



9/10 – 11/12 North Piedmont Rules

The Iredell County Babe Ruth Baseball League follows the Babe Ruth rule book with the following exceptions:

1. Game length is 1 hour 45 minutes—cannot start an inning after 1 hour 35 minutes. Clock starts when umpires tell the teams to take the field.
2. Offensive team can only score 5 runs an inning then the sides change
3. Pitcher can only pitch 3 innings a game
4. One pitch constitutes an inning.
5. Coaches can elect to bat everyone who is present for the game in the lineup. If this option is chosen, then a player cannot sit on the bench two innings in a row
6. If a coach elects to bat 9 or 10 (eh) then the players who do not start must play 3 outs in the field and bat one time sometime during the game.
7. Must have 8 players present in order to start the game.
8. Cannot pick up from another team in order to keep from forfeiting.
9. 10 run rule after the losing team has batted four times.
10. 9/10 cannot leave the base until the ball crosses home plate.
11. In 9/10 while on defense all coaches must be inside the fence. No coach can sit on a bucket outside the dugout or stand outside the dugout while on defense. The offensive team is allowed a third base coach and a first base coach.
12. If a player cannot take his official turn at the plate for whatever reason (sick, hurt, parents make him leave game, etc.) Then that player is out and the next player will take his official turn at bat.
13. in the 11/12 age group, the first two weeks umpires will stop the game when a balk is committed and explain to the player and coach what was done wrong. In weeks 3-4, the umpires will give one warning for a balk and then balks will be called every time another one is committed. After week 4 there will be no warnings and balks will be called on every offense
14. If a pitcher is taken off the mound on the second visit in an inning, he is done as a pitcher for that game. If he is taken out on the first visit or in between innings, then he may return to the mound as pitcher during the game.
15. With a runner on third and the batter walks the runner cannot run to second until the next pitch is thrown. If ball four gets away from the catcher, then the ball is live.
16. Runner for the catcher, must be the person who made the last out. Mandatory with two outs.
17. All bats must have USA stamp on it. If a bat is used that is not USA stamped, then the player is out and ejected from the game.
18. Complete game—it is considered a complete game if one of the following occurs:
 - (1) 1 hour has been played in the game
 - (2) losing team at the time of the delay has batted 3 times.
 - (3) If neither of these has occurred, then the game will be picked up where the delay occurred at the judgement of the president of the league and the game makes a difference in the standings.