

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR Negative behavior/bad sportsmanship at youth sporting events can become a major issue. There may be coaches and parents that choose to act in a negative manner toward the opposing team or an umpire from time to time. Please remember the focus is on the youth. Adults are expected to set a positive example for the players through their words and action. We want all players who participate in the Babe Ruth League tournament trail to enjoy themselves, and we do expect their conduct to be above reproach both on and off the field. Everyone that attends a Babe Ruth League tournament is expected to act in a positive manner, no matter the outcome of a play, call by an umpire, or the game itself.

We simply ask the following:

• **LET THE PLAYERS PLAY**

• **LET THE COACHES COACH**

• **LET THE UMPIRES UMPIRE**

Our commitment to youth must also extend to tournament competition. You can see it in their eyes—the excitement of making an all-star team and playing in a tournament. For many of us, District, State and Regional Tournaments, as well as the World Series, have become second nature. We know our job is to make it all happen...rain or shine...while keeping the kids our #1 focus. Tournament games can be competitive, but if you keep it fun for all players, a happy and memorable time will be enjoyed by all.

1.11 a. (1) All players and coaches on a team shall wear uniforms identical in color, trim and style, and all players uniforms shall include minimal six-inch numbers on their backs. (2) Any part of an undershirt exposed to view shall be of a uniform solid color for all players on a team. Any player other than the pitcher may have numbers, letters, insignia attached to the sleeve of the undershirt. (3) No player whose uniform does not conform to that of his teammates shall be permitted to participate in a game.

NOTE: All managers and coaches shall be in team uniform during Babe Ruth League, Inc. tournament competition. It is permissible to allow local league uniforms during tournament competition provided they are like in style and have different numbers.

MANAGERS & COACHES UNIFORMS – Tournament Competition – If coaches wear pullover jackets, they must have the Babe Ruth Baseball emblem, or Cal Ripken Baseball approved shoulder emblem on the sleeve or chest.

SHOULDER EMBLEMS (ALL DIVISIONS) – All teams participating in Babe Ruth Local League and Tournament competition are required to wear the Official Cal Ripken Baseball (4-12 year olds) or Babe Ruth Baseball (13-18 year olds) Shoulder Emblem on their left outer uniform sleeve, or if vest type, sleeveless jersey on the upper left chest of the jersey. The official shoulder emblem is required to be permanently affixed for World Series Competition. Sublimation or silk screening of the official emblems is not allowed.

CAP EMBLEM OPTION – Leagues have the option to purchase caps approved dealers of Pacific Headwear and/or Outdoor Cap or Replica Major/Minor caps licensed by Outdoor Cap containing the official Cal Ripken Baseball or Babe Ruth Baseball emblem. These caps from Pacific Headwear and Outdoor Cap with the official Cal Ripken emblem and Babe Ruth emblem will satisfy the Official Shoulder emblem requirement for local league and tournament play not including the Babe Ruth League World Series.

Suspended Games - Rescheduled by the Tournament Director. All suspended games will begin from the exact point at which play was stopped. There are no rainouts. All Cal Ripken tournament games shall be six (6) completed innings, unless the home team leads at the end of 5 1/2 innings of play. In the event a game is called before completion, it shall be completed from the point of discontinuance

Warming up a pitcher - Anyone warming up a pitcher must wear protective headgear.

Dugout - Manager and three coaches, along with rostered players in the dugout only. All personnel must remain in the dugout (not in the entrance) at all times unless coaching bases, warming up a pitcher, making player changes etc.

Personnel Changes- Coaches must tell official book keeper all substitutions. Although it is a courtesy teams should share changes with each other to eliminate confusion.

Manager is the only person to communicate with umpires.

Umpires are required to check equipment before each game, players will need to lay out their gear for them. Defective or illegal bats will be removed. Defective helmets, catchers gear, etc will be repaired if possible or removed from use.

