

## All Star Playing Rules

Unless modified by Babe Ruth baseball rules, All Star play will be governed by National League rules. The following are specific rules for All Star play:

- 1) **Line up** – The line up will consist of nine (9) Players including the Pitcher, who must bat for himself (i.e. there is no DH or extra hitter).
- 2) **Slide Rule** – There is no slide or avoid rule in All Star play. However, if a Player comes in with (in the opinion of the Umpire) the intent of injuring the defensive player, the Player will be called out and thrown out of the game.
- 3) **Re-entry Rule** – All starting Players may be taken out and re-enter the game once. A substitute Player may never re-enter the game UNLESS all substitutes have been used and a Player is injured or thrown out. In this case the opposing Manager will be consulted and will designate which already used Player will be allowed to re-enter. This rule is covered on pages 10-11 and 19 of the Babe Ruth Rulebook.
- 4) **Pitching Rule** – A Pitcher is limited to a total of 7 innings pitched in any two (2) successive games. There are no exceptions to this rule. This rule is covered by rule 11.05.4 on page 23 of the Babe Ruth rulebook. There are no required rest periods between pitching appearances. If a Pitcher throws one (1) pitch in an inning it is considered an entire inning pitched (e.g. there is no such thing as pitching 1/3 or 2/3 of an inning).
- 5) **Ineligible Player** – Any game in which an ineligible Player is used will be declared a forfeit.
- 6) **Uniforms** – All Players and Coaches will be in a full baseball uniform including a Babe Ruth patch located on the left sleeve (softball pants and polo type shirts are not considered uniforms for coaches). Uniforms do not need to be matching (e.g. teams may choose to wear their own regular season uniforms in lieu of a single matching uniform). The only stipulation is that there may NOT be two uniforms that are the same color that also have the same number.
- 7) **Hidden Ball** – Hidden ball is a legal play in All Star tournaments.
- 8) **Tournament Director** – The District Commissioner or his designee will act as the Tournament Director. His responsibilities include ensuring a Protest Committee is designated for each game, monitoring play during the games, ensuring the field is adequately prepared for each game and any other duty that may arise during the course of the tournament. Any major problems must be brought to the attention of the Commissioner.

9) **Legal Games** – All games will consist of a minimum of seven complete innings with the following exceptions:

- a. The home team is ahead after 6 ½ innings, or
- b. One team is ahead by 10 or more runs after a legal game (5 complete innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead or after an equal number of times at bat).

Games that do not meet the above criteria and which are delayed due to inclement weather, light or for other valid reasons will be considered Suspended Games and will be completed as soon as possible. The game will be picked up from the point of suspension (same men on base, outs and pitch count if applicable).

10) **Ejected Players/Coaches** – As a general rule a Player or Coach who is ejected from a game for any reason will serve the following Suspension.

- a. Ejected for throwing equipment or for foul language or arguing with an Umpire will result in a single game suspension. If the incident happens before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, then the current game will be considered the game that the individual serves as a suspension. If the incident occurs after the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the suspension will be for the remainder of that game plus the next game. The individual must leave the bench area, take a seat in the stands and may not participate in the remainder of the game in any way. If the umpire believes the individual is continuing to participate then he may require that the individual leave the park.
- b. The Tournament Director/Commissioner will evaluate and determine the level of suspension for any other reasons.