

Baraboo Amateur Baseball Association (BABA) Summer Classic 2020 Tournament

Rules for 8U

- 1. This is a Coach Pitch Tournament (detailed rules below)**
2. Teams must bat everyone on the roster.
3. A team must have a minimum of 8 players on the field at the start of the game or they will forfeit.
4. Players ages are set as of April 30th of the current calendar year.
5. Free substitution is allowed in the field with all players that are in batting order. If any player is not in batting order, substitution rules will be followed based on re-entry rules (Player may only go back into the lineup for the person that replaced him, and the person that replaced him is done for that game). Because teams must bat everyone on the roster, this situation would only occur for a late arriving player who is not included in the initial batting order.
6. Teams must submit a written batting order to the opposing coach/bookkeeper prior to the game, and maintain the batting order throughout. Batting out of order will result in the offending batter being called out. If a player in the initial order is unable to complete the game, his/her spot shall be skipped for the remainder of the game (no out will result). Once a player is removed from the order, he/she can not be reinserted.
7. Bracket or Pool play will be used depending on the number of teams registered. All teams are guaranteed at least 3 games. Trophies or Player Medals will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams. In Pool Play, tiebreakers will be; (1) Head to Head, (2) Fewest Runs Allowed, (3) Run Differential (Max Differential In One Game is 10 Runs for Tiebreaker Purposes)
8. Games will be 6 innings or time limit. No inning will start after 1 hour 25 minutes. Games in Pool Play Or in the first 2 rounds that are tied after regulation will have 1 more inning to break the tie. If tie is not broken after 1 extra inning, California rule (last out is runner on 2nd base to begin inning with ONE out) will be used. In Championship games, the games will be played to conclusion, in full (California Rule will not be in effect).
9. Fifteen run rule is in effect after 3 innings (2 ½ if home team is ahead), and Ten (10) run rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if home team is ahead) for ALL games other than Championship games. Fifteen (15) run rule is in effect after 4 innings in Championship games.
10. Offensive team coach pitches to his/her batters.
11. Defensive team's pitcher should be situated within the chalk "pitcher's circle" or the mound area.
12. Each batter will receive up to 7 pitches from which to hit a ball (unless a strikeout occurs). Batter will be considered out after 3 swinging strikes OR 7 pitches, unless he/she fouls the last pitch regardless of the placement of the pitch.
13. Offensive team Coach pitching to his/her batters cannot field the ball. All efforts should be made by coaches on the field to avoid blocking players play towards a ball or the path of the ball. A batted ball that hits the Coach who is pitching will be considered a dead ball & the pitch will be counted toward the pitch count. If it occurs on the 7th pitch, the batter will receive another pitch.
14. A batter who strikes out cannot advance to 1st base under any circumstances.
15. No called balls or strikes will take place.
16. Base runners may leave the base once the pitch crosses Home plate. A runner leaving early will be given 1 warning & then called out.

17. Stealing bases is NOT allowed. This includes delayed steals.
18. Base runners may NOT advance on passed balls.
19. Batter is out on a dropped 3rd strike.
20. Base runners can continue to advance on a batted ball until the ball is controlled by the pitcher within the pitcher's circle or mound area. If the pitcher controls the ball within the circle, but then attempts to make a play, the ball will be considered live again. If the pitcher controls the ball within the circle & does NOT attempt to make a play, base runners will be allowed to advance to the next base IF they are past the half way mark (umpire's discretion). If they are not past the half way mark, they must return to the last base they achieved.
21. A fourth outfielder is permitted for teams on defense. This may not be a rover, with the preferred configuration being left field, left-center, right-center, and right field. All players must play at least 2 innings defensively (unless time limits or weather shorten a game to 3 innings or fewer).
22. A six-run rule (per inning) will be in place. Additional runs may score if a play has not been completed. Once the defense has secured the baseball, and the pitcher has the baseball within the pitcher's circle (or mound area), the play, and inning is over pending completion of the baserunning rule outlined in rule #20. The 6th inning (or final inning if over time limit) shall be unlimited.
23. Runners must slide on close plays. Runner may be called out for not sliding at umpire's discretion. No head first slides allowed except when returning to their previous base. Runners sliding head first to an advancing base will be called Out.
24. No metal spikes allowed.
25. Courtesy runner will be used for the catcher with two outs. The player who made the last out (batting) must be the runner.
26. Infield fly rule will NOT be used.
27. Coin flip will determine home team for each game. Except Baraboo will always be home team in their games & will occupy the dugout of their choice.
28. The Home team will keep the "official" book.
29. The Visiting team must supply a scoreboard operator.
30. The Winning Team must report the final score to the Concession Stand.
31. No harassment of a team or a player is allowed. No harassment of umpires by coaches, players or fans will be tolerated. Umpire and/or Tournament Director discretion will be used. Teams in violation of this rule (including fan behavior) may be forced to forfeit games and/or withdraw from the tournament with no refund of entry fee.
32. ONLY USABat labeled bats will be allowed for all age groups (9-12). Umpires will NOT inspect bats prior to each game, so coaches are expected to verify only legal bats are in the dugout. Wooden bats are not allowed.
33. We will not have a blanket liability insurance policy and will not be responsible for any injuries to players, coaches, or fans. You should have your own insurance.
34. In case of inclement weather and the tournament has to be cancelled, \$50 will be deducted from each team's entry fees for expenses. A team completing a game constitutes their tournament has begun and no refunds will be given after that point.
35. Once paid, cancellations will only be refunded if the spot is filled by another team.

36. No infield or batting practice on the field before game. Baseballs will be provided for each game.
37. All decisions made by the tournament officials are correct and final. Tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format if necessary. All WIAA rules apply than otherwise noted.
38. Any player or coach ejected from a game for any reason will be disqualified from play during the rest of the tournament.
39. ABSOLUTELY NO CARRY-INS will be allowed. Teams may bring water for their players only. Teams will be responsible for enforcing this rule with their fans/families. Penalties for non-compliance may include forfeiture of games or disqualification from the tournament.
40. Tournament Director has final authority on all questions, disputes, and decisions throughout the tournament

Any questions, contact Baraboo Amateur Baseball at barabooamateurbaseball@gmail.com

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