CAL RIPKEN — All non-wood bats must have the USA Bat Marking. Barrel Maximum – up to 2 5 / 8". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division. For T-Ball Division, bats must be marked with the USA Bat T-Ball Stamp.

Wood Bats: The wood bat needs to be a single piece of wood and not exceed 34 inches in length. They won't have another other marking on it such as USA or others that matter. The only other wood bat question I get is Bamboo bats. These are not considered wood and are **NOT** legal.

Slide Rule - There is no "must slide rule" in effect for tournament play. Any malicious contact during base running or sliding is a judgment call by the umpire.

Protest - A judgment call cannot be protested. All protests must be filed with the chief umpire immediately. Play will be stopped until a ruling is given by the protest committee. **Only the manager may make a protest.** Members of the protest committee will be discussed at the pre tournament meeting. The decision of the protest committee is final.

In a 6 inning game, all players must have a minimum of 1 at bat and play the field for 3 outs. This rule does not apply if a game lasts less than 6 innings due to the 10-run rule, or if the home team is leading going into the bottom of the 6th inning and the sub or subs are due to be batter(s) 1,2, or 3 in the batting order. The intent is to ensure all players have an opportunity to play in the tournament. The penalty if not done will be forfeiture of the game.

11.00 BABE RUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS FOR: CAL RIPKEN

11.02 TEAM COMPOSITION

1. **Each Cal Ripken and 13-15 Division tournament team shall consist of no less than twelve (12) players and no more than fifteen (15) players, one (1) manager, and three (3) coaches.** Each 16-18 Division tournament team shall consist of no less than twelve (12) players and no more than eighteen (18) players, one (1) manager, and three (3) coaches.

a. Each Cal Ripken and 13-15 tournament team may consist of any fifteen (15) players from the league or division regardless of age or position played during the local league regular season. Each 16-18 tournament team may consist of any eighteen (18) players from the league or division regardless of age or position played during the local league regular season.

b. Managers and coaches must be selected from registered team rosters from the league in which they manage or coach.

11.03 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Players listed on local league regular season team rosters or revisions thereto, which are filed with Headquarters, State Commissioners, and District Commissioners in accordance with Rule 0.04, paragraph 3, shall be eligible for the tournament team.

a. Due to death, injury, or if a player, manager, or coach leaves on his own accord, he may be replaced upon presentation of written approval from Babe Ruth League, Inc. to the Tournament Director. The replacement player, manager, or coach is eligible beginning at the next level of tournament competition. The player, manager, or coach replaced is not eligible for further tournament competition and replacements must meet all tournament eligibility requirements. Proof of inability of player, manager, or coach to continue must be presented in writing by the league president to Babe Ruth League, Inc.

b. To be eligible to participate in tournament play, a player, manager, or coach must be listed on the local league regular season team rosters by June 1 and on tournament team rosters.

NOTE: Babe Ruth League strongly recommends each league take a full roster of players into tournament competition. Players, manager and coaches may be replaced between tournament levels, but a league may not add players after submitting a team roster at the first level of tournament play.

2. The last tournament game played shall, at any time upon discovery, be forfeited for the use of an ineligible player.

11.04 DOCUMENTS

1. The tournament team manager must place in the custody of the tournament officials the following documents prior to the start of competition:

a. Acord Certificate of Coverage of Group Accident Insurance Policy.

b. Acord Certificate of Coverage of league's Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.

c. Tournament team roster certified and signed by League President.

d. Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form

e. Consent For Treatment Form (Starting at State level of play).

f. A color team photograph with identification must be uploaded with the tournament team roster through the Babe Ruth Sports Sign-Up Play Platform. Print and place one copy in your team's credentials.

g. Certification of completion for Coaching Education and Abuse Prevention Training for all rostered coaches as required in rule 0.04 #4.

NOTE: These documents must stay in the possession of the Tournament Director during each tournament level. These same documents shall accompany the team as they advance in tournament competition. Failure to produce the required documentation can result in the disqualification and elimination of a player, team, or league from tournament play.

