Koa Sports BABL Rules

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Game Organizational Structure

Division	A 3rd-4th (10u) Exceptional 2nd Graders may tryout & compete	AA 5th-7th (12u)	AAA 7th-9th (15u)
Arrival Time	60 min prior to first pitch	40 min prior to first pitch	40 min prior to first pitch
Innings	6 innings. No new after 110 min Double headers: 4 innings (if only 1 team is playing a DH, the game will be 5 innings)	6 innings. No new after 110 min. Double headers: 5 innings	7 innings. No new after 120 min. Double headers: 5 innings
Mercy Rule	12+ runs after 3 ½ innings	12+ runs after 3 ½ innings	12+ runs after 4 ½ innings
Field Dimensions	Home to first = 65 ft | Pitcher's Mound = 46 ft | Home to second = 92 ft	Home to first = 70 ft | Pitcher's Mound = 50 ft | Home to second = 99 ft	Home to first = 90 ft | Pitcher's Mound = 60 ft 6 in | Home to second = 127 ft
Umpires	One professional contracted umpire will assume control 5 min before first pitch	One professional contracted umpire will assume control 5 min before first pitch	Two professional contracted umpires will assume control 5 min before first pitch

Batting & Line Up Rules (All Divisions)

- **Universal Batting Order:** Every player must be in the batting order
- **Minimum Play:** No player will sit more than 2 consecutive innings
- **Game Start:** 8 players are required for an official game (7 or less will be a forfeit)
- **Inning Run Limit:** Unlimited
- **Injured Players:** Spot in batting order will NOT be an automatic out

Game Day Rules

Division	A 3rd-4th (10u)	AA 5th-7th (12u)	AAA 7th-9th (15u)
Pitching	Players may pitch a max of 3 innings per day & 6 innings per week (7 day period). Pitchers may re-enter as long as they stay under 3 inning p/day.	Players may pitch a max of 4 innings per day & 7 innings per week (7 day period). Pitchers may NOT re-enter once removed from the game.	Players may pitch a max of 5 innings per day & 7 innings per week (7 day period). Pitchers may NOT re-enter once removed from the game.
Leading	Leading is NOT allowed at any time	Leading is allowed at any time	Leading is allowed at any time
Balks	Not in effect	One warning per pitcher will be issued per game. Playoffs there will be no warnings.	One warning per pitcher will be issued per game. Playoffs there will be no warnings.
Infield Fly	Not in effect	In effect	In effect
Dropped Third Strike	Batter is immediately out after dropped third strike	Dropped third strike rule in effect	Dropped third strike rule in effect
Speed up Play	Not in effect	When the catcher is on base with two outs, the last batted out may substitute for the catcher to expedite play.	When the catcher is on base with two outs, the last batted out may substitute for the catcher to expedite play.

- **Sliding:** Base runners may slide head or feet first into any base except for home. A feet first slide is required going into home
- **Stealing/Bunting:** Stealing and bunting is permitted at any time. In BABL A, there is no stealing home, except on an overthrow back to the pitcher (the ball must escape the pitcher)
- **Bat Throwing:** Each team will receive one warning, the second offense will result in an automatic out
- **End of Play:** Declared once umpire calls time
- **Malicious Play:** Intentional aggressive contact, improperly using the bat, intentionally throwing at batter heads, etc...
- **Score Keeping:** Both teams will keep score, the Home team keeps the official book
- **Overthrows:** When the ball is overthrown and out of play, the runner is awarded one extra base

Equipment

- **Bats: A & AA** USA & USSSA stamped bats only | **AAA -** BBCOR permitted
- **Catchers Gear:** Must wear a protective cup, chest protector, shin guards and face mask
- **Game Balls:** Koa will provide game balls; AD Starr 200 is the standard game ball
- **Uniforms: A, AA & AAA -** Players must wear Koa hat, jersey, socks and baseball pants Protective cups are recommended (for all players)
- **Cleats: A & AA -** Rubber cleats only | **AAA -** Metal cleats permitted

Miscellaneous

- **Weather:** Lightning will result in a 30 min delay, fields will NOT be used when there is standing water or when the county closes fields via the RAIN OUT APP

Playoffs

- **All rules remain the same, except for pitching limits- A may throw 4 innings p/day & 7 innings over a 7 day period, AA & AAA may throw 5 innings p/day & 8 innings over a 7 day period**
- **All teams qualify for the playoffs, seeding is based on regular season record (first tiebreaker is Hittrax Wins, second tiebreaker is head to head record)**
- **There are NO TIES in the playoffs, we will play extra innings. Extra innings will begin with nobody on and nobody out, unlike the MLB extra inning rule.**