



North Piedmont T-Ball Rules

The Iredell County Babe Ruth Baseball League will follow the Babe Ruth baseball rules will be used except for the following exceptions:

1. Game length is four innings. No time limit on the four innings.
2. All players will be placed in the batting order.
3. 9 players will play defense (4 outfielders).
4. No player can sit on the bench two innings during the game unless the team has too many players and then the players must rotate before they can sit out again.
5. No player can play the same position twice during the four inning game.
6. Inning consists of three outs or five runs, whichever occurs first.
7. 20 ft. Arc will be placed in front of home plate. Ball must go past the 20 ft. Arc line to be declared a fair ball.
8. Batter will get 5 swings to hit the ball past the 20 ft. Arc.
9. Coach may pitch to the batter three of the five swings.
10. Failure to hit the ball past the 20 ft. Arc in 5 swings results in an out.
11. Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field. One defensive coach may be placed behind the line at the pitchers mound and the other must be placed behind the base line.
12. If a thrown or batted ball hits one of the defensive coaches the ball will be declared dead. If it is a batted ball, the batter will be awarded first and all other baserunners will be moved up one base. If it is a thrown ball, the ball will be declared dead and all runners will be moved up one base.
13. A chalk line will be placed on the ground at 40 ft. The pitcher must have his foot on the line or behind before the batter swings.
14. A chalk line will be drawn from first to second, second to third. The line will placed three feet in front of the base. All infields have to be behind the line when the batter swings. Outfields have to be placed ten feet behind the baseline.
15. A chalk line will be drawn five feet from the baseline in foul territory. If a thrown ball crosses this line the umpire will declare the ball dead and move all runners up one base.
16. Official game: game is considered official if both teams have batted three times. If both teams have not batted three times at the time of the delay, then the president of the league will reschedule the game, to be started from the point in the game where the delay occurred.