11.05 PLAYING RULES

1. All Babe Ruth Tournament Rules and Regulations are in addition to **Official Baseball Rules 1.00 through 9.05**.

2. Each District, Area, State, and Regional Tournament game must be played in the presence of the Tournament Director and Protest Committee. No tournament team shall start play in the absence of said Director and Committee. All umpires are required to be a Babe Ruth League, Inc. National Umpire Association members to officiate District, State, Regional and World Series.

3. District, Area, State, and Regional tournament competition shall be decided by using either a double elimination or a pool play format. The official tournament brackets issued by Babe Ruth League, Inc. for double elimination or pool play formats must be used. World Series competition, will use a pool play format with teams advancing to a single elimination bracket to determine the World Series Champion.

4. Tournament Pitching Rules – These pitch count limitations will apply to all tournament games played in District, Area, State, Regional, and World Series competition. For the local league season, leagues are still permitted to use pitching limitations as defined in Rule 0.06 and under Local League Options – Pitch Count.

There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch-count limitations: Tournament Pitching Rest Requirements:

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN DAY)	REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

a. A League Age 7-8 – No pitcher is allowed to pitch in more than two innings per game, with a pitcher not being permitted to pitch in more than three (3) consecutive games (including doubleheaders if applicable). If a pitcher pitches in 3 consecutive games (6 innings max), the pitcher is required a day’s rest. The two innings per game would reset after a day’s rest.

b. A League Age 9-10 – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

c. A League Age 11-12 – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

d. A League Age 13-15 – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

e. A League Age 16-18 – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 105 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

NOTE: No Pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three (3) consecutive days regardless of pitch count. Exception: 7-8 year old division.

f. Intentional Walk Rule – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball-and strike-count. Time is called and the ball shall be declared dead before making the award.

g. The pitch count is determined by the age group of the tournament regardless of the player’s league age. For example, a 12-year-old swing player participates and pitches on a 13-year-old tournament team. The pitch count that will be used for this situation is the 13-15-year-old tournament pitch count. Same would apply to the 15-year-old swing player that participates on a 16-18-year-old tournament team.

h. All pitchers must adhere to the pitch-count rest requirements. i. In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of their pitching eligibility on the day that the game resumes.

NOTE: The pitches thrown count towards the day the game was started. The pitcher may pitch the resumed game the following day as if it was one day. Applicable rest would be required based on pitches thrown. All players who have pitching eligibility on the day the game is resumed are eligible to pitch.

j. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used, as specified in paragraph 4, shall be declared forfeited. The

withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Tournament Officials are urged to take precautions to prevent forfeits.

k. All players have full pitching eligibility at the beginning of each level (District, State, Area, Regional and World Series) of tournament competition.

EXAMPLE A

Day 1: Jones pitches in game, stays under pitch count

Day 2: Jones pitches in game, stays under pitch count

Day 3: Jones is NOT eligible to pitch and must rest

EXAMPLE B

Day 1: Jones pitches in Game 1 of a double header, stays under pitch count

Jones pitches in Game 2 of a double header, stays under pitch count

Day 2: Jones is eligible to pitch

Day 3: Jones is not eligible to pitch

In both examples, rest requirements are consistent, i.e., TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS = DAY of REST

Official Pitch Count Record

a. The Tournament Director must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count statistician. The pitch count statistician shall record all pitches as defined in the rule book (Rule 2.00 – A pitch is a ball delivered to the batter by the pitcher), in addition to any pitches delivered to the batter ruled a “no pitch” by the umpire.

b. The pitch count statistician must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when re-requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager has the ultimate responsibility for knowing when his pitcher must be removed to meet the rest requirements above.

c. The official pitch count statistician should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted above. The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher’s manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count statistician to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

5. Trips to the mound – Refer to Official Baseball Rule 8.05 with the following exception: The second trip in the same inning to the same pitcher shall automatically result in the removal of that pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.

