



# NOVEMBER UPDATE

## CAL RIPKEN DIVISON

### A FEW REMINDERS FROM BYB AND IMPORTANT DATES

- December 1, 2023 - returning player registration will open!
- January 1, 2024 – new player registration will open!
- Online registration will be available on our website (link will be on our homepage) and the system will prompt you to create your Sports Engine account - if you don't already have one.

### REMINDERS FOR REGISTRATION

- Returning players will need a password to register – this will be emailed to all returning player families prior to December 1.
- **New players will be required** to upload a copy of their birth certificate.
- **Please have your child's birth certificate scanned prior to registration.**

### 2024 LEAGUE DIVISIONS

- **T-Ball** - designated for 6-year-old players. (May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018)
- **Rookie** - designated for 7-and 8-year-old players. (May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017)
- **AA** - designated for 9-year-old players. (May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015)
- **AAA** - designated for 9- and 10-year-old players. (May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2015)
- **Majors** - designated for 11- and 12-year-old players. (May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2013)
- **Travel Ball** – designated for 9-12-year-old players wanting to play travel division only. Players will need to complete all scheduled evaluations to be considered for a travel team. (May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2015)

**Note:** Travel players will not be rostered on a BYB league team or play in BYB league during the week.

Complete overview of each division can be found on the Bismarck Youth Baseball website under the Division Info Tab.

## SKILLS EVALUATIONS FOR AAA 9-YEAR-OLD LEAGUE PLAYERS

9 YO players will need to participate in a AAA skills evaluation, if they would like to play up in the AAA division. If they are not selected to play in the AAA division, they will be placed in the AA division. BYB staff is currently working on securing a location for the 9YO AAA skills evaluations and more information will be shared soon.

For the 2024 season, BYB will be forming league teams by schools and will not require skills evaluations for the Cal Ripken league divisions, with the exception of 9YO players wanting to play in the AAA league division.

## LEAGUE GAME DAYS AND TIMES

T-Ball sessions will be played on Sunday evenings. Each session will be a combined practice/game. All other divisions will have scheduled practices and/or games two nights a week - rotating Monday - Thursday at either 5:30 or 7:30 pm. The AAA and Majors Divisions may also have games on Sunday nights. Detailed schedules will be posted once teams have been determined. **See the BYB website for season opening and ending dates.**

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Each player family is asked to sign-up for a volunteer role within the program. We are looking for head coaches, co-coaches, assistant coaches (for all divisions) and parent umpires (for AA, AAA, Majors divisions). The League will make contact and provide detailed information for all volunteer assignments throughout the year, as applicable.

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPETITION FOR BYB BASEBALL PLAYERS

Bismarck Youth Baseball is committed to continuing to grow the game of baseball. In preparation for the 2024 travel season, BYB aims to form two teams for each age division: Americans AAA and Americans AA. Depending on participation levels, additional AA teams may be formed. Depending on roster sizes and player safety, BYB will make its best effort to place all kids who are interested in the travel program. Teams typically practice two-three times a week, although some weeks may involve doubleheader games or practices during the week and games or tournaments on the weekend.

The Americans AAA teams will be composed of the top 12 players from each age group, engaging in a more extensive tournament schedule on weekends, including participation in the North Dakota Cal Ripken AAA state tournament. The Americans AA teams will follow a competitive schedule, participating in local tournaments hosted by BYB or nearby Cal Ripken programs and participate in the North Dakota Cal Ripken AA state tournament.

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPETITION FOR BYB BASEBALL PLAYERS (CONT.)

In addition to weekend tournaments, travel teams will have the exciting opportunity to compete against local and regional Cal Ripken travel teams. Regular practice sessions, occurring two to three times a week, are planned for the teams, with some weeks featuring doubleheaders or midweek practices alongside weekend games or tournaments. Again, this year, the 11YO and 12YO AAA teams will continue to compete in the West Region Travel League.

Before travel tryouts, BYB will continue to share more information about the upcoming travel season.

### 2024 TRAVEL TRYOUTS

- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – Session 1: 11YO & 12YO – Time TBA
- Thursday, January 25, 2024 – Session 1: 9YO & 10YO – Time TBA
- Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Session 2: 11YO & 12YO – Time TBA
- Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Session 2: 9YO & 10YO – Time TBA

### MAKE-UP DATE – (9-12YO) – SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024

If you find yourself unable to attend any of the designated tryout dates, we are pleased to offer an alternative opportunity. To request participation in the make-up tryout, please follow our simple process. Submit your request via email to [travel@bismarckyouthbaseball.org](mailto:travel@bismarckyouthbaseball.org) by January 3rd, outlining the reasons for your inability to attend the scheduled tryout and expressing your interest in the make-up date. The BYB Travel Committee will review each request; however, exemptions will be granted on a very limited basis.

### 2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BYB is finalizing sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 season. For those interested in sponsoring a league team, looking for other ways to support or wanting to learn more about BYB's sponsorship program, please email [info@bismarckyouthbaseball.org](mailto:info@bismarckyouthbaseball.org).