

Queen City & Clark Griffith Babe Ruth League

Fall 2009 Local Option Rules

CANCELLATIONS / POSTPONEMENTS: Responsibility of the home team to notify league president and opposing coach as far in advance as possible (minimum 2hrs). League president: Marty Barker 704-502-2416 cell, marty@hq4baseball.com. District website: www.brd6.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: game must be terminated once becoming regulation (4.5 innings) if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and has had equal times at bat, or the home team is leading.

TIME LIMITS: Umpires notify home book of game start time. No new inning shall begin after 2 hours from the first pitch on school nights, 2 hours 15 minutes on weekends. Exceptions: (1) Grace period does not count against time limit. (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 a pitch is thrown to a new batter. 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, team 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 the batting order. For explanation of EH rule see rule book "Extra Hitter" rule located in the "Local League Options" section of the rule book.

BORROWED PLAYERS:

Queen City (13-14's) - You may borrow a player from any team in your association during the pre-season and regular season only. 16U & 18U teams may borrow from any team in their league. **No borrowing players during end of season tournaments.** Borrowed players cannot pitch at any time.

BAT RESTRICTIONS: 13-14 no size restrictions. 15-16 & 18U divisions must play with -3 high school certified bats.

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

REPORT YOUR SCORE! After each game please report your score via email to scores@brd6.org

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