6. All Cal Ripken Division tournament games shall be six (6) completed innings, unless the home team leads at the end of 5 1/2 innings of play. In the event that a game is suspended before completion, it shall be completed from the point of discontinuance.

All 13-15 and 16-18 tournament games shall be seven (7) completed innings, unless the home team leads at the end of 6 1/2 innings of play. In the event that a game is called before completion, it shall be completed from the point of discontinuance.

7. Any Cal Ripken Division District, Area, State, Regional or World Series tournament game must be terminated immediately once becoming regulation (3 1/2 or 4 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. Any Cal Ripken Division District, Area, State, Regional or World Series tournament games must be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after two and half (2 1/2) or three (3) innings and has had equal times at bat, or the home team is leading. Any 13-15 or 16-18 Division District, Area, State, Regional or World Series tournament game must be terminated immediately once becoming regulation (4 1/2 or 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. Any Babe Ruth 13-15, 16-18 Division tournament games must be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after three and half (3 1/2) or four (4) innings and has had equal times at bat, or the home team is leading.
8. Babe Ruth League, Inc. will allow re-entry of already used players if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs or a player is ejected. Selection of this substitute must be made by the opposing manager. This type of re-entry can only take place when an injury prevents a player from continuing in the game or a player is ejected. The injured or ejected player, once removed from the game, cannot re-enter.
9. District, State, and Regional Commissioners or their designated representatives shall appoint Protest Committees, composed of at least three members, to be present at all tournament games. A manager must immediately claim a violation of a rule at which time play will be suspended until the Protest Committee has made its decision. The Protest Committee's decision will be final. No protest, except on player eligibility, as defined in Rule 0.07, will be honored after a game has been completed. (All protests concerning player eligibility must be presented in writing from the protesting league president with clear indication of proof for the protest.) Video will not be accepted or viewed by tournament staff or umpire.
10. No byes shall be allowed in Babe Ruth League, Inc. tournaments after the first round of play.
11. No tournament team shall play in more than two tournament games per day without written permission from Babe Ruth League, Inc., the Regional Commissioner and the State Commissioner.
12. The Designated Hitter (DH) Rule 6.10 and courtesy runner are allowed in the 16-18 Division.

11.06 JURISDICTION

1. All District tournaments shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Commissioner. Tournament Directors may be appointed by the District Commissioner, however, they remain under the jurisdiction of the District Commissioner.
2. All State tournaments shall be under the jurisdiction of the State Commissioner. Tournament Directors may be appointed by the State Commissioner, however, they remain under the jurisdiction of the State Commissioner.
3. All Regional tournaments shall be under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner. Tournament Directors may be appointed by the Regional Commissioner, however, they remain under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner.
4. The team winning the District Championship shall compete with the other District Champions along with all qualified or invitational teams as approved by the respective (State, Regional, or National) Commissioner in charge within the State to determine the State Champion.
5. The team winning the State Championship shall compete with the other State Champions within the Region to determine the Regional Champion along with all qualified or invitational teams as approved by the respective (State, Regional, or National) Commissioner in charge.
6. The team winning the Regional Championship shall compete with the other Regional Champions to determine the World Series Champion along with all qualified or invitational teams as approved by the respective (State, Regional, or National) Commissioner in charge.

NOTE: (All Divisions) At no time is it permissible for a player, manager, or coach to appear on more than one tournament team roster in the same year.

8. Tournament rules and regulations as may be deemed advisable to meet with local conditions may be established by District Commissioners, State Commissioners, or Regional Commissioners, as long as said rules and regulations are not in conflict with Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations. Babe Ruth League National Headquarters, including all District, State, and Regional Commissioners, shall have authority to establish tournament rules, regulations, and policies requiring strict adherence by leagues and tournament teams during the Babe Ruth League tournament trail.

