



## BYB 2026 Season Info & FAQs

**The 2026 BYB Cal Ripken Registration for AA, AAA, and Majors divisions have closed.**

**Rookie division and T-Ball division will close on April 15<sup>th</sup>**

We appreciate your upcoming patience as we look to organize our league teams and get team placement and schedule information out to our BYB families in the month of April.

Here is what happens next in April:

- **TEAM PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION** - Once all player and head coach placements are finalized, teams will be activated in the sports engine system – and an email will be sent once team placement has been completed. You can expect an email later in April.

**We will activate teams by division – this will not be done until all teams in a division have a head coach confirmed. Please consider helping coach your child's baseball team!**

With this, divisions may have notices sent out on different days – but all teams within a division will be announced at the same time. **NOTE – If you have players in multiple divisions – you may receive an announcement for one division, and not the other, on the same day.** We will only release teams in each division once all teams in that division are finalized.

Our Rookie and T-Ball division registration closes April 15 – team placements for those division will be announced later than AA, AAA, and Majors. T-Ball and Rookie division teams and schedules will be announced in May.

- **HEAD COACH** - Division Directors will be reaching out to those who indicated volunteer preference in this role- to confirm ability to do so. Once coaches are confirmed and rosters are finalized, families will receive an automated email with team placement.
  - **If a team does not have volunteers for coaching, division directors will reach out to those teams looking for parents to fill these rolls. Please consider helping out.**
- **LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULES** - Game schedules will be posted, and you will receive notification. **League schedules will be finalized after team placements.**

### Season Schedules:

Again, this year, there will be assigned/scheduled practice times for all divisions except for T-Ball (T-Ball will stay with format of practice at the start of each Sunday night session). This will also reduce the need for coaches to schedule extra practices, which will help those who are coaching/parenting more than one player. This allows coaches more opportunity to work with development of players.

### Scheduled Practice to Start the Season

- **How this will be done:** The League will schedule the practices in the Sports Engine system/app in the same manner that games are. The same parameters will be used as game scheduling (weeknights/5:30 or 7:30 pm). League attendance requirements for the scheduled practices will be the same as for games, and families will be expected to have their players show up for the practices just like games. They will not need to be in uniform for practices.

### Starting and End Dates for T-Ball and Rookie Divisions:

- T-Ball will begin May 31 and Rookie Divisions will start June 1 & 2. Final night of T-Ball will be Sunday July 19 and the last week of the Rookie Division will be July 20-23.
- AA/AAA/Majors Start dates will be the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> and the last week will be July 18-24. **These divisions will have an end of the year league tournament.**

#### **Uniform Distributions:**

Uniform Distribution for AA, AAA and Majors divisions will take place the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> during designated practice times. T-ball distribution will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> during designated practice times and Rookie distribution will take place June 1 & 2 during practice times. The distribution will take place by team, near the shed on the East end of the Scheels Complex. Teams will be scheduled based on their designated practice times. Scheduled times will be communicated through email and posted to our website after team placement and schedules have been finalized. (See below for information on player uniforms, and equipment that is available to players.)

#### **Use of Paid Umpires for the AAA & Majors Division**

The Board will again be using umpires for Home Plate. We will be looking to have umpires for the AAA & Majors division. AAA & Majors coaches will still need to plan on having one or two parents agree to serve as umpires, though – primarily serving as field umps. They should be prepared to ump behind the plate; as the rule will be that if for some reason the paid umpire does not show up, the home team will need to supply a Home Plate Umpire for that game.

#### **SPECIFIC DIVISION-RELATED FAQs**

##### **T-Ball ( 5 YO & 6 YO Players)**

Q. When is the season?

A. May 31<sup>st</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup> (off July 5<sup>th</sup>)

Q. What nights do they play games?

A. Sunday evening (6YO) and Sunday Afternoon (5YO)

Q. What nights do they practice?

A. 6YO – Sunday evenings before games. There will be a 45-minute practice starting at 5:30 pm, with a 4-inning game to follow until 7:15 pm. Depending on the number of teams, we may also have practice game times that will begin at 7:30pm on Sundays.

5YO – will follow the same format as 6YO T-Ball. Start time is 3:30pm and last 90 minutes.

Q. Are uniforms provided?

A. BYB will supply T-Ball players with a team hat, shirt, belt and baseball pants.

Q. What equipment is provided for each team?

A. Each team coach will receive an equipment bag for their team. Items that will be available to the team: bats, game and practice baseballs, and batting helmets.

Q. What do players need?

A. It is recommended that each player have their own baseball glove. Players may also want to wear baseball cleats.

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##### **Rookie (7 & 8 YO Players)**

Q. When is the season?

A. June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Q. What nights do they play games?

A. Two nights per week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. (Game Times are 5:30pm or 7:30pm)

Q. When do they practice?

A. We will have mandatory practices scheduled for each team during the season. Optional practices can be scheduled by individual coaches for their teams on off days.

Q. Do players pitch?

A. No, we use electric pitching machines in games to deliver pitches.

Q. Are uniforms provided?

A. BYB will supply Rookie players with a team hat, shirt, socks, belt, and baseball pants.

Q. What equipment is provided for each team?

A. Each team coach will receive an equipment bag for their team. Items that will be available to the team: bats, catchers gear, game and practice baseballs, and batting helmets.

Q. What do players need?

A. It is recommended that each player have their own baseball glove. Players may also want to wear baseball cleats.

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### **AA (9 YO Players)**

Q. When is the regular season?

A. May 17<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup> – **End of year tournament is scheduled for July 18th-23<sup>rd</sup>**

Q. What nights do they play games?

A. Two nights per week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Q. Do players pitch?

A. To start the season the AA division will be using pitching machines and will progress into player pitching.

Q. When do they practice?

A. We will have mandatory practices scheduled for each team during the season. Optional practices can be scheduled by individual coaches for their teams on off days.

Q. Will there be a Division Tournament?

A. Yes – the Division Tournament will take place towards the end of the season – July 18-23  
Awards will be given out for 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Q. Are uniforms provided?

A. BYB will supply AA players with a team hat, shirt, socks, belt, and baseball pants.

Q. What equipment is provided for each team?

A. Each team coach will receive an equipment bag for their team. Items that will be available to the team: bats, catchers gear, catcher's glove, game and practice baseballs, and batting helmets.

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**AAA & MAJORS (10, 11 & 12 YO Players) – AAA will include 9 YO's that tryout and are selected for AAA**

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