

4th Annual Missouri River Classic

June 7-9, 2019

9-12 Year-Old Division Rules

1. All 2019 Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations and Cal Ripken Baseball Rules along with the official baseball rules will apply unless otherwise provided herein. Only bats approved for play according to said rules will be permitted and no exceptions will be made.
2. The 9 and 10-year-old divisions will play with bases 60 feet apart and the pitcher's plate 46 feet from home plate, while the 11 and 12-year-old divisions will play with 70 feet bases and a pitching distance of 50 feet. Stealing of home will be permitted in all divisions. Runners in the 11 and 12-year-old divisions will be able to lead-off and the usual baseball rules will apply, while the 9 and 10-year-old divisions will only be permitted to leave a base after the pitch crosses home plate.
3. For the 9 and 10-year-old divisions, the catcher is not required to hold the third strike, but the ball is still in play and the batter is out. In the 11 and 12-year-old divisions, a dropped 3rd strike is a live ball for the batter and base runners.
4. A player's age is determined as of April 30, 2019.
5. Games will be 6 innings with the 10-run rule in effect after 4 complete innings of play. Four innings will constitute a complete game in case of weather. The 15-run rule will apply after 3 innings.
6. Pitching rules: The Babe Ruth League, Inc. Tournament Pitching Rules will be strictly followed. During every tournament game, each team must record the number of pitches thrown by its pitchers' and report its pitchers' respective pitch counts to the umpire at the conclusion of each game.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN A DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

7. No Metal Spikes will be allowed.
8. Balks will be called for the 11 and 12-year-old divisions. The umpires will be discouraged from calling balks for the 9 and 10-year old divisions unless egregious or repeated infractions after warning.
9. The re-entry rule is in effect.
10. Sportsmanship is the number one priority for all participants and coaches. Please be good sports! The umpire's decision will be final. There will be no protests.

11. Pitchers will be allowed as many pitches to start the game as needed. Otherwise, pitchers will be allowed up to 5 warm up pitches between innings. Substitute pitchers are allowed 8 warm-up pitches, unless they are replacing a pitcher due to injury, in which case they will be allowed as many as needed.
12. Only players, coaches, bat persons, and team managers will be allowed in the player's bench area.
13. No new inning will be started after 1½ hours from the first pitch. If the game is tied when the time limit expires, each team shall be awarded a tie in the standings, unless the tournament format requires a winner, i.e. single or double elimination format, in which case a tie game will be played-out until a winner is determined.
14. Teams may bat all players and utilize an extra hitter (EH). However, if a player leaves the game and his spot comes up in the batting order, an out shall be awarded. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start the game
15. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher.
16. Pool standings will be determined as follows:
 - a. Record in pool play;
 - b. Head-to-head;
 - c. Fewest runs given-up;
 - d. Run differential with a maximum of 10 per game; and then
 - e. Coin toss.
17. The home team for pool play will be determined by a coin flip. In all other games, the highest seeded team will be home. If the teams are equally seeded, a coin flip will determine the home team.
18. The daily spectator admission fee will be \$5 per adults, \$3 per seniors, \$3 per student, and free for children. Each registered team will receive 30 wristbands allowing free admission for players, coaches, and fans. All persons desiring admission that are not wearing a wrist band, including players and coaches, will be charged the admission fee. Each team will be responsible for the distribution of wrist bands. The wrist bands are valid for entry at both complexes.
19. Concessions will be available. **NO COOLERS WILL BE ALLOWED.**