

# 2015 North West Spring League

## 12U, 14U & 16U Divisions

The following is a list of the guidelines for the Northwest Spring league for the 12, 14 & 16 under divisions.

**Rules: Utilize the Babe Ruth Rules**

**League Games Scheduled – 12-14 Ten Games needed to qualify for Playoffs**

**Rule Exceptions / Clarifications:**

1. Cinderella Batting.

Point of clarification:

Cinderella – Free Substitution

2. Roster size of 15 maximum.

3. 40' pitching distance for 12u. 43' pitching distance 14u-16u.

4. Pitchers can also re-enter the mound freely (i.e. – One pitcher can pitch Innings 1 & 4 another 2

& 5 and the third 3 & 6).

5. 12U Pitchers may pitch 12 innings of NW Jersey Spring League games during a calendar week.

The week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. 14U Pitchers are not limited.

6. Home team to provide umpire for regular season game and initial rounds of playoffs.

7. 7-inning game (14U-16U only) – Mercy at 12 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is winning) or 8

runs after 6 (5½ if home team is winning) innings unless coaches want to continue until time limit.

8. 6-inning game (12U only) – Mercy at 12 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) or 8

runs after 5 (4½ if home team is winning) innings unless coaches want to continue until time limit.

9. If both coaches agree to extend game pursuant to rule 7 or 8 above, umpires must remain for the duration of the game.

10. Leading/Stealing from a base is permitted upon the pitchers release.

11. 12U National Division will employ a 10 Batter limit per inning. 12A and 14A American and National Divisions will NOT employ the 10 Batter limit and the fielding team must make 3 outs in the field.

Whenever an American vs. National Game is played the 10 batter rule will be in effect.

12. Time limit of no new inning to begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. However, once an inning starts, it must be played to completion.

13. 14U-16U Girls are only permitted on one team roster in the league.

14. Each team will provide 1 new ball for each game.

**Make-up Games Procedure:** Games, if the involved teams elect, will be made up at their discretion.

**End of Season Tournament:** There will be an end of season tournament for both the American and National divisions with trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place being awarded in each division. The finals will be held in Sparta.

There will be 2 umpires provided by Sparta for the championship games.

**Umpires:** This year, the price for umpires is \$ 50.00. To keep payment easy, the home team will pay \$25.00

and the visitor will pay \$25.00 per game.

**Behavior:** If any manager / coach / parent is removed from a game for any reason by an umpire during the season, the offending party will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game in addition to the game in which the event occurred. The event will be sent to the Controversy Committee for further review and action if necessary. Programs are to also ensure that their fans, their players and their coaches behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Sample of behavior guidelines are: No cheering against your opponent. No noisemakers and air horns are allowed. League Presidents are expected to monitor this basic behavior guideline for their program.