9. All leagues, teams and players participating in the Babe Ruth League tournament trail and World Series in addition to all eligibility rules will be required to adhere to all pre-tournament correspondence and instructions. This includes but is not limited to team housing, travel dates, tournament fees, branding, sponsorship, uniforms, equipment and signed league agreements with deadlines. Failure to comply will result in the removal of the team from the tournament trail.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. will allow re-entry of already used players if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs or a player is ejected. Selection of this substitute must be made by the opposing manager. This type of re-entry can only take place when an injury prevents a player from continuing in the game or a player is ejected. The injured or ejected player, once removed from the game, cannot re-enter.

No tournament team shall play in more than two tournament games per day without written permission from Babe Ruth League, Inc.

CAL RIPKEN MAJOR 60 FT. BASEBALL DIVISION SPECIAL BASE RUNNING RULE

Rule: *When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's plate and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the ball, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and has reached home plate. Once the catcher has secured the ball and the runner has stopped his forward progress, the runner must immediately return to the base. The violation by one runner shall affect all other runners.*

a. *When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached home plate and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue.* If a play is made on the runner and the runner is out, the out stands. If said runner reaches safely the base to which he is advancing, all runners must be returned to the base occupied before the pitch was made, and no out results.

b. When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached home plate and the batter hits the ball, the base runner or runners are permitted to continue. If a play is made and the runner or runners are put out, the out or outs will stand. If not put out, the runner or runners must return to the original base or bases or to the unoccupied base nearest the one left. In no event shall the batter advance beyond first base on a single or error, second base on a double or third base on a triple. The umpire-in-chief shall determine the base value of the hit ball.

c. When any base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached home plate and the batter bunts or hits a ball within the infield, no run shall be allowed to score. If three runners were on the bases and the batter reaches first base safely, each runner shall advance to the base beyond the one they occupied at the start of the play except the runner who occupied third base, which runner shall be removed from the base without a run being scored. NOTE: See exception following this rule.

NOTE: When there is a base running violation, the umpire should signal such infraction by indicating a delayed dead ball. EXCEPTION :If at the conclusion of the play there is an open base, paragraphs (a) and (b) will apply.

RE-ENTRY RULE AND EXPLANATION RE-ENTRY RULE (ALL DIVISIONS) – Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. All pitchers are governed by the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05 if withdrawn while on the mound pitching. The pitcher withdrawn while a batter or base runner may re-enter the game immediately. If the pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning he may re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher.

RE-ENTRY OF USED PLAYER (ALL DIVISIONS) – Babe Ruth League, Inc. will allow re-entry of already used players if all substitutes have been used and injury occurs, or a player is ejected. Selection of this substitute must be made by the opposing manager. This type of re-entry can only take place when an injury prevents a player from continuing in the game or a player is ejected. The injured or ejected player, once removed from the game, cannot re-enter.

NOTE: If a player re-enters illegally as a pitcher, fielder, or runner, there is no penalty except he must be removed from the game immediately when discovered. If he re-enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to Official Baseball Rule 6.07, Batting Out Of Order.

Listed below are interpretations of the above rule: This rule applies to both local league and tournament play. Each of the nine starting players may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once. When re-entered the player must occupy the same batting position as he occupied when starting the game, i.e., a starting player and his substitute cannot be in the game at the same time.

A pitcher withdrawn from the game may re-enter immediately if withdrawn while a batter or base runner, if he was one of the nine starting players. If withdrawn while he is on the mound pitching, his substitute must fulfill Official Baseball Rule 3.05 (b) before he is permitted to re-enter the game.

