

OKEEHOLEE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC.
13-15 YEAR OLD DIVISION RULES

1. AGE OF PLAYER

Player must be thirteen (13) years old by April 30 of current season. Player must not be sixteen (16) years old before May 1 of the current season.

2. REGULATION GAME

Regulation game is seven innings. Game will be official if five (5) full innings are completed (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). There is a ten (10) run rule in effect and the game shall be called if either team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after the completion of five (5) innings (or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). If a team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after 3 complete innings, the game will be called.

3. TIME LIMIT

No inning shall start more than two and one-quarter (2 1/4) hours after the official game start time, unless game is tied. In the event a double header is scheduled, all such games will have a time limit of 2 hours, with every effort to have a completed game at that time, except that any inning in progress at the expiration of 2 hours will be played to conclusion. NOTE: Monday through Thursday, no new inning will start after 9pm. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the game will go to the Kansas City Tiebreaker format. Last out of the previous inning is placed on 2nd base, and the inning will begin with the batting team already having 1 out. This format will be used until a winner is determined. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire

4. MUST PLAY RULE

This division will use a free substitution format in which any player on the roster may be freely rotated into any defensive position (subject to further rules, i.e. pitching). Each player must play a minimum of two (2) defensive innings. Each team will bat a ten (10) man lineup. Substitutes must be entered into the batting order, having at least one (1) at-bat per game. Starters may be re-entered into the batting order, after the substitute has fulfilled his/her playing requirements. Failure to meet either the defensive or offensive must play rule will result in forfeiture of the game and a one (1) game suspension for the manager on the first offense. Any subsequent offenses will result in forfeiture and the manager will be brought before the Board of Directors

5. BATTING

This division will utilize an EH (Extra Hitter) as a position and will have a ten (10) person batting order. The player designated as EH for a game shall be permitted to play in the field defensively. A nine person batting order may only be utilized in the event a team does not have a tenth player during a game.

6. EQUIPMENT

Skull caps are permitted. Either full or skull catcher's helmets and protective cups will be worn by all catchers. All infielders are urged to wear cups. Batting helmets must be approved for High School play.

7. SLIDING

No must slide rule is in effect for this division. However, if in the discretion of the umpire contact is deemed to be malicious, the player will be called out, ejected from the game, and suspended from playing the next game. Head first sliding shall also be permitted at any base but home plate in this division, but is not recommended.

8. SPECIAL PITCHER/CATCHER DRAFT RULE:

The Babe Ruth division has adopted a process to identify the top pitchers and catchers in the draft. This system will be followed as outlined in the Standard Operating Procedure and the Manager's handbook.