

Southeast Volusia Youth Sports
Spring 2017 Baseball
Rookie Coach's Packet

CONDUCT

Coaches are expected to uphold and enforce the goals of SEV Youth Sports as listed in the following Code of Ethics.

COACH/PARENT CODE OF ETHICS

The goals of Southeast Volusia Youth Sports Leagues are (1) to have fun in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning the fundamentals of the game, (2) to learn how to be a team player and (3) to learn to demonstrate good sportsmanship, no matter the outcome of the game.

I will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner that encourages good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials while at any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

I will not place my desire to win above the physical and emotional well-being of my child and his/her teammates.

I will remember that the game is for the players and not the adults. I will support the coaches and officials by showing respect and avoid ridicule and sarcasm toward them.

I will look for the positive in my own child and his/her teammates and opponents by praising them for participating in the sport, regardless of their athletic ability. I will refrain from dwelling on the negative. I will ensure that my child does the same.

I will make sure that my child gets to his/her practices and games. If for some reason my child will not be there, I will make sure the coach knows this as far ahead of time as possible.

I will trust my child's coach to handle the game and ask any necessary questions of the umpire.

I understand it is a privilege to witness and participate in my child's recreational activity and agree to abide by this Parents Code of Ethics. I also understand that a violation of this Code of Ethics will result in ejection and possible suspension from any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

I will not use any alcohol and/or tobacco products while at any Southeast Volusia Youth Sports event.

EQUIPMENT/FIELDS

An equipment bag will be checked out to each head coach and will be kept by the coach for the duration of the season. The coach will be required to return the bag before trophies will be handed out.

Equipment such as nets, tees and pitching machines are in the closets under the score booth. This equipment must stay at the Sports Complex. Please return equipment to the closet when done.

If your team has the last game or practice on the field for the day, please cover the mound before leaving for the night.

All warm-ups are to be done in the outfield. All players must stay off the chalked areas prior to game time.

DO NOT bat into the fences. Use a net or the batting cages.

BATTING CAGES

Batting cages are available for use to all teams. Players must wear tennis shoes in the cages. **NO CLEATS** Please be mindful of time spent in cages when there are others waiting.

BALL POLICY

Each head coach will be given two boxes of 12 balls with their equipment bag. One box is for practice balls, and the other is to be used for games. Each coach will supply one new ball and one used ball for games. One of these may be given for game ball.

SCOREBOOK

Home team is responsible for keeping the official book for the game. Players are to be recorded **LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL WITH JERSEY NUMBER.**

DUGOUT

Only coaches/volunteers that have filled out a form online and completed a background check with SEV Youth Sports are permitted in the dugout. Badges will be issued and should be worn at all times while in the dugout and on the fields.

2017 SEV Babe Ruth Rules

Rookie (7-8)

The Official Rules are located in the Babe Ruth Rule Book with the exception of these local rules.

1. Game Duration – 1 hour & 15 minutes or 6 innings (whichever comes first)
2. All games are official games. If play is interrupted for any reason, an attempt to reschedule or pick up the game will be made. Game is considered complete after 4 complete innings or after 3 ½ innings if home team is winning. Games played in the second half of the season will be competitive & scores will be kept. A game may start with 8 players and be an official game. If you do not have at least 8 players at game time, the game will be considered a forfeit and will be played for fun. Coaches cannot agree to play an official game without having 8 players.
3. Home team is responsible for keeping official score & game time. All players must have **first initial & last name with jersey number** in the scorebook.
4. The game clock begins at game time. 1st half Games will end when the clock runs out regardless of situation. 2nd half games will not start a new inning with 5 minutes or less remaining on the game clock. If game is in the middle of an inning, the game will be completed unless the home team is winning.
5. Line-ups will be exchanged 10 minutes prior to each game. You **MUST** list each player's number, first initial & last name.
6. Teams will only be allowed to score **5 runs per** inning. There will be a 10 run rule after 4 innings.
7. Teams will bat their entire line-up. Batters will get 5 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first. Balls & strikes will not be called. There will be no walks.
8. No player will sit out 2 consecutive defensive innings.
9. Pitching machine will be placed with spikes placed in front of the pitching rubber. Machine will be set on 7. Only league machines will be used in games.
10. Teams can play 10 players on defense, 4 must be in the outfield. Runners cannot advance once an infielder has established possession of the ball and is not attempting to make a play on a runner. A runner is only allowed 1 base on an over throw. Pitcher must have at least one foot on the pitcher's mound clay.

11. The offensive team can have a max of 3 coaches on the field. The defensive team can have a max of 3 coaches on the field with 1 being behind home plate. The defensive team can have a max of 3 coaches in the field with 1 being behind home plate and the remaining coaches in the outfield.

12. You must run for your catcher with 2 outs, but you can run for him anytime. A pinch runner can be used for an injured runner, or a batter that was struck by a pitch, this is at the manager's discretion. The pinch runner must be the player that made the last out in the current inning, or the previous inning if there are no outs in the current inning.

13. Please teach kids to slide feet first into all bases for safety reasons, unless returning to a base. Players must slide feet first into home if there is a play at the plate. If there is a double play attempt, in any league, the player must slide or clearly veer out of the throwing path of the defensive player. If players do not slide they will be called out at the umpire's discretion.

14. All players must be in full uniform, with no exceptions. No jewelry shall be worn by any player.

15. Please check www.sevbaberuth.com for official bat regulations.

If an illegal bat is discovered prior to a batter completing his "at bat", the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" batter continues. If a player uses an illegal bat or non-conforming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball, player will be ruled out. No base runners can advance and any outs during the play will stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next batter. Any bats found prior to the game that does not conform to the SEV Babe Ruth rules, shall be removed from the dugout immediately and shall not be allowed for use during the game. Any player that is found using an illegal bat after being warned may be suspended by the SEV Babe Ruth Board of Directors.

Please contact the Board with any questions or concerns.

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