3.05 (a) The pitcher named in the batting order handed the umpire-in-chief, as provided in Rules 4.01 (a) and 4.01 (b), shall pitch to the first batter or any substitute batter until such batter is put out or reaches first base, unless the pitcher sustains injury or illness which, in the judgment of the umpire-in-chief, incapacitates him from pitching. (b) If the pitcher is replaced, the substitute pitcher shall pitch to the batter then at bat, or any substitute batter until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until the offensive team is put out, unless the substitute pitcher sustains injury or illness which, in the umpire-in-chief's judgement, incapacitates him for further play as a pitcher. (c) If an improper substitution is made for the pitcher, the umpire shall direct the proper pitcher to return to the game until the provisions of this rule are fulfilled. If the improper pitcher is permitted to pitch, any play that results is legal. The improper pitcher becomes the proper pitcher as soon as he makes his first pitch to the batter, or as soon as any runner is put out. If a manager attempts to remove a pitcher in violation of Rule 3.05 (c) the umpire shall notify the manager of the offending club that it cannot be done. If, by chance, the umpire-in-chief has, through oversight, announced the incoming improper pitcher, he should still correct the situation before the improper pitcher pitches. Once the improper pitcher delivers a pitch he becomes the proper pitcher.

RE-ENTRY RULE (ALL DIVISIONS)– Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. All pitchers are governed by the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05 if withdrawn while on the mound pitching. The pitcher withdrawn while a batter or base runner may re-enter the game immediately. If the pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning he may re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher.

All other starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered immediately. A substitute withdrawn from the game can never re-enter the game. Except when all subs have been used and an injury or ejection occurs. A substitute may replace a substitute and the starting player may still re-enter for the substitute, i.e., starting player Jones is replaced by substitute Smith; substitute Smith is replaced by substitute Clark. Starter Jones is eligible to replace Clark. A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once cannot re-enter. Withdrawal and re-entry takes place only when a player has been removed from the game. If the pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning, he may re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher, if he was one of the nine starting players.

Cal Ripken Baseball, Major/60 (11s and 12s) Division – Dropped Third Strike 6.09(b) – The batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two outs.

7.08 Any runner is out when (a) (1) He runs more than three feet away from his baseline to avoid being tagged unless his action is to avoid interference with a fielder fielding a batted ball. A runner's baseline is established when the tag attempt occurs and is a straight line from the runner to the base he is attempting to reach safely; or (2) after touching first base, he leaves the baseline, obviously abandoning his effort to touch the next base;

Rule 7.08(a) Comment: Any runner after reaching first base who leaves the baseline heading for his dugout or his position believing that there is no further play, may be declared out if the umpire judges the act of the runner to be

considered abandoning his efforts to run the bases. Even though an out is called, the ball remains in play in regard to any other runner.

Extra Hitter and Player Substitution Rules

The EH- Ten players are permitted to be in the game at any given time. Being in the game means having a place in the batting order and being assigned either to one of the usual nine positions on the field or to the position of “Extra Hitter” (EH). **The EH is considered to be in the game and has a place in the batting order, but the EH does not have a defensive position on the field until given the mandatory 3 outs in the field we use in Maine.**

Defensive Changes- The ten players who are in the game can be moved to any defensive position at any time. For example, the manager can have the shortstop and the right fielder swap positions. This does not change their position in the batting order. The manager can also have the EH swap defensive positions with another player, again without changing their position in the batting order. Some managers like to avoid having the same player be the EH for two consecutive innings so that players take turns “missing” a defensive half inning in the field. This may give the appearance that players are going in and out of the game every inning, but in reality the same ten players are in the game and the batting order remains unchanged; different players are just being assigned to be the EH.

Substitutions- Most times there are 12 players on a team, and then some players will have to substitute for each other during the course of the game. For example, if 12 players are present, then two players will be out of the game at any given time. In this case, three players would remain in the dugout during a defensive half inning: the EH (**who is in the game but not playing a defensive position**) and the two players who are not currently in the game. The EH may play a defensive position the following inning, but the substitute only begins batting and playing a defensive position after they are put into the game.

Re-entry- When a starting player has come out of the game, they may re-enter the game but they must replace the same player who replaced them (and bat in the same position in the batting order where they were batting originally). The player coming back out of the game does not play for the rest of the game.

All pitchers are governed by the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05 if withdrawn while on the mound pitching. The pitcher withdrawn while a batter or base runner may re-enter the game immediately. If the pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning he may re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher