



## 2025 Tournament Rules

- Each team will supply a dozen new baseballs. They can be given to Andrew Feist, the tournament director or another tournament staff member when checking in.
- Please note that home/away will be decided via a coin flip unless there is a Bismarck team in that case they will be the home team.
- 13YO Division: Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations along with official playing rules will be used unless specifically addressed below. Specific rules that may be different than other youth leagues are the bat rules, interference rules, obstruction rules and contact rules. Each individual team is responsible for understanding all rules. If clarification is needed on rules, please contact the tournament director.
- 13YO Division: Cross Pool Play Tournament Format: Teams are divided into two pools of three (Pool A & Pool B). During pool play, each team will play all three teams from the opposite pool—no games will be played within the same pool. After cross-pool play, pool standings will be used to determine matchups for a fourth game, which will be a placement game (1st Pool A vs 1st Pool B, 2nd vs 2nd, 3rd vs 3rd). Each team is guaranteed 4 games, weather pending.
- Legion Division: We will follow ND Legion Class A Rules
- All bats must meet Babe Ruth or American Legion baseball specifications.
  - Babe Ruth 13-16 — All non-wood bats must have the USA Bat Marking or marked BBCOR .50. Bat Barrel – 2 5/8”.
  - Legion - BBCOR .50. Bat Barrel – 2 5/8”
- All games will be 7 innings (exception – time limit).
- Time limit will be enforced. No new inning will start after 2 hours. The umpire will have the official time. There will be no time limit for the championship game.
- 13YO Division Only: All divisions play the field with 9 players. An extra player (EP) may be used in the lineup and can rotate positions freely with the other 9 players in the field. Normal substitution and re-entry rules apply.
- You must have 8 players to start the game. An automatic out will be given to the 9th batter if the team is unable to bat 9 players by the time the 9th player is up to bat.
- 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 5 innings.
- Official Babe Ruth (13YO Division) and American Legion pitch counts and mandatory rest periods will be followed. Each team is required to email their team's pitch count to the tournament director ([andrew@bismarckyouthbaseball.org](mailto:andrew@bismarckyouthbaseball.org)) immediately following each game. Failure to follow the pitch count rules and/or mandatory rest period will result in forfeiting all games if an illegal pitcher was used. Pitch count rules and mandatory rest periods are:

### **Babe Ruth (13YO Division)**

Age	** Daily Max (Pitches in a game/day)	*** Mandatory Rest Period		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
13	95	1-45	46-75	76-95
<p>**If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out. Please note this applies for DAILY MAX ONLY, but NOT the Mandatory Rest Period.</p> <p>***If a pitcher wishes to only have a only a 1 day mandatory rest period, there is a hard stop at 75 and pitcher cannot finish out that batter. This is the same for 0 days rest at 45 pitches.</p>				

### **American Legion**

AGE	DAILY MAX	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
Senior Program	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

- Courtesy runners may be used for catchers/pitchers. Courtesy runners can be anyone who is not currently in the game, but is still eligible to enter the game. If no players are eligible to enter, there will be no courtesy runner allowed.
- Infield/outfield will be allowed prior to your **FIRST** games of the day. Teams will be given 7-8 minutes of infield/outfield prior to the game. Tournament officials reserve the right to not allow infield in the effort to keep games on time or if field conditions warrant.
- If a game is tied after regulation innings have been completed, the "California" tie breaker rule will go into effect. The last out in the previous inning will begin on 2nd base and there will be one (1) out. This will continue until a winner is declared or the time limit has been reached (where applicable).
- Ejection Rule- Minimum of 1 game suspension, also subject to be suspended from the tournament. When a manager, player or coach is ejected from a game, he shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. He shall leave the park or take a seat in the grandstand well removed from the vicinity of his team's bench or bullpen. If a manager, coach or player is under suspension he may not be in the dugout or press box during the course of a game. If a parent is ejected, they will be removed from the remainder of the tournament.
- Pool play seeding will be decided with the following format:
  - a. Win - loss record

- b. Results of head-to-head competition
- c. Fewest runs given up "Runs Allowed"
- d. Run differential with maximum 10 plus/minus per game
- e. Coin flip

*If a three way tie is broken - go back to the top of the criteria and apply it to the two tied teams.*

**Additional Info**

- Field Dimensions: 60' x 90'
- No gum or seeds will be allowed at the Sanford Sports Complex located at 3406 E Calgary Avenue as the complex has turf fields.
  - Please note that there are no concessions at the Sanford Sports Complex.
- BYB Gate Admissions Day Rates (CASH ONLY)
  - \$5 Day Rate (per person)
  - Free (age 6 & Under and Bismarck Youth Baseball players wear their jersey)
  - \$30 Tournament Family Pass