



Majors (ages 11-12) Division Rules



2022 Cal Ripken Official Regulations and Play Rules will govern the conduct and the operation of play with the exceptions listed below. Most rules/clarifications are in the Official Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Rules, Regulations and Playing Rules guide. However, there are some items that NBR has adopted and/or modified to fit our specific local league needs. The following is for your convenience and to clarify a few of the most asked questions.

Regulation Game: A regulation game shall consist of 6 innings or 3.5 innings if the game is called or if the home team has scored more runs. Ties will not be played out during regular season. In playoffs, ties will be played out.

Time Limits: All regular season games are subject to a time limit. Time limits are set as No New Inning can start after 1:45 (One hour forty-five minutes) and dead drop time at 2:00 (Two hours). If stop dead time is enacted, then final score reverts to the last completed inning.

Dugouts: Home team will take 3rd base dugout. Teams are responsible for keeping the dugouts clean and free of garbage and debris.

6 Run Rule: The first 5 innings of each game, each team can score no more than 6 runs. The 6th and final inning, if reached, the runs scored are unlimited for each team; meaning that offense/defense do not have to be switched when a team reaches 6 runs in the 6th and final inning.

10 Run Rule: A game may be terminated once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by 10 or more runs and have had equal times at bat or the home team is leading in the 4th inning. Since the league is playing 6 full innings, you may opt to stop recording the score at the 10-run mark and allow the players to continue until 6 innings have been completed. Pitching assignments must still be recorded on your pitching card if you opt to continue, however any further runs scored past this point will not be recorded.

Bat Regulations: CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL DIVISION All non-wood bats must have the "USA Bat Marking". The maximum bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. Wood 2 5/8" barrel bats are allowed. If the illegal bat is discovered prior to a batter completing his "at bat", the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues. A player who uses an illegal bat or non-conforming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball will be ruled out. No advancement on the bases will be allowed, and any outs during the play shall stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next bat. Any bat discovered prior to the game that does not conform to the above rule shall be directed to be removed immediately and not be allowed for use during the game.

Substitutions: A "free sub" rule has been enacted for the Majors Division; players should not sit two consecutive innings in a game. Extenuating circumstances such as an injury or failing to show for multiple practices in a week (subject to director approval) may apply. If approved by the Division Director for playoffs – Starters will play the first three full innings; Substitutes will always go in at the top of the 4th inning. Players should play 3 defensive innings and have at least 1 at bat.



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Sliding/Base Running: Major's Division: leading off is allowed, stealing is allowed. Since there is leading off, sliding headfirst is acceptable only within the 70' division. Intentionally crashing into a defensive player will warrant removal of the offender from the game by the Umpire and count as an out. Sliding at the plate is NOT mandatory, but base runner must avoid contact with the catcher. If sliding some contact is acceptable. Please refer to the Babe Ruth Official Rulebook for more information.

Dropped 3rd strike Rule: If the batter strikes out (swinging or looking) and the catcher does not catch the pitch before it hits the ground, the batter can run to first base. The defense can attempt to make the out at first. If the batter fails to run, he/she can be called out when he/she surrenders them self.

Infield Fly: An Infield Fly is a fair fly ball (not including a line drive or attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third are occupied, before 2 are out. The pitcher, catcher and any outfielder who stations himself in the infield shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule. When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an Infield Fly, the Umpire shall immediately declare "Infield Fly" for the benefit of the runners. If the ball is near the baselines, the Umpire shall declare "Infield Fly, if Fair". The ball is live, and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as on any fly ball. If a declared Infield Fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground and bounces foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball. If a declared Infield Fly falls untouched to the ground outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an Infield Fly. On the Infield Fly rule, the Umpire is to rule whether the ball could ordinarily have been handled by an infielder - not by some arbitrary limitations such as the grass or the baselines. The Infield Fly is in no sense to be considered an appeal play. The Umpire's judgment must govern, and the decision should be made immediately.

Pitching Limitations/Eligibility:



AGE	DAILY MAX PITCHES	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
15-16	95	1-20	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
17-18	105	1-20	31-45	46-60	61-75	

Make sure to properly warm-up a pitcher prior to throwing pitches. If a pitcher is required to take one day rest, this means they cannot pitch the next day. A pitcher removed from the mound may not return to the mound in the same game.



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Pitchers/Warm-up Pitches: When a pitcher takes his position at the beginning of each inning, or when he relieves another pitcher, he shall be permitted to pitch not to exceed eight preparatory pitches to his catcher during which play shall be suspended. Such preparatory pitches shall not consume more than one minute of time. Play will resume when either the 8 pitches or 1 minute is reached, whichever is first. Anyone warming up a pitcher on the field or off the field MUST wear a catcher's mask with throat protection.

Balks: Balks are enforced in the 70 ft. division. The purpose of the balk rule is to prevent the pitcher from deliberately deceiving the base runner. If there is doubt in the umpire's mind, the "intent" of the pitcher should govern. As this rule is so extensive, please view section 8.05 of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules book for specific information on balks.

Personnel in Dugout or on the Field: Players of both teams shall confine themselves to their team's dugout unless participating in or preparing to enter the game. No one except players and coaches shall occupy a bench during a game. No person shall be allowed on the field during a game except umpires and players and coaches in uniform.

Umpires: Each game must have one or more League qualified Umpires. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach, or substitute shall object to any such judgment decision. If there is reasonable doubt that any umpire's decision may conflict with the rules, the coach may appeal the decision and ask that the correct ruling be made. If the umpire(s) do not show, the home team should provide a qualified home plate umpire for the game.

Protesting Games: Whenever a Manager protests a game because of alleged misapplication of the rules the protest will not be recognized unless the Umpires are notified at the time the play under protest occurs and before the next pitch is made or a runner is retired. A protest is used when a Manager claims that an Umpire's decision is in violation of the rules. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the Umpire. Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the League President the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game. In all protested games, the decision of the League President shall be final.

Adding players: When a team is needing to add players during the regular season they may "borrow" players to complete a roster of 9 starting players. The players can be from within its own division. The only stipulation is the added players must Bat last and can NOT Pitch or Catch.