

# **Queen City & Clark Griffith Babe Ruth League**

## Spring 2006 Local Option Rules

CANCELLATIONS / POSTPONEMENTS: Responsibility of the home team to notify league representative and the opposing coach as far in advance as possible.

League president: Marty Barker 704-502-2416 cell / 704-423-0030 office info@brd6.org.

District website: [www.brd6.org](http://www.brd6.org) NC state website: [www.wncbr.org](http://www.wncbr.org)

GRACE PERIOD: 15 minutes from the scheduled game time if a team has less than 9 players.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS: TEAMS MUST FIELD A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) PLAYERS AT ALL TIMES.

TEN RUN RULE: Mandatory for all games.

TIME LIMITS: Enter umpires game starting time in the home book at the start of the game. No new inning shall begin after 2 hours and 15 minutes from the first pitch. Exceptions: (1) Games starting late because of grace period. – game time is measured from the SCHEDULED starting time. (2) Weather delays – are NOT counted against time limits. (3) A tie game may be played until a winner is decided IF there is no another game scheduled to follow on the same field.

NOTE: if an inning ends close to the time limit, the basis for the decision will be the last out, according to the home plate umpire's watch.

COURTSEY RUNNERS: Are not mandatory. Any player not currently in the batting order may be used as a runner for the catcher and or the pitcher if substitution is made immediately upon reaching base safely, before the next pitch is thrown. Because only players not currently in the game may be used as courtesy runners, a team must have at least 11 players present to utilize the courtesy runner option. The use of a courtesy runner does not constitute a substitution. A player ejected from a game may not be used as a courtesy runner.

BATTER'S BOX: Batters are not required to remain in the batter's box between pitches. However, it is recommended that players do so as often as possible to help speed up the game.

EXTRA HITTER RULE: If you have 10 or more players, you must bat 10. If you have only 9 players to begin the game, you will not be penalized for not having 10 batters. If you have 10 players and one becomes injured, you will not be penalized for not having 10 batters. If you have 10 players and 1 player is ejected, that position in the batting order will become an out each remaining time through.

### **BORROWED PLAYERS:**

You may borrow a player from within your association during the pre-season and regular season only. No borrowing players during post season tournaments. Borrowed players cannot pitch at any time.

BASEBALLS: Each team to supply 2 new BABE RUTH approved baseballs per game.

ALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED UNDER BABE RUTH RULES PER BABE RUTH RULE BOOK.