



Ages 4-18  
**BEAR BABE RUTH LEAGUE**  
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## **2015 Major (46/60) “National” Division – Special Rules**

The 2015 Babe Ruth League, Inc. – Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules book will be used to govern the Major 46/60 rules of play. The rules stated in this document are to outline any variances to the rules stated in the official rule book.

1. All players (who attend the entire game) will play a minimum of 2 innings on defense and get at least 1 at bat. Players who do not get their minimum playing time in a game must play the entire next game, both defensively and offensively (1<sup>st</sup> team offense). For second and more team offenses, the offending team will forfeit the game.
2. Unlimited defensive substitutions, except for pitchers (see #3). A player once in a defensive position must play a minimum of three consecutive outs, but is not required to play one exact position. The defensive line-up has no bearing on the offensive line-up.
3. A pitcher removed from the game or transferred to another defensive position may not again assume the role of pitcher during the game.
4. Pitchers **may only pitch 6 innings in any given week**. The week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. Pitchers must have at least, 2 days rest if they pitch more than 3 innings. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning.
5. A starting batter, once removed from the offensive line-up can return to any position in the offensive line-up once the entire line-up (and substitute) has batted. This will require 9 (or more, if E.H. is used) batters to bat prior to the removed player returning to the offensive line-up; however, the starter is permitted to assume any offensive position once the above criteria are met. An offensive starter cannot re-enter in the offensive line-up more than once per game.
6. A team may play with 8 players, but when the missing 9<sup>th</sup> batter comes up in the batting order it is an automatic out.
7. If a team is going to be short of players, the BBR Call-Up Rules must be followed. The Call-Up Rules are provided in a separate document.
8. Once the game becomes regulation, the game will be considered complete if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and have had equal times at bat.
9. With 2 outs and the catcher on base, the offensive player who made the most recent out must serve as a courtesy runner for the catcher.
10. No “new” inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes of play. The umpire will determine the time the game actually starts.

### **Rules for E.H. (Extra Hitter)**

1. Each team will have the **option** to bat up to their roster limit, with one or more batters being an E.H. (Extra Hitter). The decision must be made prior to the start of the game (state your intentions during ground rules).
2. A starting E.H. must play 2 innings in the field, as is required with all players.
3. Should a team that starts with an E.H. lose a player (or players) during the game (for any reason) and is unable to bat all original hitting positions, that/those batting positions will be an automatic out through the end of the game.