



Cal Ripken Baseball Rules

League /Tournament Rules:

1. The program is open to all youth ages 11-12 as of April 30th of the current year.
2. Equipment will be handed out the first week of practice.
3. Coaches must select their own sons.
4. Games and practices will be held Monday, Tuesday & Thursday evenings.
5. Practice will be set up by the coordinator.
6. **SPORTSMANSHIP** – Players, Coaches and Fans need to always portray good sportsmanship. If any person is displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be removed from the complex immediately. Coaches need to keep control of their players and fans. Coaches need to make sure they control their emotions towards players and umpires. They are all out there trying to do the best job they can.
7. **GAMES**-Games will consist of 6 innings or an 80-minute time limit. An official game is 3 innings. No inning will start if less than 10 minutes before the time limit.
8. Games can be played with 8 players. Teams may only play with (9) players on the field, but **everyone will bat.**
9. **Runners are not allowed to advance on a dropped 3rd strike until the 3rd game of the season, giving the coaches time to teach and coach the rule. We can revisit this rule throughout the season to see if we want to change it, but to start we will not run on a drop 3rd strike until at least game 3.**
10. Pitchers will be allowed a maximum of 3 innings per game in league play. Pitchers are only allowed (6) innings per week. See Rule 0.06 in the rulebook.
11. **STEALING**-There will be stealing at any point when runners are on the bases. Runners may lead off the base. Coaches, please use your best judgement on stealing. Please do not show up the other team by stealing bases when the score has a wide margin.
12. **COURTSEY RUNNERS** may be inserted into the game for the catcher, to help speed the game up. There must be 2 outs.
13. **PITCHERS**- are only allowed 3 warm up pitches between innings. Infielders and outfielders are allowed a ball in the field during the first inning. **Pitchers will need to learn to pitch from the set position when runners are on base. There are balks in this league, but we will not be calling them at the beginning of the season. We will take a look at it in the middle of the season and may start calling if the pitcher is excessive. Coaches, please put this into your practices to work on.**
14. **SAFETY**-Protective headgear must be worn at all times when batting and running bases.
15. **METAL CLEATS/SPIKES are not allowed.**
16. 10 run rule after 4 innings.
17. Teams will only be allowed 8 runs per inning UNLESS it's the last inning, (home or visitors). If the last inning has started, the game will not be called due to time limit.
18. The bat barrel for Cal Ripken cannot be in excess of 2 5/8 inches and must have the USA Bat marking. The bat can't be more than 33 inches in length. The bat can be metal or wood.

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League pitching rule: This is taken directly from page 11 of your rule book.

0.06 Pitching Limitations

1. A Cal Ripken Baseball pitcher, regardless of age may pitch **six (6) innings per calendar week**.
 - a. Rule 0.06-1 applies to all games regardless of when played. This includes rescheduled and make-up games.
 - b. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
2. **The calendar week of Babe Ruth Baseball is Monday through, and including, Sunday.**
3. **A Cal Ripken Baseball pitcher must have two (2) calendar days rest between pitching assignments if he pitches in more than two innings in any one game.**
4. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used as specified in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall be declared forfeited.
5. Each game in which a pitcher pitches is considered one (1) "assignment". Therefore, a pitcher in the same game may start out as a pitcher, play another position, and return to the mound and this would still be considered as one (1) assignment.
6. If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it "no game" the pitching eligibility is the same as it was prior to the beginning of the "no game" situation.

Guidelines

These rules are in place to help develop as many pitchers as possible. This will help strengthen our program for the future. These rules are also meant to help look out for the players and their arms so that they do not get overused. Limit players pitching to 3 innings per game or less to ensure that equal opportunities are given to all the pitchers on your team.