Rule: No sit rule.

Scoring: Home team shall be deemed the official score book for each game.

Protests: Protests will be ruled on immediately by the umpire. The Tournament Director shall serve as mediator and shall direct the proper ruling from the rule book if required. If the Director is not available, the Umpire ruling shall stand. Appeals – May be made during dead ball period at manager's request. 15-minute grace period before games

Ejections: Ejections shall be for the remainder of the game and the next game. Additional punitive action may be imposed at the discretion of the JCB Board, depending on the nature of the infraction.

Umpires: There will be one paid umpire for pool play games and two umpires for elimination and championship games. Only team manager can communicate with umpires.

Bracket Seeding/Tiebreakers:

- Winning %
- Head-to-Head (Only if two teams tied)
- Runs Allowed
- Run Differential (Max 15/game)
- Coin Flip



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